

Diversity at UGA

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A message from Cheryl Dozier

I am excited about the opportunity to serve as the Associate Provost for Institutional Diversity for the University of Georgia during a time when there is much progress to report, as you will read in this issue of the fall newsletter.

My vision is that the Office of Institutional Diversity will be the catalyst for a truly inclusive environment that is respectful of differences



among the entire university community. We want to be a campus where students, faculty and staff successfully work with and embrace people whose skin color, language, gender, cultural background, sexual orientation, and experiences are different than their own. Embracing diversity means making a commitment to equity and justice that will require significant effort at all management levels to ensure measurable change.

The Office of Institutional Diversity seeks to ensure a University of Georgia where people of many different backgrounds and perspectives join together to actively advance knowledge through education, research, public service and outreach. As a community dedicated to diversity, we recognize the importance of respecting, valuing, and learning from each other's differences while seeking common goals. This office will provide the leadership to establish the University of Georgia as a national and international model in creative ways to address diversity and equity issues in higher education.

One of the goals of this office is to

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Freshman class is diverse and academically talented

This year's freshman class is again among the most diverse and academically talented in UGA history, according to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

The target enrollment was 5,000, an increase of 400 students from last year. The number of applications for the class—almost 16,000—was the highest in the university's history.

The freshmen have strong academic credentials, with an average high school grade point average of 3.76 (the highest in UGA history) and average SAT of 1232. Most took the most rigorous curriculum available in their high school, and almost 90 percent enrolled in College Board Advanced Placement classes.

"This is again a very strong class and helps keep UGA among the ranks of America's very best public universities," says President **Michael F. Adams**.

As was true last year, approximately 20 percent of the new first-year students are ethnically and racially diverse. The strongest growth is in the number of Hispanic students—with 124 enrolled this fall, up from 88 the previous year. The number of African-American students also is up to 380, versus 359 in 2005.

"This is again one of the most racially and ethnically diverse classes to enroll at UGA," says **Nancy McDuff**, associate vice president for admissions and enrollment management. "With more than 1,000 students identifying themselves as other than Caucasian, it is also likely the most diverse class in terms of absolute numbers. Most importantly, all our new students predict to do very well at UGA."

Race and ethnicity are not considered in selection for admission, but the admissions office and other units on campus have stepped up efforts to recruit students from underrepresented populations.

The class is diverse in other ways, with 440 freshmen who are the first in their family to attend college and more than 200 students from homes where English is not the native language. In addition, 187 international students represent 54 different countries.

Just over 400 freshmen are enrolled in UGA's nationally recognized Honors Program. Their average high school GPA of 4.11 and average SAT of 1446 are the highest in Honors Program history. ■



Student leaders display the "Pillars of the Arch"—wisdom, justice and moderation—at Convocation.

UGA receives second grant from Goizueta Foundation

A \$4 million grant from The Goizueta Foundation of Atlanta will help UGA expand several programs started by an earlier grant received four years ago, including scholarship programs for undergraduate and graduate students and the work of the Center for Latino Achievement and Success in Education that helps schools, teachers and parents improve the academic success of children in grades K-12.

Both grants support UGA's Latino Initiative, an effort started in 2001 to use the university's expertise and resources to provide instruction, training and other assistance for Georgia's booming Hispanic population.

UGA also is involved in an alliance with the Hispanic Scholarship Fund to encourage increased enrollment, retention and graduation of Hispanic students from the university. ■

Student News

Akinbote named Merage Fellow

Oluwamuye Felix Akinbote, a UGA Honors biology graduate, was named a 2006 Merage American Dream Fellow. He is the first UGA student to receive this scholarship, which will support his first two years of medical school at Loyola University where he started this fall.



The two-year, \$20,000 scholarship was created by the Merage Foundation to recognize academically outstanding immigrant students. Born in Nigeria, Akinbote has lived in the U.S. for the last 15 years.

Students win Fox News contest

Ana Jackson and **Dan Kinard**, spring graduates of UGA's Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, shared a \$10,000 scholarship in April after winning the "Fox News Channel College Challenge" with a three-minute in-depth report on immigration issues.

They received an expenses-paid trip to New York City to appear on Fox News Channel's *Dayside* to discuss their winning entry. The Grady College also received a matching grant of \$10,000.

This is the second year the Fox News Channel has held this nationwide competition to recognize and support excellence in broadcast news in America's universities.

Terry team: 3rd year in top 3

For the third year, MBA students in UGA's Terry College of Business finished among the top three teams competing in the National Black MBA Association-DaimlerChrysler Case Competition.

Deirdre Glover, **Hakeem Rufai** and **Tiffane Thompson**, all second-year students, placed third out of 33 MBA teams from across the U.S. and South Africa. They won \$9,000 in scholarships and two trophies—one for making the semifinals and the other for getting into the finals.

Foundation Fellows make national news

Last May, UGA Foundation Fellow **Chloe Thompson** shared the speaker's platform at undergraduate Commencement with Time Inc. editor-in-chief John Huey. Three months later, she was one of the students featured in a *Time* magazine article entitled "Who Needs Harvard?"

An international business major from Lithonia, Thompson is now a research analyst with a Wall Street investment company. Her UGA accomplishments include being named a First Honor graduate, a distinction for students who maintain a perfect 4.0 GPA, and being chosen a Leonard Leadership Scholar in the Terry College of Business. Not to mention receiving the Foundation Fellowship, UGA's most prestigious undergraduate scholarship.

The Foundation Fellowship enticed Thompson to choose UGA. "I received scholarship offers from other colleges," she says, "but the travel opportunities of the Foundation Fellowship were unmatched. I had never been out of the country and the idea of traveling around the world really sealed my decision."

Freshman **Lucas Puente** also found the lure of the Foundation Fellowship unbeatable. Accepted to Stanford, Dartmouth and the University of Pennsylvania, Puente—profiled in a spring *Wall Street Journal* article, "Saying 'No' to the Ivy League"—picked UGA when he compared price tags. As a Foundation Fellow, his out-of-state tuition and other costs were covered, while attending one of the other schools would have meant paying about \$48,000 a year, according to the WSJ article. "With everything they offer," Puente said of UGA, "no other school can really match that."

Puente is one of 20 freshmen in the Foundation Fellows program, chosen from 900 applicants. For more on the Foundation Fellowship, see www.uga.edu/honors. ■



Thompson at Commencement

Freshman receives inaugural CURO Hollowell apprenticeship

When **Erica Holland** was a high school senior, she was recognized as a Promising Scholar by UGA's Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities (CURO) and invited to CURO's annual spring symposium.

Now as a UGA freshman, Holland is herself immersed in research as the first recipient of the **Donald and Louise Hollowell** Apprenticeship offered by CURO, part of UGA's Honors Program.

Freshmen and sophomore apprentices are paired with faculty mentors who guide them on year-long research projects. Holland, who intends to major in journalism, will study how blogs are used in public relations with faculty mentor **Kaye Trammell**.

The apprenticeship is named for the late civil rights lawyer Donald Hollowell and his wife. He led the legal team that successfully fought to integrate UGA with the enrollment of the first African-American students, **Charlayne Hunter** and **Hamilton Holmes**. Holland will receive a \$1,000 stipend per semester for a maximum of four semesters.

For more information on CURO, see www.uga.edu/honors/curo. ■



Holland in front of Moore College

Student News

Disability Resource Center awards annual student scholarships

Students registered with UGA's Disability Resource Center (DRC) were awarded scholarships at a recent reception for their commitment to education while overcoming their unique challenges. These funds help cover additional costs often related to specific disabilities.

Among the award recipients, **Andrew Barwick, Annalyn Peele** and **Alex Rebitch** received the Gregory Charles Johnson Scholarship, named for a UGA graduate who sustained an injury in an accident.

Barwick, who experienced a traumatic brain injury from a car accident, transferred to UGA in 2003 and is a pre-med biology major. Peele, wheelchair-bound from a car accident, is a transfer student in nutrition sciences. Rebitch, who is on the waiting list for a liver transplant, is a freshman biology major with plans to attend medical school.

"I am very grateful to the Johnson family and their support through the years," says **Karen Kalivoda**, DRC director. "I am really excited about this scholarship because it generates three awards equivalent to full-time tuition for a year and this kind of support is invaluable to the academic success of many of our students."

For more information on the Disability Resource Center, see www.drc.uga.edu. ■



Greg Johnson (left) with scholarship winners Annalyn Peele, Andrew Barwick and Alex Rebitch

Cho wins national grant

For the second year in a row, a graduate student in UGA's College of Education is one of five young scholars nationwide to receive a College Board Research Grant.

Sun-Joo Cho,

a doctoral student in educational psychology, will use the \$24,000 grant to develop a methodology for comparing aptitude test results of students attending schools with different curricula.



Research focuses on skin tone

A study by UGA doctoral student **Matthew Harrison** indicates that dark-skinned African Americans face a disadvantage when applying for jobs, even if they have résumés superior to lighter-skinned black applicants. Harrison presented his research at the annual meeting of the Academy of Management.

Participants in the study that Harrison, himself an African-American, undertook with faculty supervisor **Kecia Thomas**, were asked to rate one of two résumés that came with one of three photos of a theoretical job applicant whose skin color was either dark, medium or light.

"Given the increasing number of biracial and multiracial Americans," he says, "more research similar to this study should be performed so that Americans can become more aware of the prevalence of color bias in our society."

BEST students mentor Dreamers

About 20 UGA students involved in the Black Educational Support Team (BEST), a peer mentoring group for freshmen, have taken on an additional project of working with students in the Greensboro Dreamers program, affiliated with the "I Have a Dream" Foundation. The BEST students have mentored the now seventh graders in Greene County, Ga. for the past five years.

Roosevelt@UGA students tackle tough public policy issues

Roosevelt@UGA, a student-run think tank of UGA students who research and write policy proposals addressing current national issues, has had quite a year since it was co-founded in fall 2005 by **Gabe Allen**, now a first-year UGA law student, and **Deep Shah**, a junior international affairs and biology major and current president.

A spring policy symposium with Congressman Tom Price in attendance and a paper in the *Roosevelt Review* exceeded Shah's expectations for the group's initial accomplishments. Shah started as policy director, overseeing five centers of about 10 students each, interested in subjects like defense and healthcare. He also co-authored a proposal on risk communication among non-clinical healthcare employees with fellow students **Lindsay Looft** and **Kevin Chang** that was selected for national publication.

"Students are in the perfect position to help policymakers make objective, sound decisions," says Shah, a Foundation Fellow currently on a public policy fellowship in the D.C. office of Sen. Johnny Isakson. "UGA is the ideal place for this, because not only do we have driven students and a wealth of references, but also a faculty willing to guide students."

For more information on Roosevelt@UGA, see www.uga.edu/roosevelt. ■



Shah (far right) meets with Freshman College students and faculty mentor Sylvia Hutchinson.

Faculty & Staff News

Cofer named Regents Professor

Judith Ortíz Cofer, a critically acclaimed poet, novelist and essayist, was named a Regents' Professor last spring. Regents' Professorships are granted by the Board of Regents to outstanding faculty members for an initial period of three years and are renewable for a second three-year period. Awardees receive a \$10,000 permanent salary increase, plus a yearly fund of \$5,000 to support their scholarship. Cofer has been a faculty member at UGA since 1984 and is currently a professor of English and creative writing.



Carmichael is Meigs Professor

Paige Carmichael was one of five UGA faculty selected to receive this year's Meigs Teaching Professorship, an institutional award recognizing excellence in teaching.



Meigs Professors receive a permanent salary increase of \$6,000 and a fund of \$1,000 for department use. A professor of veterinary pathology in the College of

Veterinary Medicine, she is co-project director of the USDA Multicultural Scholars Project, which aims to promote cultural diversity in the veterinary workforce.

Chisholm-Burns earns NAP honors

The National Academies of Practice in Pharmacy (NAP) has named UGA clinical pharmacy professor **Marie Chisholm-Burns** a distinguished practitioner. Membership in NAP is limited to only 150 active members, elected by their peers. Chisholm-Burns, also a clinical professor of medicine at the Medical College of Georgia, is a fellow in the American College of Clinical Pharmacy and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.



Portes named Distinguished Chair of Latino Teacher Education

Pedro Portes, an authority on cultural influences on educational achievement, has been named to The Goizueta Foundation Distinguished Chair of Latino Teacher Education at UGA.

A professor of educational and counseling psychology at the University of Louisville before coming to UGA, Portes is an expert in cultural identity development as well as parent-child interaction and cognitive development.

In his new position, Portes will help lead Latino educational and research efforts on the UGA campus and across Georgia. He also will provide vision and leadership for UGA's Center for Latino Achievement and Success in Education (CLASE), a unit based in the College of Education that helps facilitate the educational achievement of K-12 Latino youth and supports access to post-secondary educational opportunities. CLASE also provides Georgia educators with professional development and research to improve Latino educational achievement.

"Dr. Portes is a scholar with a demonstrated capacity to integrate research across disciplines, disseminate research findings and secure extramural funding for the educational advancement of Latino children and youth," says **Louis Castenell**, dean of UGA's College of Education. "We believe he can take what has already been a quite successful and important program to the next level."

A native of Havana, Cuba, Portes received his Ph.D. in educational psychology from Florida State University. He received his master's in counseling psychology from Nova University and B.S. in psychology at the University of Iowa.

For more information on CLASE, see www.coe.uga.edu/clase. ■



Pedro Portes

Service-learning class in Tunisia is UGA first

For UGA students and faculty from 11 departments and disciplines, concepts like Arab Muslim culture, ancient history and civic engagement came alive this summer during a service-learning course in Tunisia.

This international and multidisciplinary student-faculty collaboration grew out of the expanding UGA Tunisia Educational Partnership, which UGA engineering professor **Takoi Hamrita** started in 2003 to enhance e-learning in the North African country.

The partnership has sent more than 25 UGA faculty and staff to visit Tunisia, while more than 60 Tunisian faculty from across the country have visited UGA for e-learning and higher education management workshops.

The project broadened its reach into public service and outreach and included students from both countries for the first time this summer. The two-week program, which included daily Arabic lessons, allowed UGA students and faculty to work closely with university students as well as elementary and high school students. ■



Takoi Hamrita

Tyrone Brooks keynotes BFSO scholarship event

Rep. Tyrone Brooks, president of the Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials, gave the keynote address at the Black Faculty and Staff Organization's 4th annual Founders Award Scholarship luncheon in September. At the event, \$500 scholarships were presented to one undergraduate and one graduate student. Proceeds from luncheon ticket sales support the scholarship program. ■

Faculty & Staff News

Fields-Smith studies African American home schooling

UGA College of Education researcher **Cheryl Fields-Smith** will spend the next two years studying home schooling among African-American families, in hopes of finding new teaching methods that will lead to greater success for black students in public schools.



Fields-Smith, an assistant professor of early childhood education, has received a grant from the Spencer Foundation for her project. "I want to debunk the myth that African-American parents are not as involved with their children's education as other ethnicities," says Fields-Smith, who wrote her dissertation on African-American parental involvement.

Most people believe that home schooling is something that only middle-class white parents with similar religious backgrounds do, she says. Soon, she hopes to contribute to the body of literature in this growing area of education that has been scarcely researched in the past.

The Census Bureau estimates that nearly two million children are home schooled each year. Although researchers have investigated home-schooled students' academic performance, studies have neglected to give empirical evidence of African-American children or parents' perceptions specifically, according to Fields-Smith.

"By researching black families' beliefs, concerns and desires for their children's education, we can better understand the reasons black parents home school their children and how they reach and teach their children at home," she says.

Although the project is in its infancy, Fields-Smith hopes to find new teaching methods used at home that can be equally useful in public classrooms. ■

Delgado-Romero honored for promoting minority issues

Edward Delgado-Romero, an associate professor of counseling psychology in the College of Education's department of counseling and human development services, has been approved for induction as a fellow of the American Psychological Association (APA).

He will become a fellow of the Society of Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues, an APA division, effective Jan. 1. He previously received the Emerging Professional Award from the society for his contributions in the promotion of ethnic minority issues. "I've worked very hard in the profession since graduation, and it's really nice to get the feedback that my work has had an impact on others," he says.

Fellow status is bestowed upon APA members who have demonstrated national impact on the field of psychology.

Delgado-Romero, who joined the UGA faculty in 2005, is one of the founding members of the National Latina/o Psychological Association. His research interests include multicultural psychology, Latino psychology, race and ethnicity, retention of faculty of color, and multicultural competence. ■

Michael Shutt heads UGA's new LGBT Resource Center

Michael Shutt, assistant dean of students, coordinates all services, programs and volunteers for UGA's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Resource Center, located in 124 Memorial Hall. He previously worked as an alcohol educator with the University Health Center and has been involved in many LGBT activities on campus and in the community since coming to UGA in 2000 from Michigan State University, where he earned a master's degree in public administration. The resource center, which had its first open house in August, aims to create a safe and inclusive environment for the LGBT community within the UGA community. For more information, see www.uga.edu/lgbtcenter. ■

Shivers heads intercultural affairs

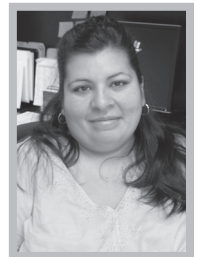
Melissa Shivers has been named director of the newly created Department of Intercultural Affairs, which houses Multicultural Services and Programs, the African American Cultural Center and



International Student Life. She is responsible for promoting learning, retention and overall success of UGA's multicultural and international students. Before coming to UGA, Shivers directed multicultural services and programs at Clemson University, and is working on a Ph.D. in educational leadership from Clemson.

Martinez directs multicultural services

Marisela Martinez is the new associate director of Multicultural Services and Programs (MSP), which promotes student development through educational programs, cultural awareness and leadership activities. Martinez began her student affairs career at Davenport University and was most recently director of the Multicultural Student Services Center at George Washington University. She holds a law degree from Loyola University in Chicago.



Thomas is institute interim director

Kecia Thomas, professor of applied psychology, has been selected as interim director of UGA's Institute for African American Studies. She has developed several diversity classes at UGA, including a popular upper-level course on the psychology of prejudice and a doctoral seminar on black and white identity. Thomas was honored by UGA's Office of Institutional Diversity for her diversity efforts in academics in 2004.



Alumni News

Hunter-Gault on campus to sign book on Africa

Noted journalist and UGA alumna **Charlayne Hunter-Gault** returned to campus in July to sign copies of her newest book, *New News Out of Africa: Uncovering Africa's Renaissance*.

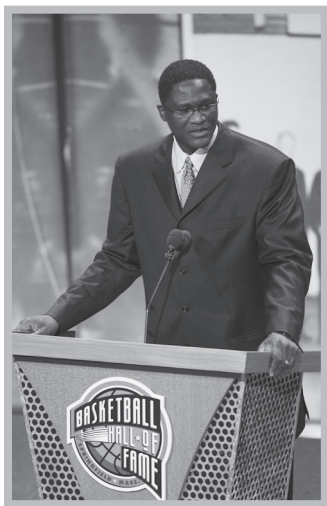
A 1963 graduate of the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, she has been a journalist for more than 40 years and has worked in every journalistic medium. She has received numerous awards for her reporting in general, and specifically for her coverage of Africa. These include two Peabody Awards, broadcast journalism's highest honor, one for her 1985 five-part MacNeil/Lehrer Newshour series, "Apartheid's People," and a second in 1998 for her overall coverage of Africa for National Public Radio.



Hunter-Gault (far right) signs her newest book for two UGA students.

Hunter-Gault has lived in South Africa since 1997, working as Chief Africa Correspondent for National Public Radio and later as Johannesburg Bureau Chief for CNN, a position she held until 2005. She is currently pursuing independent journalistic projects, including reporting on the continent for NPR as a special correspondent. She is also the author of *In My Place*, a personal memoir of the Civil Rights Movement and her own role in it as the first black woman to attend UGA. ■

Wilkins inducted into Basketball Hall of Fame



Wilkins at induction ceremony

Former Bulldog basketball star **Dominique Wilkins** was recently inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame.

Wilkins played three seasons at Georgia from 1979-82 before entering the NBA draft and spent 11 of his 14 professional seasons with the Atlanta Hawks, where he currently serves as vice president of basketball. He earned the nickname the "Human Highlight Film" for his aerial acrobatics that were regularly featured in highlight packages.

Wilkins is the only UGA basketball player to have his jersey retired. A *Parade* high school All-American, he was a three-time All-SEC performer and was picked third overall in the '82 NBA draft. During his professional career, he was a nine-time all-star, two-time slam dunk champion and is currently ninth on the all-time scoring list. ■

Alumni Association honors Justice Benham

Georgia Supreme Court Justice **Robert Benham** received the Alumni Merit Award at the UGA Alumni Association's annual spring awards luncheon. The award recognizes UGA graduates for lifetime loyalty and support of the university and the Alumni Association, as well as professional leadership. A 1970 graduate of UGA's School of Law, Benham became the first African American appointed to the Georgia Supreme Court in 1989 and the first to serve as chief justice, the role he held from 1995-2001. He has been a trustee of the University of Georgia Foundation and was chair of the law school's alumni association. ■

Evans profiled in *Diverse* magazine

Athletic director **Damon Evans**, who holds two degrees from UGA, was profiled in the Sept. 7 issue of *Diverse* magazine, which focused on education in the state of Georgia and also included interviews with University System chancellor Erroll B. Davis Jr. and UGA president Michael F. Adams. The profile notes that Evans is the first black athletic director in the history of the SEC and one of the youngest athletic directors in the country. He oversees a \$65 million budget and 21 intercollegiate sports teams. Evans is also among UGA faculty, staff, alumni and students featured in an ad on the back cover of the magazine.



Walker is named 'emerging scholar'

Rheeda Walker, who earned her undergraduate degree in psychology at UGA and her master's and Ph.D. from Florida State, was named one of 10 "emerging scholars" by *Diverse* magazine. The scholars are recognized for their innovative work in their chosen field of study. Now an assistant professor of psychology at the University of South Carolina, Walker is involved in research on mental health and suicide rates among African Americans.

Perry receives Grady College award

Donald Perry (ABJ '74) was among the 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award winners honored by UGA's Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication in May. Perry, currently vice president of public relations for Atlanta-based Chick-fil-A, Inc., received the John Holliman Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award. Perry has served for many years on the Grady College's professional advisory board and has been on the Board of Trustees of UGA's Arch Foundation since 2004.

Campus News

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assist in the recruitment and retention of students who have been historically underrepresented at UGA. It is equally important to ensure that general educational and major program curricula are sensitive to the needs of all students.

A commitment to global diversity is also an important priority for the university. Being exposed to global diversity—both through study abroad and through interactions with students and faculty on this campus who come from many different countries—prepares our students to compete in an international world.

This office also will support all UGA units in the recruitment, retention and promotion of historically underrepresented faculty and staff. One way to accomplish these goals of creating this climate of inclusion is to cultivate and support academic and community discourses on diversity and equity.

This office welcomes your input because excelling in diversity requires a partnership between our students, faculty, staff, alumni and community. OID invites you to share your diversity interests, research and expertise, and to participate in existing diversity initiatives and help us develop new ones.

This year marks the 45th anniversary of the desegregation of UGA and we are proud of the progress that has been achieved since the 40th anniversary was commemorated in 2001. However, there is still much work to be done and accomplishing this is a big challenge. We recognize that the pursuit of excellence at this flagship institution includes diversity, equity, mutual respect and fairness at all levels. It will take a collective effort of each of you joining us—by working together, we can exceed our goals.

Cheryl Dozier is the new associate provost for institutional diversity.

Learn more about UGA's desegregation in 1961 at these web sites:

<http://www.uga.edu/news/desegregation/>
<http://www.footsoldier.uga.edu/>



Hollowell Professorship of Social Justice and Civil Rights created
President Michael F. Adams (above right) greets Louise Hollowell, widow of the late civil rights attorney Donald Hollowell, who will be honored with a professorship in his name in UGA's School of Social Work. Vernon E. Jordan Jr. (far right), who served on Hollowell's legal team that fought to integrate UGA, is the chairman of the Hollowell Professorship Endowment Committee.



UGA remains strong in graduate diversity ranking

Diverse Issues in Higher Education ranked UGA 13th in the nation for doctoral degrees conferred upon African Americans in its 2006 listing of "Top 100 Graduate Degree Producers." Enrollment of African-American graduate students at UGA increased by 10 percent from fall 2004 to fall 2005, and minority enrollment grew from 860 (of the total enrollment of 7,363) to 904 (out of 7,390) in that same span, on which the *Diverse* rankings were based.

Historical news footage to be foundation of Civil Rights Digital Archives

Creation of a comprehensive digital library on the Civil Rights Movement is the goal of a new cooperative initiative, supported by a federal grant awarded to UGA by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The UGA Libraries, along with six partners, will create the online resource to enhance understanding of the Civil Rights Movement through a digital video archive of historical news film.

Alternative Media Access Center helps students with disabilities

Students challenged by learning disabilities, visual impairments and mobility will be aided by a new center based at UGA that offers access to alternative media, assistive technology and training. Use of the Alternative Media Access Center (www.amac.uga.edu), housed in the Psychology Building, is free to all Georgia college students with documented proof of a disability.

Major in Latin American and Caribbean studies offered

A bachelor of arts major in Latin American and Caribbean studies is now being offered at UGA. The Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute (www.clacs.uga.edu), part of UGA's Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, administers the major, which aims to produce students with high levels of language competence and in-depth understanding of the societies, cultures, politics and economies of the peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean.

8 Upcoming Events

October

Exhibition: *Grafica Mexicana*. Sponsored by the Friends of the Georgia Museum of Art and the W. Newton Morris Charitable Foundation. In celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month, these mid-1940's prints depict scenes of the everyday lives of Mexican farmers, tradesman and laborers. Through 10/29. Details: 706-542-4662 or www.uga.edu/gamuseum.

Peach State Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (PSLAMP) Fall Forum and Research Conference. UGA and Southern Polytechnic State University host this conference, which includes sessions for professional development, academic enhancement, and growth within the PSLAMP programs. PSLAMP is a collaborative effort of six Georgia universities, including UGA, to significantly increase the number of underrepresented minority students who complete undergraduate degrees in science, technology, engineering, and math. 10/19-21, Southern Polytechnic State University, Marietta. Details: www.pslamp.uga.edu.

Tucker Dorsey Blue Key alumni banquet. Sponsored by the UGA chapter of a Blue Key National Honor Society. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas will speak and receive Blue Key Service Award. 10/20, reception: 6:30 p.m., dinner: 7:30 p.m., Georgia Center for Continuing Education. Tickets: \$25. Reservations required by calling 706-542-0017.

Noche Latina. Sponsored by the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute and the Hispanic Student Association, this annual event concludes Hispanic Heritage Month with Latin food, live music and dancing and dramatic performances. Tickets: \$6 for students with valid UGA ID,

\$8 for non-students. 10/20, 6:30 p.m., Tate Student Center, Georgia Hall. Details: 706-542-9079 or www.clacs.uga.edu.

November

APERO Africana Brown Bag Speaker Series. Sponsored by the Institute for African American Studies, the African Studies Institute and the African American Cultural Center, this series focuses on various multicultural issues.

11/1: *Two Haitian Antislavery Writers: Juste Chanlatte and Pompee Valentin Vastey*
11/8: *Black, White and Indian: Race and Citizenship in Native America*

11/29: *Excavating the Life of Zora Neale Hurston*
All presentations are from 12:20-1 p.m. in Memorial Hall, Adinkra Hall (Room 407).

2006 Ralph McGill Lecture. Leonard Pitts, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist. Sponsored by Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication. Reception follows. 11/1, 4 p.m., Student Learning Center, Room 102. Details: 706-542-5038 or murrayd@uga.edu.

South Asian Heritage Week. Sponsored by the Indian Cultural Exchange, the celebration includes a variety of events on and off campus. 11/13-18. Details: www.uga.edu/~ice.

Fall Diversity Seminar: *The Heightened Significance of Brown v. Board of Education in Our Time*. Sponsored by the College of Education Dean's Council on Diversity and Center for Latino Achievement and Success in Education (CLASE). 11/14, 12-1 p.m., Aderhold Hall, Room G-23. Details: www.coe.uga.edu/diversity/index.html.

First annual International Ball for a Cause. Sponsored by the African Student Union, this dance is supporting Athens Food Banks and

Doctors Without Borders. Tickets: \$3 or two canned goods. 11/18, 8 p.m., Tate Student Center, Georgial Hall. Details: toyaki@uga.edu.

December

UGA Idol Auditions. Sponsored by UGA Hillel, Campus Center for Jewish Life, this event is the semi-finals to the Campus SuperStar competition in Atlanta. 12/5, 3-9 p.m., Tate Student Center, Room 141. Details: 706-543-6396 or erby@uga.edu.

January

Latino Youth Conference. 1/12-13. Georgia Center for Continuing Education. Details: 706-542-9549.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Week. UGA celebrates the life of the late civil rights leader with community outreach, educational activities and cultural unity. Details: www.uga.edu/mlk.

For more on UGA fall events, see the campus master calendar at www.uga.edu/mastercalendar. See also the events listing on the Office of Institutional Diversity web site at www.uga.edu/diversity.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Fulfilling the Dream award nominations

Deadline: Nov. 17, 2006

These annual awards, sponsored by the **Office of Institutional Diversity** and the **Office of the President**, are presented to individuals from Athens-Clarke County and the UGA community for making significant efforts to build bridges of unity and understanding among local residents. The awards will be presented during the **Freedom Breakfast** on **Jan. 12, 2007**. Contact OID for ticket information: jpittman@uga.edu.



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