

# Diversity at UGA

News from the Office of Institutional Diversity at the University of Georgia

## A message from Cheryl D. Dozier

*History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again.*

These words, spoken by Maya Angelou, acknowledge the fact that injustices do and have happened. They cannot be undone. We cannot go back in time and make things right. We can only move forward. Hamilton Holmes and Charlayne Hunter kept moving forward. They knew the pain of the past and lived every day with courage, continuing their fight to gain entrance to the University of Georgia. They did not allow the past to be an obstacle. It gave them strength and helped a dream become the reality of so many historically underrepresented students to attend, excel at and graduate from Georgia's flagship institution.



On January 9, 2011, UGA celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the historic day when Holmes and Hunter walked on to campus to register for classes. With the theme of "Celebrating Courage," the university community will honor these two pioneers, as well as Mary Frances Early, who joined them in the summer of 1961 and became the first African American to earn a degree in 1962.

It took courage for Holmes and Hunter to dream to attend UGA and prepare themselves academically. It took courage to believe they had the right to attend and seek legal counsel to represent them against the forces that tried to exclude them. And it took courage to take every step onto the campus that first day and every day throughout their education here. Sometimes it just took courage to breathe. But their courage,

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## UGA marks 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of desegregation

The University of Georgia will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its desegregation with a series of events under the theme "Celebrating Courage" starting on Jan. 9—the date in 1961 when **Hamilton Holmes** and **Charlayne Hunter** (now Hunter-Gault) became the first African Americans to register for classes—and continuing through Feb. 28, the end of Black History Month.

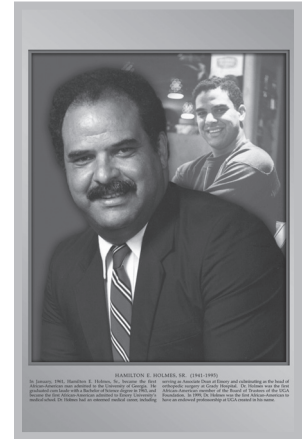
Hunter-Gault will return to campus for a kick-off reception on Jan. 9 that also will include the family of the late Hamilton Holmes and **Mary Frances Early**, who transferred to UGA as a graduate student in the summer of 1961 and the next year became the first African American to earn a degree when she received her master's in music education. Holmes and Hunter-Gault graduated in 1963. The reception, which is free and open to the public, will be from 6-8 p.m. in the Grand Hall of the Tate Student Center.

On Jan. 10, Hunter-Gault will deliver a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary lecture at 3 p.m. in Mahler Auditorium of the Georgia Center for Continuing Education Conference Center and Hotel. Overflow seating will be available in Masters Hall, with a live video feed.

Additional events, planned throughout the week by a committee chaired by **Cheryl Dozier** and **Derrick Alridge** and made up of faculty, staff and students, include a panel discussion of the legal issues involved in the university's desegregation with Senior District Judge **Horace Ward** and Georgia Supreme Court Justice **Robert Benham**; the premiere campus screening of a documentary on **Donald Hollowell**, who led the legal team that secured admission for Holmes and Hunter, produced by UGA faculty members **Maurice Daniels** and **Derrick Alridge**; and a panel discussion with Daniels and fellow UGA faculty authors **Robert Pratt** and **Thomas Dyer**, all of whom have written about UGA's desegregation.

Noted poet, author and activist **Sonia Sanchez** will participate in a Jan. 11 dialogue moderated by **Valerie Boyd**, the Charlayne Hunter-Gault Writer-in-Residence in UGA's Grady College, and featuring poet **Reginald McKnight**, who holds the Hamilton Holmes Professorship in English. The week concludes with the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Breakfast with Mary Frances Early as the speaker.

Additional details about the many events planned throughout January and February are on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of desegregation website: [desegregation.uga.edu](http://desegregation.uga.edu).



Hamilton Holmes



Charlayne Hunter-Gault



Mary Frances Early

# Student News

## Yang wins Rhodes Scholarship

Honors student and Foundation Fellow **Tracy Yang** of Macon has been awarded a 2011 Rhodes Scholarship to pursue a master's of science degree in global health science at England's Oxford University. Yang, who also was a 2010 Truman Scholar, will graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in anthropology. She is one of 32 Rhodes recipients in the U.S. and the only one from the state of Georgia. Yang is UGA's 22<sup>nd</sup> Rhodes Scholar and third UGA female student to be selected since 1976, the first year women were eligible to apply.



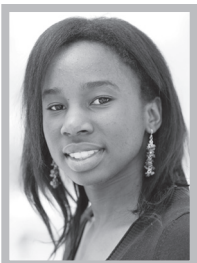
## Yonis receives Truman award

Honors student and senior **Yasmin Yonis** of Lawrenceville is one of two UGA students (*see above*) to receive a 2010 Harry S. Truman Scholarship, a national award recognizing outstanding juniors who are planning government or public service careers. Yonis is pursuing bachelor's degrees in journalism (newspapers) and international affairs. She and Yang are the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> winners since 1982, the first year UGA students received the award.



## Akoh named Goldwater Scholar

Honors student **Christine Akoh** of Athens is one of two UGA recipients of a 2010 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, a national honor for exceptional undergraduates in science, engineering and math. Now a junior, Akoh is pursuing bachelor's degrees in food science as well as interdisciplinary applied science. UGA students have won this award almost every year since 1995.

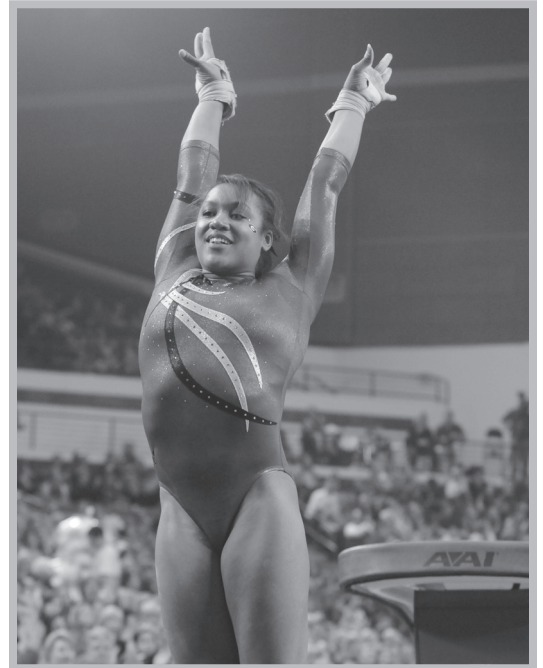


## Former gymnast named Arthur Ashe Female Sports Scholar of the Year

**Marcia Newby-Goodman**, a May graduate from Virginia Beach, Va., was recently named 2010 Arthur Ashe Jr. Female Sports Scholar of the Year by *Diverse Magazine*. The award highlights top scholar-athletes from across the nation.

While at UGA, the former gymnast helped her team win three national championships, and had a four-year record of 107-13-2. She was a three-time Academic All-American and a recipient of the Brad Davis Southeastern Conference Community Service Postgraduate Scholarship.

Newby-Goodman also balanced a 3.9 grade point average as a biological science major. She plans to enroll in medical school next fall.



## SGA president balances academic life and campus responsibilities

**Josh Delaney** has a lot on his plate as president of the Student Government Association and a senior majoring in advertising and theatre with a certificate in new media studies. But he also finds time to be involved with the Zeta Pi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the Black Student Union, University Theatre, the Black Theatrical Ensemble, the Dean William Tate Honor Society, the Advertising Club, and the Blue Key Honor Society, as well as to serve



on the planning committee for UGA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of desegregation. As if that weren't enough, he is also currently a village community assistant for University Housing.

"Around the Athens community, I mentor an amazing young man named Elijah weekly with Friends for Life Mentoring program and attend First AME Church downtown," says Delaney, who is from Fayetteville. "I love meeting students, Athens culture, and I thrive off game days in Athens."

## Peach State LSAMP's annual fall student conference held at UGA

The Peach State Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (Peach State LSAMP) held its 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall National Symposium and Research Conference in September at UGA. This year's conference theme was *Sustaining Success by Strengthening the STEM Pipeline*. Participants attended sessions highlighting professional development as well as oral and poster presentations featuring undergraduate and graduate student research. Representatives from graduate schools, government agencies, corporations and businesses met with students during an exhibitor fair. Peach State LSAMP is a National Science Foundation sponsored program that aims to significantly increase the number of underrepresented minorities pursuing degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. More: [www.pslsamp.uga.edu](http://www.pslsamp.uga.edu)

# Faculty & Staff News

## Faculty couple research psychology of underrepresented populations

**Ezemenari Obasi** and **Rheeda Walker-Obasi** are not only UGA colleagues with similar research agendas, but also are husband and wife who first met through a professional organization for African-American psychologists. Since joining the faculty in 2008, they have focused their efforts on identifying and investigating the impact of the relationship between genetic makeup and environment on drug use vulnerability. They also serve as role models for their students, especially those from underrepresented groups, who are interested in pursuing research and career opportunities in psychology.



Obasi is an associate professor of counseling psychology in UGA's College of Education. He is the director of the Hwemudua Alcohol and Health Disparities Laboratory, an experimental laboratory developed by Obasi and used to explore the biological, psychological

and social pathways concerning the intersection of alcohol use/abuse and health disparities impacting Africans/African Americans residing in the United States. Earlier this year, Obasi received a two-year \$471,683 grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse. With this award, he is examining the link between stress and the risk of drug addiction among rural African Americans.

Walker-Obasi (AB '94) is an associate professor of clinical psychology and director of the Culture, Risk, and Resilience Lab in UGA's Franklin College of Arts and Sciences. Focusing on depression and suicide among African-American adults, she is studying whether there is a relationship between physical health and premature death as well as identifying if a correlation exists between cultures and psychological outcomes. Walker-Obasi was named one of 10 "emerging scholars" by *Diverse Magazine* in 2006.

*(Bill McKenney, who recently served as an OID practicum student, contributed to this profile.)*

## School of Social Work's Ghana Program celebrates ten years

Nearly 160 students have made the trek to Ghana in West Africa over the past decade through UGA's interdisciplinary Ghana Study Abroad Program. The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration was marked this summer at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST) in Kumasi, Ghana. UGA also hosted a campus celebration in September with past students and faculty attending.

"To see that we've been able to sustain a program this long was special for us at UGA and at KNUST where it was their longest running international partnership with an American university," said **Cheryl Dozier**, associate provost for institutional diversity and associate professor of social work, who was honored for her work with the program.

The three-week interdisciplinary program takes faculty and students from UGA and other institutions. "The interdisciplinary piece adds a different feature to the program," said **Tony Lowe**, associate professor of social work. "Having students from different disciplines—they have different ideas, different ways of thinking. Those combinations and mixes change each year. It really adds more interest and it keeps you engaged every year."

More: <http://ssw.uga.edu:8091/plone/current-students/international-studies>

## Harris named Meigs Professor

**Tina Harris**, professor of speech communication, is one of five faculty who were named a 2010 Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professor, UGA's highest honor for superior instruction at the undergraduate and graduate levels. A UGA faculty member since 1998, Harris also won the university's Sandy Beaver Excellence in Teaching Award in 2009. Her research interests are qualitative methodology, interracial communication, and racial identity construction.



## Singh wins APA division awards

**Anneliese Singh**, an assistant professor in counseling in the College of Education, has received awards from two divisions of the American Psychological Association for her work in the area of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues. She earned the 2010 Award for a Significant Contribution to Social Justice and Advocacy and an award for Outstanding Publication for an article she co-authored with Kirstyn S.K. Chun.



## Burgess receives staff award

**Annie Burgess**, a housekeeping supervisor at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education Conference Center and Hotel, was one of two chosen for the 2010 Public Service and Outreach Staff Award for Excellence. Among her efforts, she had a leading role in contributing to the center's Excellence in Service initiative and was part of the cross-functional team that designed and developed this program.



# CELEBRATING *Courage* Campus units plan events

50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF DESEGREGATION AT UGA

For more details and to confirm times and locations, see the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary web site at [desegregation.uga.edu](http://desegregation.uga.edu).

## January 11

### **In My Place: Charlayne Hunter-Gault**

Hunter-Gault shares experiences. 9 a.m., *First Floor Studio, Journalism Building.*

### **Striving Towards a Multi-Ethnic Community**

Greek InterVarsity looks at what makes a multi-ethnic community and how to create a comfortable environment for all. 8:30 p.m., *207 Miller Learning Center.*

## January 12

### **50 Years, 1 Voice**

Museum-style display featuring depictions of major events related to desegregation over last 50 years. 7 p.m., *Grand Hall, Tate Student Center.*

## January 14

### **Celebration of Diversity in Graduate Education**

Networking reception sponsored by Franklin College of Arts and Sciences for faculty, staff and students. 2:30 p.m., *100 Old College.*

## January 15

### **Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Banquet**

Athens Area Human Relations Council's annual banquet. Cheryl Dozier speaking. 7 p.m., *The Classic Center, 400 N. Thomas St., downtown Athens.*

## January 17

### **Third Annual MLK Day of Service**

Students and community members participate in service initiatives around Athens on Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. 8 a.m., *407 Memorial Hall, then depart to various service sites in Athens.*

## January 18

### **Bridging the Gap from Our Past to the Present**

Athens Alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. pays tribute to Charlayne Hunter-Gault. 6:30 p.m., *142 Tate Student Center.*

## January 19

### **African American Literature in the Post-Racial Age**

Valerie Babb of English Department speaking. Part of the APERO Brown Bag Lecture Series. 12:15 p.m., *481 Tate Student Center.*

### **Telling the Story: Education and Equality Through the Peabody Lens: *Something the Lord Made***

HBO film about Vivien Thomas, who became legend in cardiac surgery during Depression era with discussion by Katie McCabe, who wrote *Washingtonian* profile that led to film. 5 p.m., *Ciné, 243 W. Hancock St., downtown Athens.*

## January 20

### **State of the University Address by President Michael F. Adams**

3:30 p.m., *UGA Chapel.*

## January 21

### **Prejudice Reduction Workshop Overview**

Provides information about National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI) workshop and how it can benefit individual units/departments. 10:30 a.m., *480 Tate Student Center.*

## January 22

### **Black Affairs Council Unity Ball 2011**

Formal attire encouraged. Ticket information online. 7 p.m., *Grand Hall, Tate Student Center.*

## January 25

### **Multicultural Potluck**

Performances, displays and sampling of international cuisine. Noon, *Third Floor, Bank of America Building, downtown Athens.*

### **The Rest of the Story: Glimpses into Desegregation of Georgia Universities**

Presentation on facts, figures, anecdotes relating to desegregation of Georgia universities with focus on Southern Polytechnic State University. Noon, *407 Memorial Hall.*

### **Historical Perspectives on Race and Desegregation**

Faculty reflections on race and diversity at UGA from 1960s to today. 12:30 p.m., *214 Terrell Hall.*

### **Celebrating Courage through Jazz and Spoken Word**

Jazz band and presentations by students and/or staff in form of poetry or spoken words about courage. 6 p.m., *Fireside Lounge, East Campus Village.*

## January 28

### **Going Beyond Acceptance: Effective Clinical Strategies for Working with Gay and Lesbian Families**

27<sup>th</sup> Annual Marriage and Family Institute addresses topics relevant to practice with families. Registration information, fees online. 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., *Georgia Center.*

### **Recognizing and Celebrating Black Student Diversity**

Panel discussion sponsored by Franklin College. 2:30 p.m., *100 Old College.*

## January 29

### **African American Cultural Center Alumni Reunion**

8 p.m., *Grand Hall, Tate Student Center.*

## January 31

### **Drawing from the Soul**

Art exhibition by Dawud Anyabwile, featuring pieces from graphic novel series *Brother Man*. 7 p.m., *Grand Hall, Tate Student Center.*

## February 2

### **Waiting to Be Invited**

Stage reading of S.M. Shephard-Massat's one-act play in which four women eat in newly desegregated Atlanta restaurant. Part of the APERO Brown Bag Lecture Series. 12:15 p.m., *481 Tate Student Center.*

**Telling the Story: Education and Equality Through the Peabody Lens: *Hoxie: The First Stand***

Peabody Award-winning film about Hoxie, Arkansas schools that voluntarily integrated in 1955 after *Brown vs. Board of Education*. 5 p.m., Ciné, 243 W. Hancock St., downtown Athens.

**Terry College of Business: A Look 50 Years Back, 50 Years Forward**

Panel discussion of alumni, current students about their experiences in Terry's integration in '70s and common vision for next 50 years. 6 p.m., 314 Sanford Hall.

**February 4**

**Segregation and the Civil Rights Movement: Women's Lived Experiences**

Women's Studies Friday Speaker Series panel discussion. 12:20 p.m., 214 Miller Learning Center.

**February 5**

**Abenefoo Kuo Honor Society 2011 Induction Ceremony**

Catered event with charge for family and friends. 3 p.m., Reception Hall 1, Tate Student Center.

**February 8**

**Headties to Hip Hop: Photographic Celebration of African American Dress, 1900-2011**

Display of photos of African-American men and women during, after segregation. UGA faculty Patricia Hunt-Hurst, José Blanco and Katalin Medvedev give gallery talk on African-American contributions. 3 p.m., Barrow Hall.

**February 11**

**Prejudice Reduction Workshop**

National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI) workshop on how to bridge differences between participants and other group members. Advance registration required with information online. 9 a.m., Reception Hall, Tate Student Center.

**Facilitating Interracial Dialogue on College Campuses: Being Courageous**

Lecture/discussion facilitated by Tina Harris, speech communication. 2:30 p.m., 100 Old College.

**February 12**

***If It Ain't Got That Swing***

Play confronts age-old stereotypes faced by African-Americans with twist of inspiration, laughter. Ticket information online. 7 p.m., Morton Theatre, 195 W. Washington St., downtown Athens.

**Jazz at the Chapel: Jazz Valentines**

UGA Classic City Jazz performs variety of jazz, swing, bop, ballads, Latin, funk, fusion and more. 8 p.m., UGA Chapel.

**February 15-20**

***Ruined***

Lynn Nottage's Pulitzer Prize-winning play that uses humor, song to address realities of war in Congo. Ticket information online. Shows at 8 p.m. with 2:30 p.m. matinee on Feb. 20, Cellar Theatre, Fine Arts Building.

**February 16**

***Teaching, Learning and Emancipation: Constructing a New History***  
Ronald Butchart, department of elementary and social studies education speaking. Part of the APERO Brown Bag Lecture Series. 12:15 p.m., 481 Tate Student Center.

**Telling the Story: Education and Equality Through the Peabody Lens: *The Search for Quality Education: Busing***

1972 Peabody Award-winning film looks at busing for school integration in South. Athens one of the communities featured. 5 p.m., Ciné, 243 W. Hancock St., downtown Athens.

**February 17**

**50 Years Later: Calling Forth Our Ancestors' Courage and Determination to Continue Quest for Racial Justice**

Frances Kendall, author of *Understanding White Privilege*, speaking. 11 a.m., Georgia Museum of Art.

**Story Telling for Social Justice: Connecting Narrative and the Arts in Antiracist Teaching**

Lee Anne Bell of Barnard College speaking. 3:30 p.m., Georgia Museum of Art.

**Black Roses**

Poetry, music, spoken word about love or lack of love in spirit of Valentine's Day. 7:30 p.m., Grand Hall, Tate Student Center.

**February 22**

**Glory Bound: A Voyage through the Underground Railroad**

University Housing presents guided interactive tour of mock up of Underground Railroad with participants experiencing voyage as if they were slaves in search of freedom. 6 p.m., Reed Hall.

**February 23**

**Breaking the Gender Barrier: Admission of Women to UGA**

College of Family and Consumer Sciences presentation on struggle for women to be admitted to UGA. 3:35 p.m., 213 Miller Learning Center.

**Faculty Solo Recital**

Harpist Monica Hargrave, affiliate faculty member with Institute for African American Studies, performs. Ticket information online. 8 p.m., Ramsey Concert Hall, Performing Arts Center.

**February 24**

**Celebrating Courage: A Discussion on the Battles of Our Generation**

School of Law reenacts historic trial proceedings that led to the admission of Holmes and Hunter-Gault, followed by panel on current issues. 3:30 p.m., UGA Chapel.

**February 26**

**Sixth Annual NAACP Image Awards**

Annual banquet to honor exemplary students, organizations, businesses who uphold ideals and mission of the NAACP. Ticketed event. 7 p.m., Grand Hall, Tate Student Center.

See also pages 1 and 8 for information on additional 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary events.

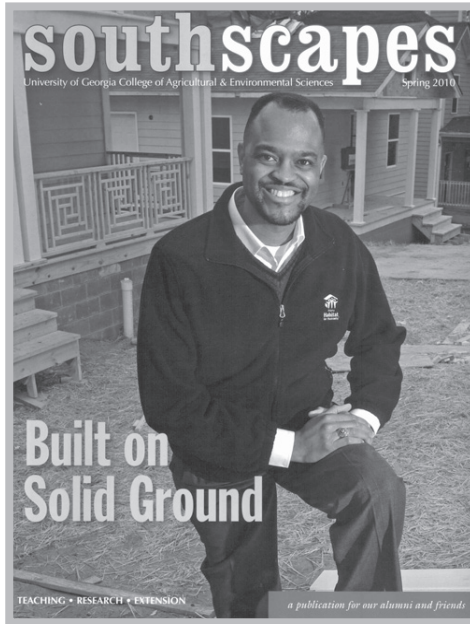
# Alumni News

## Thompson profiled for work with Habitat for Humanity

**Rich Thompson** (BS '92) was featured on the cover of the spring 2010 issue of *SouthScapes* magazine, published by UGA's College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. Thompson, who earned his degree in agricultural economics, serves as a real estate acquisitions manager for Atlanta Habitat for Humanity.

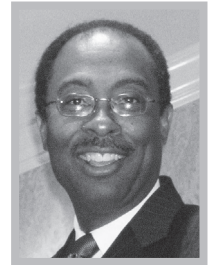
According to the cover story, he uses the business principles he learned in class and the work ethic he learned as a 4-H'er in the small south Georgia town of Cuthbert to make sure that every Habitat house is built on a solid foundation. "Most people think of homebuilding when they think of Habitat for Humanity," says Thompson. "But before we can build an affordable home, we have to own the dirt."

The magazine is online at [www.caes.uga.edu/alumni/news/southscapes/sp10](http://www.caes.uga.edu/alumni/news/southscapes/sp10)



## Nominated for federal judgeship

**Steve Jones** (BBA '78, JD '87), a Superior Court judge for the Western Circuit, was nominated by President Barack Obama in July to serve as U.S. District Court judge in the Northern Circuit of Georgia. Jones has been a superior court judge for Clarke and Oconee counties since then-Gov. Zell Miller appointed him in 1995. The Senate Judiciary Committee voted in November to recommend that the full Senate confirm Jones.



## Inducted into Writers Hall of Fame

**Natasha Trethewey** (AB '89) will be honored at the 2011 Georgia Writers Hall of Fame ceremony sponsored by the University of Georgia Libraries in the spring. Trethewey, an English professor at Emory University, won the Pulitzer Prize in poetry in 2007 for her collection *Native Guard* (2006). The UGA Libraries established the Georgia Writers Hall of Fame to recognize Georgia writers, past and present.



## Inducted into Basketball Hall of Fame

Former Georgia basketball star **Teresa Edwards** (BSEd '89) was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in June. Edwards' teammate Katrina McClain was inducted in 2006 and coach Andy Landers was inducted in 2007. Edwards is the only American basketball player, male or female, to compete in five Olympics. She spoke at UGA's Fall 2000 Commencement three months after helping the USA women's team win the gold medal in the Sydney Olympics.



## Islamic Center representatives promote interfaith dialogue

**Nidal Ahmad** (BS '93) representing the Al-Huda Islamic Center in Athens, spoke to the Campus Ministries Association this fall. He and his wife, **Cynthia Davis** (AB '93), have been instrumental in helping the Office of Institutional Diversity expand its focus on religious diversity by incorporating the Islamic faith.

The two UGA graduates met as students at the Tate Center in January 1991. He was a Jordanian Muslim pre-med student and she was a Christian student studying English and French. Later, Davis phoned Ahmad saying she was interested in converting and meeting Muslims in Athens. The two married at the Tate Center a few weeks later. They now have five children, plus 40 sheep and goats, nine cows and bulls, and an assortment of other animals.

Ahmad, who was a member of the Muslim Student Association, has held different positions at the Al-Huda Islamic Center since he started his UGA career and is currently the secretary. Ahmad said he considers UGA to be "a good place that is in support of diversity. The custom and design of the school is to meet everyone regardless of background with open arms."

## Black Theatrical Ensemble presents play by alumna

The University of Georgia Black Theatrical Ensemble presented *Sweet Mama Stringbean*, based on the life of entertainer Ethel Waters, as its fall 2010 main stage production. The musical, written by **Beth Turner**, who earned her Ph.D. at UGA, explores the life and spiritual conflict of Ethel Waters, famed Harlem Renaissance performer whose career spanned five decades as a singer and actress on stage, in film and on television. *Sweet Mama Stringbean* was originally produced Off Broadway. The BTE production was directed by Lynwoodt Bernard, an MFA candidate in the drama department. Turner is currently editor of the nationally syndicated magazine *Black Masks*, a 25-year-old publication focusing on black performing arts.

# Campus News

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and the courage of those who supported them, paved the way for countless others to attend, teach and work at UGA and we are so grateful to our early foot soldiers.

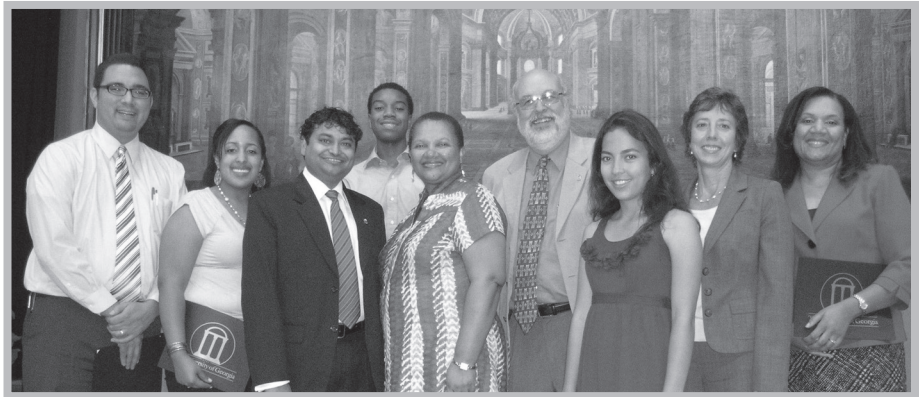
UGA will celebrate this special anniversary over a 50-day period filled with academic events, workshops, symposiums, forums, panels, receptions, performances, and more. Units across campus are involved with students, alumni, faculty and staff in planning and presenting these events.

Because some of the planning is still under way as we go to press with this newsletter, please check the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of desegregation web site ([desegregation.uga.edu](http://desegregation.uga.edu)) for further details about events. On the web site you can also sign up to follow these happenings on Facebook and Twitter. There is also a section of the site where anyone can submit "reflections and remembrances" and we welcome thoughts and comments.

On this 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, UGA has a lot to celebrate. The student population has grown to over 21 percent diverse students. Our graduate school has more than doubled the number of diverse students over the past decade. Diverse viewpoints are represented as international students and faculty interact on campus. The sounds are different as a multitude of languages are heard in conversation and scholarly debate. The feeling is different as inclusion transcends race and ethnicity to encompass gender, religion, sexual orientation and social-economic background.

This issue of our newsletter is filled with examples of success achieved by students, faculty, staff and alumni. As you can see, UGA is a very different campus today than what it was in 1961. We are proud of what we have accomplished, but we recognize that there is still more that we must do.

In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: *All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence.* Together we will continue to make UGA a more diverse and inclusive campus.



**Embracing Diversity Awards presented at 2010 Diversity Days kick-off**  
**The Office of Institutional Diversity held its annual Diversity Days kick-off celebration in September and presented awards to individuals, groups or teams who have extended themselves beyond their job responsibilities to promote diversity and inclusion at UGA. Shown above (from left): Joe Dennis, representing the Grady College; Lori Pindar, representing Graduate and Professional Scholars; keynote speaker Uttiyo Raychaudhuri; Kourtland Jones, scholarship recipient; Cheryl Dozier, associate provost for institutional diversity; Sergio Quesada, Hispanic Heritage Month representative; Mary Cruz Munguia, scholarship recipient; and award recipients Karen Kalivoda and Kecia Thomas.**

### News from around campus...

...More than 70 students from 11 vet schools across the country attended the second **Southeastern Veterinary Student Diversity Matters Symposium**, hosted by UGA's College of Veterinary Medicine...Footage of key civil rights events, archived in UGA's **Civil Rights Digital Library**, was used in the Emmy-winning program, *Andrew Young Presents: How We Got Over...Diverse Issues in Higher Education* recently **ranked UGA 15<sup>th</sup> in the nation for doctoral degrees awarded to African Americans**, up from 17<sup>th</sup> in last year's rankings...UGA's School of Social Work announced that the **Donald L. Hollowell Professorship** of Social Justice and Civil Rights Studies was fully endowed at the spring premiere of the documentary, *Donald L. Hollowell: Foot Soldier for Equal Justice...* **\$2.4 million gift from The Goizueta Foundation** is expanding need-based scholarships at UGA for students who are fluent in Spanish.

## Giving to the Office of Institutional Diversity

A contribution to the Office of Institutional Diversity (OID) will foster the financial support of a wide variety of initiatives to address diversity at UGA. OID provides and supports programming, such as recruitment and retention efforts, diversity scholarship funding, pre-collegiate learning opportunities, and faculty and student mentoring events. **If you would like to discuss ways to give, please contact our office at 706-583-8195; we will work with you to ensure your charitable giving needs are met.** To find out more about giving to OID, visit our website at [uga.edu/diversity/about/giving\\_to\\_diversity/](http://uga.edu/diversity/about/giving_to_diversity/).

Checks should be made payable to the Arch Foundation and on the "for" or "memo" line designated for OID. Please mail checks to:

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The University of Georgia is committed to principles of equal opportunity and affirmative action.

## CELEBRATING *Courage*

50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF DESEGREGATION AT UGA

The following institutional events will take place during the opening week of UGA's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of desegregation celebration. Additional events (*see pages 4 and 5*) have been planned by units across campus from January through the end of Black History Month in February. For more details, see [desegregation.uga.edu](http://desegregation.uga.edu).

**Sunday, January 9, 2011**

### **Kick-off Reception**

*6-8 p.m., Grand Hall, Tate Student Center*  
Sponsored by UGA, Charlayne Hunter-Gault, the family of Hamilton Holmes, and Mary Frances Early will be in attendance. Event is free and open to the public.

**Monday, January 10, 2011**

### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lecture**

*3-4:30 p.m., Mahler Auditorium, Georgia Center*  
Sponsored by UGA, Charlayne Hunter-Gault is the featured speaker. Overflow seating will be available in Masters Hall, with live video feed.

### **Panel: Legal Issues in UGA's Desegregation**

*5-6:30 p.m., Masters Hall, Georgia Center*  
Sponsored by UGA, panel participants include Judge Horace Ward and Justice Robert Benham.

### **UGA Premiere Screening**

*8 p.m., Masters Hall, Georgia Center*  
Sponsored by UGA, *Donald Hollowell: Foot Soldier for Equal Justice* documentary will be presented. Maurice Daniels, dean of UGA's School of Social Work, and Derrick Alridge, director of UGA's Institute for African American Studies, produced film.

**Tuesday, January 11, 2011**

### **Poet-Author-Activist Sonia Sanchez**

*2-4 p.m., Grand Hall, Tate Student Center*  
Sponsored by UGA, Sanchez will participate in dialogue moderated by Valerie Boyd, the Charlayne Hunter-Gault Writer-in-Residence, and also featuring poet Reginald McKnight, who holds the Hamilton Holmes Professorship in English. Reception and book-signing following.

### **Chronicling UGA's Desegregation**

*4:30-6:30 p.m., 101 Miller Learning Center*  
Sponsored by UGA, panel discussion participants will include UGA faculty authors Maurice Daniels, Robert Pratt and Thomas Dyer and NYU professor Robert Cohen. Book signings follow.

**Thursday, January 13, 2010**

### **Dialogue with Mary Frances Early**

*1 p.m., J.J. Harris Elementary Charter School*  
Sponsored by UGA's College of Education and Institute for African American Studies. Early will visit with students.

**Friday, January 14, 2010**

### **Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Breakfast**

*7:30-9 a.m., Grand Hall, Tate Student Center*  
Sponsored by UGA's Office of Institutional Diversity, Athens-Clarke County Government and Clarke County School District, featured speaker is Mary Frances Early. Advance reservation needed. Details: 706-583-8195.

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