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**Alumni  
Reunion –  
In The Most  
Unusual of  
Places**

## *Exciting Times!*

The past several months have been so exciting! With the help of alumni, students faculty and staff we have hired a new dean, Linda Kirk Fox, and a new head of the Department of Foods and Nutrition, Lynn Bailey. I invite you to read about these highly accomplished professionals in the Breaking News section and look for longer articles in future issues of FACS Magazine. Two highly experienced researchers—Chalandra Bryant and Kandauda Wickrama—have joined our Department of Child and Family Development in recent months and already are busy with research and teaching. You can learn more about Drs. Bryant and Wickrama in the New Faculty section. And, we're in the process of filling several additional faculty positions, including the UGA Athletic Association Professorship in Family Financial Planning.



Dr. Fox will begin her tenure as dean of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences on July 6 while Dr. Bailey will be on board in early August. I hope you'll look for opportunities to welcome both of them during events such as this fall's South Campus Tailgate. The arrival of new administrators is a great time to take a fresh look at what we're doing and we are all looking forward to working with Dr. Fox to make our college even stronger!

While it's exciting to have new faces in the college, our current faculty also are doing a terrific job! Clifton Baile, a foods and nutrition professor, has been chosen as a fellow in the prestigious American Association for the Advancement of Science, as well as being named by UGA Vice President for Research David Lee to direct the university's obesity initiative. Other faculty who have been recognized for their accomplishments include former Dean Sharon Nickols, who received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Association on Family and Consumer Sciences and was inducted into our own Honor Hall of Recognition; and Ian Hardin, a textile, merchandising and interiors professor, who has been named the winner of this year's Olney Medal for his achievements in textile chemistry. We're also very proud of Emily Blalock, a lecturer in our fashion merchandising program, who was named the University of Georgia Advisor of the Year!

Of course, when we're talking about excitement we can't leave out our students! Just days before graduating with a degree in housing, Russell Henley won the Stadion Classic golf tournament here in Athens. Russell is only the second amateur *ever* to win a Nationwide tour event!

I have felt honored to serve as interim dean during these past several months. The faculty, staff and students have all risen to the occasion in helping me and helping our college. However, I'm looking forward to returning to my position as head of the Department of Housing and Consumer Economics and joining our other department heads in providing Dr. Fox all the support she needs to ensure that the College of Family and Consumer Sciences continues its successes in teaching, research and service. We have a lot to look forward to in this coming year. ■

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne L. Sweaney".

Anne L. Sweaney

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## NEW DEAN NAMED

**Linda Kirk Fox** will become the seventh dean of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences when she arrives on July 6.

“I’m honored to join the faculty and administration of the University of Georgia,” Fox said. “The College of Family and Consumer Sciences has long been considered among the top in

the country. This reputation for excellence is what attracted me to apply and accept this opportunity.

“I look forward to working with a strong base of alumni and friends to identify new ways to support our faculty, staff and students,” she said. “My first weeks in Athens will be incredibly busy, but I intend to call upon as many of our stakeholders as possible. I also plan on meeting individually with each member of the faculty in order to match our strengths within the college with potential partnerships throughout the entire university.”

Fox currently serves as associate dean and professor of the College of Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences at Washington State University in Pullman and associate director of Washington State University Extension. As dean, she also will serve as associate director of Georgia Cooperative Extension and associate director of the Georgia Agricultural Experiment Stations.

“Dr. Fox will bring to this campus what all new leaders bring—a set of fresh ideas, some new ways of carrying out our mission and an energy that will benefit the entire campus,” said UGA President Michael F. Adams in a news release. “I am confident she will lead the College of Family and Consumer Sciences, already one of our fastest-growing academic units, to even greater success. I look forward to working with her.”

The appointment was announced in late March by Jere Morehead, senior vice president for academic affairs and provost. “The FACS search committee and the university’s Executive Search group provided three outstanding finalists,” Morehead said. “I am delighted that Dr. Fox will become the next dean of this great college. She has the background and vision to provide excellent leadership.”

Fox has been at Washington State since 2002 and before that was a faculty member and Extension specialist at the University of Idaho, where she also served as director of the School of Family and Consumer Sciences from 1999-2002. Born and raised in Kansas, she holds three degrees from Oregon State University, including a doctorate in family resource management.

The new dean succeeds Laura Jolly, who was named vice president for instruction at UGA in September. Anne Sweaney, who has served as interim dean since September 2010, will return to her position as head of the Department of Housing and Consumer Economics.

Sweaney said she was pleased with the choice of Fox as the college’s seventh dean. “She has the skills and energy to lead our college to the next level of success,” Sweaney said.

## UGA Advisor of the Year

**Emily Blalock** (Lecturer, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) has been chosen the 2011 Outstanding Academic Advisor of the Year for Tenure-Track Faculty for the University of Georgia. Blalock (second from left) is also a FACS alumna, having earned a TMI master’s degree in 2006. She is shown with (L-R) FACS Teacher of the Year **Melissa Landers-Potts** (Lecturer, Child and Family Development), and departmental teacher of the year award winners **Katalin Medvedev** (Assistant Professor, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) and **Swarn Chatterjee** (Assistant Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics). Not pictured

are **Jung Sun Lee** (Assistant Professor, Foods and Nutrition) who was the FDN teacher of the year award winner; **Joe Goetz** (Assistant Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics), who also was a nominee for the university-wide award; **Diane Costyn** (Academic Advisor, Housing and Consumer Economics), **Joan Fischer** (Professor, Foods and Nutrition), and **Tracey Hickey** (Academic Advisor, Child and Family Development), who were their departments’ winners of advisor of the year awards.



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## Folate Researcher Named to Head UGA Foods and Nutrition Department

**Lynn B. Bailey**, whose research and public health policy work has been instrumental in establishing the requirements for folate and reducing birth defects like spina bifida, has been named head of the Department of Foods and Nutrition in the University of Georgia College of Family and Consumer Sciences. She will begin her tenure in August.

“It is an honor and a privilege for me to accept the position of head of the Department of Foods and Nutrition in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences,” Bailey said. “I welcome the opportunity to work with such a talented and dynamic group of faculty, students and administrators in the department and college.”

Bailey, a faculty member in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition at the University of Florida since 1977, succeeds Rebecca Mullis, who has served as department chair since 1999 and will return to a faculty position. Bailey earned her bachelor’s degree in biology from Winthrop University in South Carolina, her master’s in nutrition from Clemson University and her doctorate in nutrition from Purdue University.

“Lynn Bailey brings a wealth of experience in the areas of research, teaching and outreach,” said Anne Sweaney, FACS interim dean. “We look forward to her joining our team.”

Bailey’s folate research included human metabolic and population intervention studies to establish human requirements and quantities needed to reduce birth defect risk in national fortification programs. Findings by her team of researchers helped establish the current Institute of Medicine’s folate intake recommendations, including those for pregnant women and older individuals. In the early 1990s, Bailey was named to a U.S. Food and Drug Administration committee whose recommendations were adopted as law in 1996, mandating that all enriched foods in the United States be fortified with folic acid.

“Along with Dr. Bailey’s national and international recognition, she is well known for her collaborative research and mentoring skills,” said Mary Ann Johnson, the Bill and June Flatt Professor of Nutrition. “Many of her former graduate students are now scientists and faculty at federal agencies and universities across the nation. Dr. Bailey’s research expertise, grantsmanship and mentoring skills will serve our department well as we seek to increase our research collaborations and funding to improve human health across the lifespan.”



### Outstanding Honors Student

**Leah Gautreaux** (Senior, Fashion Merchandising) was chosen for this year’s Outstanding Honors Student in Family and Consumer Sciences Award. Criteria for the award include grade point average and leadership abilities.

**Russell Henley** (Senior, Housing) became just the second amateur champion in Nationwide Tour history when he won the Stadion Classic at the UGA Golf Course with a final-round 68 in early May. The only other amateur to win on the Nationwide tour was Daniel Summerhays in 2007. Also playing in the tournament was Henley’s UGA teammate and fellow HACE student Harris English (Senior, Consumer Economics), who tied for 18<sup>th</sup> in the tournament.





# Alumni Reunion In The Most Unlikely Of Places

By Denise Horton

ACS alumnae **Louise Hill** (BSHE '79, Home Economics and Journalism) and **Jill Kellner** (BSFCS '05, Child and Family Development; BS '05, Psychology) could have crossed paths in any number of ways—at the annual Alumni Awards luncheon, the South Campus Tailgate, or the Chilly Dawg Run. But fate brought the two together in a location that Hill, under different circumstances, would likely have preferred to miss—Atlanta’s renowned Shepherd Center, self-described as a “hospital specializing in medical treatment, research, and rehabilitation for people with spinal cord injury and brain injury.”

“I thought I had blown the discs in my back,” Hill says of waking up on Feb. 20 and discovering she couldn’t move her lower body. “I have had back issues and had back surgery in 2008. I had moved a box of books on Saturday that really wasn’t that heavy, but I was sure that must have caused this.” But the problem was not ruptured discs, she soon discovered. Instead, Hill had contracted *idiopathic transverse myelitis*, a swelling, with no known cause, of the sheath that surrounds the nerves in her spine and resulted in paralysis. After a week in Athens Regional Medical Center undergoing batteries of tests, Hill was transferred to Shepherd to begin intense therapy and to learn what adjustments she would need to return to her home and to her career at UGA’s Fanning Institute.

## A leader in leadership

Prior to contracting myelitis, Hill was living her professional dream by working with communities throughout Georgia. “At Fanning, we focus on building capacity through community, economic and leadership development,” she says. “Communities that are healthy and continue to prosper have an intentional process for developing leaders.”

Hill’s work in the area of leadership dates back to her first job out of college with the Georgia Farm Bureau Federation in Macon. “My assignment was to develop the Women’s Program, which trained farm wives to be advocates for agriculture at the local and state levels. We created a speakers bureau and programs on agriculture for the classroom,” she says. “I also served as interim director of the Young Farmers’ Program and of the field-service department. Eventually, I became director of program development and education.”

After 16 years, Hill was named development director of the UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, a position that allowed her to move closer to her family. In 2003, she assumed her current position as a community-leadership specialist with the Fanning Institute, which is named for one of the nation’s founders of leadership training. Hill travels the state, meeting with a variety of groups that are focused on leadership development. For most groups, she conducts

**Louise Hill works on the state-of-the-art “locomotor” at Shepherd Spinal Center. The machine provides support for part of Hill’s bodyweight and also helps her move her legs as part of a program designed to retrain the spinal cord to “remember” the pattern of walking.**

eight to 10 sessions, helping emerging leaders learn what is expected of them and how they can aid their communities.

Hill’s success has been recognized in numerous ways. She received the 1994 Kerr Award, for example, for her support of Leadership Georgia, and the 2005 Leadership Georgia Threadgill Award honored her community service. On April 12, Hill was to enjoy her most recent accolade, the Walter B. Hill Award for Distinguished Achievement in Public Service and Outreach. But rather than being on the UGA campus to receive the award, she was at the Shepherd Center preparing to move to a nearby apartment as the next transition before returning home.

### **Helping people return to their lives**

Kellner doesn’t pretend to understand what it means to be paralyzed. “I can sympathize with my patients, but I can’t empathize with them because I haven’t experienced what they’re going through,” she says. As an occupational therapist at Shepherd, what Kellner does do is help restore function, as well as dignity and self-respect, to patients. “One of the first things they say to me is, ‘I want to walk,’” Kellner notes. “But what they really want is to be able to take a shower on their own and to take care of themselves.”

Kellner’s first major at UGA was psychology, with reservations. “I liked psychology, but I wasn’t sure that it was what I wanted to do 100 percent,” she says, “and I began to look for other classes I was interested in. I had a background in child care so I took CHFD 2100 with Linda Walters.” That experience, and others in Dawson Hall, spoiled her, she says: “Everyone had the same ideals—to help others, to be involved with their communities, to be interested in children and families.”

Ultimately, Kellner opted for a double major, but still wasn’t sure what career would grow out of those majors. “I was thinking about becoming a physical therapist like my



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older sister, but then an occupational therapist spoke to one of my classes,” she says. “I liked the idea of helping people find ways to return to their lives, whether that means learning to feed themselves or how to navigate a grocery store in a wheelchair.”

After earning her undergraduate degrees, Kellner attended Boston University to study occupational therapy. The Shepherd Center is her first job as an OT and, given the center’s state-of-the-art equipment and the positive energy that abounds there, this job could also be her last. “There are a lot of people who have worked here 20 or 30 years,” she says. “I’m always laughing here. I have the best time at work.”

When Kellner and physical therapist Jill Roecker (who earned her undergraduate degree in exercise science at UGA) learned that a patient who worked at UGA was going to be assigned to their team they began to “stalk” her. “And when I saw that she was also a FACS graduate, I was *really* excited,”



**Occupational therapist Jill Kellner offers suggestions and support as Louise Hill learned to use a “grabber” while grocery shopping.**

Kellner says. “When Louise arrived, Jill [Roecker] and I came in her room saying, ‘We’re so glad you’re here! Not because of why you’re here, but because you’re from UGA!’”

### **Alternately hands-on, hands-off**

Such positive energy is a hallmark for Shepherd. “When a patient first arrives, they’re the most popular person here,” she says. “Doctors and nurses check on them and Jill and I meet with them and begin discussing their PT and OT schedules. We take measurements of their body so we can order a customized wheelchair, which is ready on the second day. And we assess the level of injury and sensation. In Louise’s case, she already had some movement in her legs, so we assessed that, too.”

By 10 a.m. on most days Hill is in the gym at Shepherd working with Kellner on strengthening her core muscles and those in her buttocks and legs—strengthening that can be accomplished despite the fact that Hill can’t really feel them. During the exercises, Kellner is poised next to her

on the raised mat that’s the size of a king-sized bed, encouraging her to tighten her abdominal and back muscles in particular so that she can kneel upright while leaning on a prop.

While Kellner is attentive during much of Hill’s activities, at times she seems unconcerned as Hill struggles in and out of her wheelchair or works to put her tennis shoes on—pulling her leg onto her knee, trying to catch the shoe onto her foot, only to have her leg fall off her knee and the cycle begin again. “I always know what’s going on,” Kellner explains later. “One of the hardest things for me to learn was to be hands-off, but one of the things we emphasize is that we can’t go home with the patients. We have to let them learn to do these tasks without our help. When we’re first teaching a task, we’re right there with them, making suggestions and helping them problem-solve. But later, it’s good when the patient isn’t in the spotlight, when they don’t have me just sitting there watching them.”

### **Working hard to go back to work**

Kellner describes Hill as a star student at Shepherd. Within a couple of weeks of her arrival at Shepherd, she had already learned to accomplish showering and dressing on her own—tasks that take tremendous energy when you must primarily rely on your upper body for moving. But she doesn’t

know when she’ll be able to walk again. Her prognosis is good, however. “If she doesn’t regain any additional feeling, she will probably need braces from her knees down, but she should be able to walk with an assistive device,” Kellner says. Until that time comes, Hill expects to return to Athens in a wheelchair. Suggestions that she wait until she can walk again before she begins traveling the state for her job are met with a good-natured scoff. “When this first happened, I put it in God’s hands,” she says. “I said, ‘I’ll get better, but if I don’t, I’ll live with this.’”

She’ll also put her experiences to good use. “In leadership training we talk about an inclusive environment, but we probably haven’t done everything we could,” says Hill. “Georgia’s communities will be much more accessible when I’m done.” ■

*(Update: In early May, Hill returned to her home in Athens. She continues to commute to the Shepherd Center on a regular basis for physical and occupational therapy, but hopes to return to work part-time this summer and full-time by fall.)*



## Close Connections

It was the twinkle in his eye, she says, that first attracted **Linda Root Shepherd** (BSHE '77, Fashion Merchandising) a decade ago to the founder of the Shepherd Spinal Center, and his upbeat attitude continues to inspire her to this day.

James Shepherd was partially paralyzed in October 1973, just months after earning his bachelor's degree in business from UGA, when he suffered a broken neck while body surfing in Brazil. After being treated for several months at the renowned Craig Hospital in Colorado—a comparably specialized institution wasn't available in Georgia—he returned to Atlanta committed to creating a state-of-the-art center to treat those in the Southeast with spinal-cord or brain injuries.

Linda joined the by-then-well-established Shepherd Center 13 years ago. Her first job was in the durable medical equipment department, working with insurance companies to ensure that patients received the technologies they needed to make their lives easier. She has since moved into the renovations department, where she concentrates on keeping the center's furnishings updated and ensuring that they suitable for patients using wheelchairs and walkers.

Her first encounter with James was in September 2000. "I had just moved downtown from an off-site location when I saw him," she recalls. "I told a colleague, 'I'm going to have a date with him.'" She did, it led to several more, and the couple was engaged by December and married in February 2001.

Since joining the Shepherd family, Linda has become active in telling the Shepherd Center story and encouraging others to financially support it. "We can be out two or three nights a week attending fundraisers that range from the legendary ball (held each November) to small cocktail parties," she says. "But it's not hard to raise money for the Shepherd Center because it's a story that has a good, good ending—and it's true!" ■

## FACS athlete temporarily sidetracked



Just a few days after Louise Hill transferred to Shepherd Spinal Center to begin her rehabilitation efforts, FACS student Johnathan Taylor (Junior, Consumer Economics) joined her. Taylor was injured March 6 during a collision with a teammate as both dived for a line drive during the UGA Diamond Dogs' baseball game against Florida State University. Taylor broke his neck in the collision with fractures of the C-5 and C-6 vertebrae. His spinal cord was bruised, but not severed.

Following surgery in Athens to stabilize his neck, Taylor was transferred to the Shepherd Center on March 11, where he continues to be a patient.

At a press conference held in late April, Dr. Donald Peck Leslie, the medical director at Shepherd Center, said that Taylor would transfer to the Woodruff Family Residence Center (located on the Shepherd campus) sometime in May and continue his therapy in the day patient program. Without providing detailed information about the extent of Taylor's injury, Leslie predicted that Taylor would soon be functionally independent. "He's an athlete; he wants to go train," Leslie said. "I think we'll see improvement every day."

UGA baseball coach David Perno said that he too is optimistic about Taylor's progress. "It's been exciting to watch for the past three years—to see him grow as an athlete. Some said he wasn't big enough, or he couldn't do this or that, but he's proven all of them wrong. Also, he's an honor-roll student who positively influences young people at our camps and other community-service events; and he influences his teammates, telling them to take advantage of the resources we have at the University of Georgia and to keep up with their studies."

# Catherine Nourse **NOMAD** **FOR HUMANITY**

By Denise Horton

**Catherine Kling Nourse** (BSFCS '91, Consumer Foods) was surprised—and a little frightened—as two women rapidly approached her at a Sierra Leone roadside stand, where she and a colleague had stopped to buy bananas. Having arrived in the West African country just days after peace had been declared, following an 11-year civil war, Nourse was working with Catholic Relief Services to establish health-education programs as the country began transitioning back to a stable government.

“First one woman started yelling,” Nourse recalls. “Then another one started yelling too and together they ran toward me. When they reached me they were talking really fast and—my Krio isn’t very good—I didn’t know what was going on.” But as they began to pull notebooks filled with laminated flipcharts out of their torn satchels, Nourse realized that she had trained these young women three years earlier as peer health educators. At that time, they were living with 60,000 fellow refugees in a camp in the Republic of Guinea. Now, they were healthy and returning to their homes, still carrying their notebooks and proud that they would soon be leaders in their villages and communities, explaining issues surrounding reproductive health and the prevention of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections

**Catherine Nourse (L) visits a Peace Corps volunteer in Guinea in 2005 as part of her job as associate director of public health for the Peace Corps.**

## A Labor of Love

Seated in Dawson Hall, Nourse recalls the Peace Corps ad she saw as a high schooler that started her on the path of international development. “It showed this guy standing in a flooded field casting a net. He looks back at the camera and says, ‘It’s the toughest job you’ll ever love.’” Having spent much of the past 15 years in a series of international positions, including several with the Peace Corps, Nourse clearly shares the ad’s sentiment.

Her adventures began when, soon after earning her undergraduate degree, she joined the Peace Corps. She spent two years as a volunteer in the Central African country of Cameroon, working as a health educator in the town of Kalaldi and providing outreach programs to communities up to 60 kilometers away.

During a recent conversation with her college sorority sisters, Nourse learned that her letters from Cameroon had turned her into a bit of a celebrity. “They remembered that I had written them about killing two snakes in my house,” she says, laughing. “But the story grew into this whole drama where I slept with a machete under my pillow and had killed two highly poisonous snakes. I did have a machete, though I kept it by my door so I wouldn’t forget it when it was time to farm. I would pitch in when I met with a women’s group in the fields where they were farming. I’m not sure that the snakes were even poisonous!”

Although she laughs at many memories of her days in the Peace Corps, Nourse did have some serious experiences while in Cameroon, including the sparing of two young men who had broken into her house from being banished. “The village chief was afraid the Peace Corps would hear about the robbery and force me to leave the village; and





Photo by Wingate Downs

**Catherine Nourse points to Cameroon where she spent two years as a Peace Corps volunteer.**

the families of these young men depended on them for their labor.” Ultimately, Nourse negotiated with the village elders and the chief to reduce the banishment to only six months, and she herself stayed put.

**Helping “People Who Had Lost Everything”**

After completing two years with the Peace Corps, Nourse returned to the United States, earned a master’s degree in public health, and served as project director for an AmeriCorps program that provided health education to uninsured and underinsured individuals and families in Jefferson County, Ala., which includes Birmingham. When the program lost state funding, she landed a new job with the Crisis Corps (a short-term program for former Peace Corps members), working with the International Rescue Committee in the Republic of Guinea. Her assignment was to provide support to women who had been victims of violence, arrange for the reunification of families, provide health education, and train peer health educators (including the two who recognized her at the banana stand in Sierra Leone).

“I had never worked with people who had lost everything,” she says. “I met people whose houses had been burned, their

things taken, their spouses killed.” During the nine months she was there, Nourse helped reunite 57 children with their families. “When a village was taken, the families would flee. If the parents of a 3-year-old child were killed, maybe another family would take the child in or spontaneously adopt him or her; maybe they would get the child to another village where there were aunts, uncles or other family members. Sometimes, children and their parents were simply separated as a result of the confusion associated with the attacks.”

The longest separation that Nourse helped end involved a child who was 3 when he was separated from his family and 12 when reunited with his older brother and grandmother, his only known family survivors. The success of this reunification and others was the direct result of a shared database (among Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia) Nourse created while working for the IRC.

Following her work in Guinea, Nourse returned to the United States for a time but soon accepted a position with Catholic Relief Services based in Senegal. It was here where she met and fell in love with her future husband, Tim Nourse, a fellow CRS staffer who had been temporarily reassigned there, following the Sept. 11 attacks, from his base in



**(L-R) Tim, Noah and Catherine Nourse pose outside the Nourse family farm near Boston.**

Jerusalem. A long-distance romance followed, with Tim in the Middle East and Catherine on the west side of Africa. The couple reconnected in 2002 in Sierra Leone and eventually moved to Guinea, where Catherine served as an associate Peace Corps director for the public health project from 2003 to 2005, focusing on the control of malaria, promotion of childhood immunizations, and reproductive health education

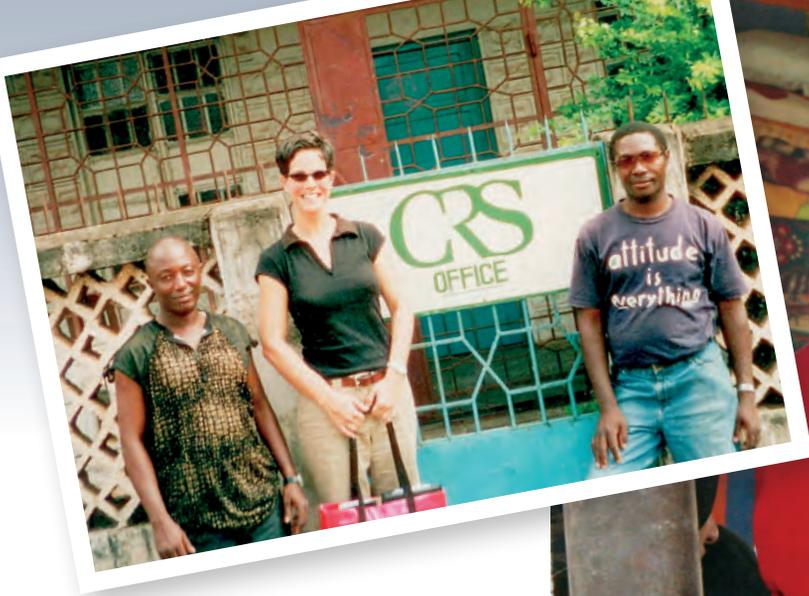
After marrying in 2004, the Nourses made their way to Washington, D.C., in 2005, where Catherine accepted a position as a Peace Corps technical advisor for community health. She provided technical assistance to 19 countries in Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Although they were in their native land, the couple still had a peripatetic existence. For example, Catherine traveled internationally on a regular basis—including a trip to Central Asia when she was several months pregnant—and soon after the birth of their son, Noah, in 2007, Tim traveled to Afghanistan for a month as part of his work in post-conflict micro-enterprise development.

In November 2008, the Nourses left for Ramallah, Palestine, where Tim began his current assignment as project director of a financial services expansion project. Catherine spent 18 months as a program manager for

the British nongovernmental organization Medical Aid for Palestinians. As part of her assignment, Nourse was involved in the development of a neonatal intensive care unit at Al Awda Hospital in the Gaza Strip. “I don’t typically work on infrastructure projects, but to see all seven of those beds occupied...” Nourse says, her voice trailing off with emotion, knowing that without the incubators and trained staff any of those seven babies would likely have died.

### **Adventures at Home and Abroad**

Like other FACS students, Catherine Nourse’s week before Spring Break is filled with tests and projects; she returned to UGA this past January to take the required courses for a dietetics internship and, she hopes, to earn a Registered Dietitian certification within a couple of years. Unlike her classmates, however, Nourse arrives for her final class pulling two full-sized suitcases, one packed with her clothing and hard-to-find items for Tim and Noah, the other filled with books requested by a friend. After class, she’ll take the nearby shuttle to the Atlanta airport and an overnight flight to Tel Aviv, where she’ll be met by Tim and Noah for the final leg of her trip home to Ramallah. The following Sunday, she’ll repeat the process back to Athens.



▲ Nurse and two colleagues take a break outside the Catholic Relief Services field office in Kenema, Sierra Leone, in 2002.

▶ Nurse meets with Bedouin women in Jericho, Palestine, in April 2009 as part of her work with Medical Aid for Palestinians.

▼ Nurse walks with children in Guinea in 2004 as part of an annual event to promote road safety throughout the country.

“When I talk to Noah via Skype, he’ll say, ‘Right now, I’m having an adventure with Baba [the Arabic word for daddy]; but this fall I’ll have an adventure with you,’” Nurse says, explaining that Noah will join her in Athens for the fall semester. By January, Tim will also move back to the States and the family plans to settle ... somewhere! “We’re not completely sure where we’ll be,” Catherine says, laughing at what appears to be a continuing nomadic existence. “We might be back in D.C., but we also have some leads on jobs in the Boston area, near where Tim’s family has a berry farm.”

Looking back, Nurse describes her decision to apply for the Peace Corps as a deeply influential turning point in her life. “Not a lot of people are convinced you can do it, not even you yourself,” she says, “But you *can* do it, and I *did* do it. And being able to live, learn, and experience something completely different has truly been a gift that has served me again and again—service to others is service to yourself and your community—wherever that may be.” ■

*(Update: The Nurses’ current plans are to return to Washington, D.C., in the fall, where they own a home. Tim has accepted a position as executive director with Making Cents International and Catherine plans to continue taking courses and preparing to become a Registered Dietitian. The couple will also continue working with the Olde Nurse Farm Gourmet business in their spare time.)*





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## Sharon Nickols

As FACS dean from 1991 to 2006, **Sharon Y. Nickols**, the Janette M. Barber Distinguished Professor, ensured that the college was strong in all three of its missions—teaching, research and service. She oversaw a dramatic expansion in scholarships, endowed professorships, other types of external support, and study-abroad programs, which now include the United Kingdom, Costa Rica, Ghana and China. During her tenure the undergraduate enrollment nearly doubled, new faculty members were recruited, and public-service programs were expanded.

Nickols also was active both at the national and international levels of family and consumer sciences. She served as president of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences from 2002 to 2003, chaired the Board on Human Sciences of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges from 1992 to 1993, and for many years has been active in the International Federation for Home Economics.

In recent years, Nickols has continually been honored for her achievements. She received the Faculty Service Award from the University of Georgia Alumni Association in 2009; the Distinguished Research Award from the College of

Human Ecology at Kansas State University in 2009; and the Nellie Kedzie Jones Lifetime Achievement Award from the Board on Human Sciences in 2010.

It wouldn't have been surprising if after ending her tenure as dean Nickols had rested on her laurels. Instead, she returned to a full-time faculty position, has embraced a new area of research, and every semester teaches a 50-student course on family resource management. "I was eager to return to teaching and research," she says.

Nickols' eagerness shows in her productivity, with 10 articles published in the past three years, three of which were named "best article" by the *Family and Consumer Sciences Research Journal*—one on family economics and management, a second on professional issues; and a third on foods and nutrition. These interests reveal but the tip of the iceberg. Nickols also is passionate about international service-learning programs, the use of innovative programs in undergraduate classes, the history of family and consumer sciences, and the body of knowledge of family and consumer sciences.

Her greatest passion is the history of family and consumer sciences. Poring through archives, she is searching

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# 2011 FACS Alumni Award Winners



## Distinguished Alumni Award

As associate dean for academic affairs and research, **Jan Hathcote** (BSHE '74) is responsible for all aspects of teaching and research in the college. But Hathcote also has served at the university level, as well as with national organizations, to ensure that all college students receive excellent educations.

Arriving at FACS in 1990 as an assistant professor of textiles, merchandising and interiors, Hathcote collaborated closely with her colleagues to reenergize the fashion-merchandising curriculum and also was instrumental in establishing the PhD program in international merchandising. Her shift to an administrative position has not meant losing touch with students. Since 1998, Hathcote has taught more than 6,000 of them in the FACS 2000 course. She also mentors graduate students and has watched 28 of them earn their master's degree. Hathcote's skills as an instructor and her understanding of curriculum issues led to her being named the college's Outstanding Teacher of the Year in 1992, to be inducted to the UGA Teaching Academy in 2004, to serve many years on the university's curriculum committee, and most recently, on multiple committees as part of UGA's decennial bid for reaccreditation.

Throughout her career, Hathcote has maintained an active research program, focusing her studies on international trade and procurement, target marketing, and micromarketing. She has published widely and has presented her research at international conferences in seven countries, including France, Finland, Thailand, and Morocco.

Former Dean Sharon Nickols points to the college's convocation as a good example of the confidence that Hathcote engenders in all who work with her: "She has organized the event in advance, as she does for everything, so that all the participants know where they are supposed to be and what they are supposed to do. The procession moves forward, she is the last person in the line. All is well."



## Creswell Award

In the 16 years she has led the Didactic Program in Dietetics, **Joan Fischer** (MS '82, PhD '92) has seen it grow from 79 majors in 1995 to its current size of 162 undergraduates and 10 graduate students. During those years, she also completed two 10-year self-studies of the program and a five-year program assessment. The most recent self-study received exemplary ratings from the site-visit team of the Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education.

According to her colleagues, Fischer doesn't just head the program but is intimately involved in every aspect. "She is a person of the highest integrity and is generous with her time and expertise, ensuring that our faculty work productively together to provide a quality educational experience for our students," says Mary Ann Johnson, the Bill and June Flatt Professor in Foods and Nutrition.

One of the key measures of a dietetics program's success is the pass rate on the national registration exam. For more than a decade now, 99.5 percent of FACS dietetics students have passed that exam. In addition to overseeing the Didactic Program in Dietetics, Fischer also finds the time to conduct research on nutrition for older adults as well as on the role of nutrients and plant-derived chemical non-nutrients, such as anthocyanins found in blueberries, for the prevention of cancer.

Perhaps most telling are the comments of students on the important role Fischer plays in their futures. "Dr. Fischer is a wonderful professor," says Beth O'Shea (BSFCS '09, MS '10). "She is an excellent resource for information, spends a lot of time organizing meetings for students in order to guide them through the extremely competitive internship application process, and helps them transition into the profession of dietetics. And she is a great asset not only to students but to the college as well."



### Emily Quinn Pou Professional Achievement Award

In writing about **Shelly Nickols-Richardson** (MS '94, PhD '98), Don Bower notes that she served both as “Diploma Elf” and “Commencement Liner-Upper” during her years at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Far more seriously, Bower, professor emeritus of child and family development and past president of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, comments on Nickols-Richardson’s numerous professional achievements.

“She is a stalwart member of AAFCS,” Bower says in a letter of support, “having served in a variety of state and national roles,” including as president of AAFCS in 2008-2009 and presiding over the association’s centennial celebration. “Shelly exemplifies the qualities targeted by the Pou Award,” he says. “She has national and international stature attained by only a few FACS professionals, and even then, late in their careers.”

Rick Lewis, Nickols-Richardson’s major professor while she was completing her PhD, says one of his first thoughts when reviewing her vita was, “When does she sleep?” Nickols-Richardson began her career at Virginia Tech in 1998. In 2003, she joined the nutritional sciences faculty at Pennsylvania State University and is currently a professor. Among her accomplishments, Nickols-Richardson has a lengthy list of published research in prominent journals, in addition to directing her department’s graduate program. She also has achieved one of the highest honors for a nutrition researcher—selection to the Dietary Guidelines Committee of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

In addition to her research, Nickols-Richardson has a record of commitment to teaching and outreach. “It is uncommon to find a faculty member who has the unique skills to blend all three missions successfully,” Lewis says. “The majority of senior faculty members in the field of nutrition and dietetics will never make the contributions to the field that Dr. Nickols-Richardson has accomplished already in her relatively brief career.”



### Pacesetter Award

**Sara Brubacher Marcketti** (MS '02, Textiles, Merchandising, and Interiors) discovered her love for historic-costume research while she was a UGA undergraduate studying art history. “I was enthralled by the subject matter and Dr. (Patricia) Hunt-Hurst’s passion for the topic,” she recalls.

After receiving her master’s degree at UGA she headed to Iowa State University, where in 2005 she earned a PhD in textiles and clothing with a minor in higher education. She served two years as a lecturer before being appointed assistant professor in the Department of Apparel, Educational Studies, and Hospitality Management. In 2009, she became curator of Iowa State’s Textiles and Clothing Museum.

Though a relatively young researcher and scholar, Marcketti has already been professionally recognized. For example, in 2009 she won two best-research-paper awards from the International Textile and Apparel Association, and she also received the ITAA Rising Star Award that same year. Marcketti’s achievements reflect quantity as well as quality. She has produced 27 refereed journal articles, written or contributed to eight books, and secured nearly \$550,000 in internal and external grants.

Her teaching also elicits praise, from colleagues and students alike. “Sara challenges students to learn the material and do well in her classes,” says Sara Kadolph, professor emeritus in Marcketti’s Iowa State department. “Her projects develop students’ research, analytical, problem-solving and writing skills.” In 2010, Marcketti received an Early Achievement in Teaching award from Iowa State’s College of Human Sciences.

Ashley Garrin, a recent graduate, highlights Marcketti’s innovativeness in the classroom. “She uses numerous items, from her own scholarly literature to historic garments to video clips from YouTube, to spark students’ interest,” says Garrin. “And she encourages students to further their interests by providing them with hands-on research experience. Her passion for students and their learning is not easily replicated. Were it not for Dr. Marcketti, I would not have entered graduate school or aspired to become a professor.”



### Outstanding Service Award

When **Kristi Hughes Farner** (BSFCS '03, Child and Family Development; MS '07, Child and Family Development) became concerned about the excessive dropout rate among Clarke County high-school students, she didn't just complain. She got busy, serving on the advisory board of the AT&T Graduation Project and acting as liaison between a local high school and the Athens-Clarke County Chamber of Commerce, to ensure that more students earned diplomas.

Working with local schools is just one of Farner's many activities in addition to her full-time job as development coordinator for the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension. She also is governor of the board of the Mikell Camp and Conference Center, an Episcopal youth camp located in Toccoa that she formerly attended as a camper, volunteer counselor and summer staff member. "Kristi has been instrumental in recruiting qualified advisors and has done the vast majority of work" in establishing a planned giving program for the camp, says the Rev. Kenneth Struble, Camp Mikell's executive director.

Farner also established a chapter association for her college sorority, the Alpha Alpha chapter of Phi Mu, as a way of connecting Alpha Alpha alumnae wherever they happen to live. And she has been the sorority's advisor since 2007, when her predecessor, Ali B. Gant, was expecting twins. "Because of Kristi we have a stronger group of women," Ali writes. "She is admired by the members for her fairness, understanding and enthusiasm. She is the ideal role model for these future leaders."

Aiding her alma mater is another priority for Farner, who has served on the UGA Young Alumni Council for the past two years. Julie Cheney, assistant director of the UGA Alumni Association, writes that Farner "loves UGA. She loves giving back—in time, in money and in building relationships that are meaningful. I truly believe our university is better because of Kristi's dynamic energy, endless volunteer hours, and willingness to put service before herself."

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for information on some of the founders of the field who are not well known—for example, Benjamin Andrews and C.F. Langworthy, both of whom attended the formative Lake Placid conferences and were instrumental in ensuring that the new field of domestic science was successful. Likewise, she is exploring domestic-science programs that were well under way in the Midwest as much as 20 years before the Lake Placid conferences; and she is ferreting out the details of Mary Creswell's role in the admission of women to the University of Georgia. "I want to go back to our roots," Nickols says, "identify where the gaps in our history are, and fill them in."

In nominating Nickols for the Honor Hall of Recognition, Bill Flatt, who was inducted in 2010, describes her as "highly respected and admired by her peers, associates and administrators for her professionalism, wisdom, tact and sincere concern for her faculty, staff, students and alumni."

Katrina Bowers, the former director of development, says, "I can't think of a more fitting honoree and I'm pleased to see the Alumni Association select her. Dr. Nickols was the perfect person for dean at a time when we might have been vulnerable as a college and as a profession. Under her leadership we grew, flourished and became nationally recognized. We certainly stand on her shoulders in all we do and accomplish today."

Nickols herself expresses mixed feelings about her recognition. "It's humbling to think that what I've done in any way measures up to the accomplishments of those who have already been inducted into the Honor Hall," she says. Ever the team player, she adds: "I am proud of what the college has achieved, because it's a tribute to everyone who worked together toward our collective vision."



**Sharon Nickols receives the Nellie Kedzie Jones Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities Board on Human Sciences. The award was presented by Stephen Jorgensen, dean of the College of Human Environmental Sciences at the University of Missouri.**



## 1950s

**Jonell H. Kirby Cash** (BSHE '52, Home Economics Education; MEd '57, Home Economics Education; EdD '65, Counseling Education) is the author of the novel, "A Ring, A Dance, A Second Chance." She lives in Watkinsville, having retired from a career in academia, and also maintains a blog at [www.jonellkirbycash.com](http://www.jonellkirbycash.com).

## 1970s

**Lynda Gudenrath** (BSHE '74, Furnishings and Interiors) was recently appointed as a board member for the Georgia Music Hall of Fame.

**Joann L. Milam** (BSHE '74, Home Economics Education) was awarded the 2010 D.W. Brooks Award for Excellence in Public Service Extension for her work as the family and consumer sciences Cooperative Extension agent in Washington County.

## 1980s

**Mike Cantrell** (BSHE '81, Dietetics and Institutional Management) is the owner and operator of the Cantrell Center for Physical Therapy and Wellness in Warner Robins.

**Cynthia Hyde** (BSHE '88, Fashion Merchandising) is the publisher of *Southern Distinction* magazine, a southern lifestyle magazine.

**Brad Whitaker** (BSHE '84, Family Development) is chief operating officer for Alternatives for Girls, which helps homeless and high-risk girls and young women avoid violence, teen pregnancy and exploitation and helps them to explore and access resources that can enable them to make positive choices.

## 1990s

**Juan Daniels** (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics) is a pharmaceutical sales specialist with AstraZeneca in Tampa, Fla.

**Lisa Humphrey Davis** (BSFCS '91, Fashion Merchandising) and her husband, Tony, are the owners of the Purple Daisy Picnic Cafe at the foot of Lookout Mountain, Tenn.

**Robert Edwards** (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics) is a relationship manager at All-American Resources in Atlanta.

**Sherri Green** (BSFCS '93, Home Economics and Journalism) has been elected president of the DC Ad Club, metropolitan Washington's chapter of the American Advertising Federation.

**Shane Lyell** (BSFCS '92, Hotel and Restaurant Management) is director of operations for Darden Restaurants in San Antonio, Texas, where he and his wife, Michelle, live.

## EXAM SURVIVAL KITS



FACS Ambassadors Margaret Sullivan (R) and Taylor Hawke were among FACS alumni and students who handed out exam survival kits filled with snacks to tide students over as they prepared for their final exams.

**Shannon Register** (BSFCS '98, Consumer Economics) a real estate agent with ReMax in Spring, Texas, won the "Best Real Estate Blog in Texas" from Texas A&M University.

**Dawn Schueneman** (BSFCS '99, Furnishings and Interiors; MHP, Historic Preservation) and her husband, Wade, welcomed their second son, Liam, on Dec. 15, 2010, weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces. Liam joins his big brother, Luke.

**Hines Ward** (BSFCS '98, Consumer Economics) was the winner of this spring's edition of Dancing with the Stars.

## 2000s

**Blake Bartholomew** (BSFCS '08, Housing) is an associate with Bartholomew Realty Inc. Real Estate and Investments in Fort Myers, Fla.

**Chera Bernard** (BSFCS '08, Fashion Merchandising) is a junior apparel buyer and visual merchandiser for Go with the Flow, an outdoor equipment and apparel store, in Roswell.

**Brad Bohannon** (BSFCS '01, Consumer Economics) is U.S. Rep. Lynn Westmoreland's deputy chief of staff.

**Maggie Bohannon** (BSFCS '07, Dietetics) is on U.S. Rep. Lynn Westmoreland's staff, concentrating on health care issues.

**Chris Campbell** (BSFCS '09, Family Financial Planning) is an associate at Homrich Berg Wealth Management in Atlanta.

**Stacey Robertson Cooke** (BSFCS '01, Child and Family Development) and her husband, Andy, welcomed their second child, Mattox Edward Cooke, on April 6. Mattox joins older brother, Miller.

**Charles Crowley** (BSFCS '08, Family Financial Planning) is a financial planning coordinator with Atlanta Financial Associates.

**Jon Daly Jr.** (BSFCS '04, Consumer Economics) is a regional supervisor for Daly Seven, a management development company in Danville, Va.

**David Dickens** (BSFCS '07, Family Financial Planning) is an investment analyst at Financial Network Associates in Atlanta.

**Christy Epps** (BSFCS '04, Family and Consumer Sciences Education; MEd '07, Educational Administration and Policy) has been awarded a David J. Mullen Memorial Scholarship, which provides a \$2,500 award for a doctoral candidate preparing for a public school position. She teaches

*Dear FACS Alumni and Friends,*

We are embarking on an adventure this year with the arrival of a new dean at Family and Consumer Sciences in July, as well as changes within the UGA Alumni Association. We are looking forward to Dean Fox's outlook for our ever-growing college and how we, as alumni, can help her achieve her goals. As alumni, we play an important role in supporting our dean and keeping alumni connected to our college.

Through volunteer work, leadership, monetary gifts, and just staying in touch with faculty, students and other alumni, we add value to our collective FACS community. As we continue to spread the word about what our great college is providing for our university, our state and to the world, we ensure that we continue to attract the "cream of the crop" in both students and faculty.

In case you haven't read the articles or heard other alumni discussing the UGA Alumni Association membership changes, I'd like to update you on this news. We no longer will be required to pay an annual membership fee to join, but as an alumnus of the university and FACS, will be automatically enrolled as a member. I hope that you will take this opportunity to give the former membership fee (and hopefully more) to UGA each year and designate your desire for that monetary gift to go to FACS.

As president of the 2011-2012 FACS Alumni Board, I challenge each of you to give annually to FACS and to participate in at least one alumni activity. Whether that activity is South Campus Tailgate in the fall, the Chilly Dawg 5K in January, the Alumni Awards Luncheon in February, or a FACS Break in your area, I promise that you will be hooked and want to become more involved with FACS. We have many opportunities to choose from, so please contact Susan Byus, our director of alumni relations, and she will be glad to give you a list of the upcoming events. Of course, we always welcome ideas for new opportunities to bring our alumni, faculty and friends together.

Check us out on [www.fcs.uga.edu/alumni](http://www.fcs.uga.edu/alumni) to catch up on our alumni association and find at least one event that you'd like to attend or learn more about. Again, I challenge you to get involved with the FACS Alumni Association this year. Reconnect with old friends and make new ones!



**Bonnie Stephens Petersen**, BSHE '79  
President, FACS Alumni Association



family and consumer sciences at Commerce High School and is a doctoral student in educational leadership in the UGA College of Education.

**Katherine McGoldrick Eubanks** (BSFCS '06, Child and Family Development-Early Childhood Education: Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 2) and **John Eubanks** (BSFCS '07, Family Financial Planning) welcomed their first child, John David "Jack" Eubanks Jr., on March 3, 2010. Katherine is a pre-kindergarten teacher at Stratford Academy in Macon, while John is a wealth management advisor for Patton, Alberton and Miller LLC. The Eubanks live in Macon.

**Megan K. Finley** (BSFCS '08, Consumer Economics) is a mortgage loan processor in the mortgage division at First American Bank & Trust in Athens.

**TJ Gartrell** (BSFCS '07, Consumer Economics) is an agency intern with State Farm Insurance in Duluth.

**Eric A. Gilmore** (MS '08, Housing and Consumer Economics) is a tax accountant at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Atlanta.

**Jacob Hawk** (BSFCS '09, Consumer Economics) is a property manager with Classic City Realty in Athens.

**Michael Hyle** (BSFCS '07, Housing) is an associate at Lee & Associates Commercial Real Estate Services in Atlanta.

**Lauren Leschper** (BSFCS '09, Fashion Merchandising) is the community relations coordinator for Earth Fare supermarket in Athens.

**Mack McClung's** (BSFCS '04, Consumer Economics) agency has been named the Allstate Insurance Company Agency of the Year for Georgia. His agency is in Bogart.

**Heather McElroy** (BSFCS '03, Consumer Economics), a real estate agent with Prudential Blanton Properties in Athens, has obtained e-PRO certification, which focuses on the use of social media in the real estate industry.

**Amanda Nash** (BSFCS '05, Housing) is the convention production manager for Zaxby's Franchising. She lives in Athens.

**Erika (Jannette) Escoe Nelson** (BSFCS '00, Consumer Journalism) has recently moved her business, Sports and More, to Athens.

**Julie Till Patterson** (BSFCS '00, Child and Family Development-Early Childhood Education: Pre-Kindergarten-Grade 2) and her husband, Kelly, welcomed their third child, Philip Ayden, on Dec. 14, 2010. He joins two sisters, Abbi and Aubrey.



(L-R) Evoshield co-founder Justin Niefer, Interim Dean Anne Sweaney, and Director of Alumni Relations Susan Byus at the Bulldog 100 Celebration in Atlanta.

**Four FACS alumni** were included in this year's Bulldog 100: Fastest Growing Bulldog Businesses – including a 2005 graduate whose company captured the top spot. **Justin Niefer** (BSFCS '05, Consumer Economics) is one of the founders of Evoshield, an Athens-based company that produces innovative body-conforming protective gear. The company, which started in 2006, placed second in last year's Bulldog 100 competition, but moved into first place this year.

Other alumni in the Bulldog 100 were: Vista Photonics, which is co-owned by **Melissa Minton Pilgrim** (BSFCS '92, Clothing and Textiles) and her husband, Jeffrey (BS '90, Chemistry; PhD '95, Chemistry), came in at number seven on the list, three spots higher than their showing in 2010. The company, located in Santa Fe, N.M., designs sensors that measure trace gases and particles in different environments.

Eight at Eight, the dating company founded by **Sarah-Katherine Smith** (BSFCS '98, Consumer Economics), ranked 63<sup>rd</sup> this year. Eight at Eight is currently located in Atlanta, New York City, Chicago and Washington, D.C.

Ginger Howard Selections, which is owned by **Ginger Howard** (BSHE '87, Fashion Merchandising) placed 93<sup>rd</sup>. The fashion boutique, which carries clothing from blue jeans to cocktail attire, is located on Peachtree Road in Atlanta and recently celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

To be considered for the program, an organization must have been in business for at least five years, had revenues of \$100,000 or more for the past calendar year, and must have been owned or operated by a former UGA student. The program recognizes the fastest growing businesses by focusing on a three-year growth rate average. The information submitted by nominees is verified by an independent accounting firm. Nominations are currently open for the 2011 Bulldog 100, but will close June 30. To nominate a company, go to: [www.alumni.uga.edu/alumni/bulldog100/nominations](http://www.alumni.uga.edu/alumni/bulldog100/nominations)

**Mandy Branyan Prophater** (BSFCS '00, Child and Family Development) is a special education pre-kindergarten teacher at Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta. She and her husband, Raymond, have two children, Cate and Russ.

**Victor C. Sullivan IV** (BSFCS '09, Family Financial Planning) is a financial advisor at Wells Fargo Advisors in Albany.

**Zach Usilton** (BSFCS '06, Housing) is the director of brokerage services for Wyatt Realty Co. in Atlanta.

**Amber Vedder** (BSFCS '08, Consumer Economics) is an account executive at Soliant Health in Tucker.

**Anna Freeman Watson** (BSFCS '05, Fashion Merchandising; MS '07, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) is a planning and policy specialist for the Georgia Council on Developmental Disabilities in Atlanta. She and her husband, Rick, live in Roswell.

**Franklin Whitworth** (BSFCS '05, Consumer Economics) is a Certified Financial Planner and financial advisor at Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Inc. Wealth Management in Duluth.

## 2010s

**Graham Brown** (MS '10, Housing and Consumer Economics) is an analyst in corporate and investment banking at Suntrust Robinson Humphrey in Atlanta.

**Benjamin E. Byrd** (BSFCS '10, Housing) has been named advisor and recruiter for the FACS Department of Housing and Consumer Economics' Griffin campus.



As a going-away gift for Director of Development **Katrina Bowers** more than 75 colleagues, friends and families gathered to wish her well. They also presented her with a check for more than \$14,000 (\$1,000 for each of her 14 years with FACS) to endow the Katrina L. Bowers Fund to benefit alumni programming. Bowers, who earned her BSHE degree in Consumer Economics and Home Management in 1984, has joined the UGA Terry College of Business as director of leadership and major gifts. (L-R) Lynsee Miller, administrative assistant; Katrina Bowers; Suzanne Griffeth, development officer.

**Felicia Chin** (BSFCS '10, Dietetics) is a nutritionist with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

**Justin Foster** (BSFCS '10, Consumer Journalism) is a marketing and sales leadership associate with Coca-Cola Refreshments U.S.A., headquartered in Tampa, Fla. He is responsible for managing and developing more than 1,400 accounts located in restaurants, bars and other dining facilities that serve Coke products. In June, he is scheduled to begin managing accounts with major retailers that sell Coke products, including stores such as Walmart, Target and Publix.

**Alyson Haslam** (MS '10, Foods and Nutrition) earned her master's degree in spring 2010. Her thesis is titled, "Anemia in Georgia Centenarians and Octogenarians." Dorothy Hausman was her major professor.

**E. Darren Liddell** (BSFCS '10, Family Financial Planning) has joined the staff of South Florida Urban Ministries in Miami, Fla.

**Kaki Read** (BSFCS '10, Fashion Merchandizing) is public relations coordinator and executive assistant to the founders of the eyewear company Warby Parker in New York City.

**Kelly Tokarz** (BSFCS '10, Consumer Journalism; ABJ '10, Newspapers) is a junior marketing coordinator for Trish McEvoy cosmetics company. She serves as head web writer for the company, press contact for the UK and Ireland, and regional visual manager for New York City. ■

## Nominate 2012 Award Winners Online

**2012 Alumni Awards Nominations  
Due October 1, 2011**

**Categories include:**

- Pacesetter Award (alumni fewer than 10 years out of school)
- Outstanding Service Award
- Emily Quinn Pou Professional Achievement Award
- Distinguished Alumni Award
- Creswell Award
- Friend of FACS

**Help us recognize the outstanding contributions by the graduates of our college! Nominations are accepted online at [www.fcs.uga.edu/alumni/nomination\\_form.html](http://www.fcs.uga.edu/alumni/nomination_form.html).**



# FACSbreak



Recent FACS Breaks have included a gathering of Family Financial Planning graduates at Taco Mac in Roswell in January, Housing and Consumer Economics alumni who met at Carraba's in March and Fashion Merchandising alumni who met at Speakeasy in Athens in April. If you would like to host a FACS Break in your area, contact Susan Byus at [sbyus@uga.edu](mailto:sbyus@uga.edu) or 706-542-3386.

## in memoriam

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| C. Jewel Biles<br>(BSHE '51)<br>May 18, 2010                    | Jane Northington Franklin<br>(BSHE '47)<br>February 22, 2011 | Daisy Campbell Rhodes<br>(BSHE '36)<br>March 23, 2010                    |
| Barbara Allen Bradford<br>(BSHE '51; MED '79)<br>March 28, 2011 | Willie Broome Freeman<br>(BSHE '39)<br>December 16, 2010     | Jessie R. Sharpe<br>(BSHE '42)<br>April 5, 2011                          |
| Jane Sanford Bruker<br>(BSHE '41)<br>April 12, 2011             | Eloise Chapman Harris<br>(BSHE '31)<br>April 1999            | Burt J. Shepard<br>(BSHE '57)<br>July 21, 2010                           |
| Susan Williams Carson<br>(BSHE '73)<br>January 6, 2011          | Kathy Scartz Harris<br>(BSHE '71)<br>April 24, 2011          | Wyllene W. Spooner<br>(BSHE '43)<br>December 22, 2010                    |
| Caroline Conwell Clyde<br>(BSHE '44)<br>April 14, 2008          | Sara Farmer Heald<br>(BSHE '42)<br>November 25, 2010         | Lucretia Penuel Talbott<br>(BSHE '48)<br>December 22, 2010               |
| Louise Dillard Coldren<br>(BSHE '40)<br>November 21, 1992       | Ellen Hall Kirbo<br>(BSHE '39)<br>March 1995                 | Dorothea Shore Taylor<br>(BSHE '41)<br>January 17, 2011                  |
| Ann Smith Collins<br>(BSHE '48)<br>April 13, 2011               | Lillian Cochran Lynch<br>(MED '72)<br>May 30, 2010           | Doris Kitchens Thomas<br>(BSHE '39)<br>December 7, 2010                  |
| Laura Olliff Darby<br>(BSHE '40)<br>March 14, 2011              | Edith Bray Marynell<br>(BSHE '41)<br>July 15, 2006           | Jerry Derrick Varnedoe<br>(MED '73; EdS '88)<br>April 23, 2011           |
| Florence Elizabeth Death<br>(BSHE '54)<br>January 2, 2011       | Lucy Burson Morris<br>(BSHE '46)<br>October 31, 2010         | Claire Elder Veader<br>(BSHE '55)<br>August 4, 2010                      |
| Ethel Bell Dillard<br>(BSHE '40)<br>October 28, 2010            | Laura Sheffield Nix<br>(BSHE '41)<br>November 27, 2010       | James Coates Walters<br>(CFD Department Head, Retired)<br>March 6, 2011  |
| Lenora Roberts Dyar<br>(BSHE '46)<br>January 11, 2011           | Addie Rainwater Powers<br>(BSHE '44)<br>December 9, 2010     | Linda Adkison Williams<br>(BSHE '74; MED '76; EdS '84)<br>March 21, 2011 |
| Wilma Adair Early<br>(BSHE '40)<br>February 15, 2011            | Merle Powell Price<br>(BSHE '50)<br>January 21, 2011         |  |

# IN THE Halls



## FACULTY & STAFF

**Clifton A. Baile** (D.W. Brooks Distinguished Professor of Animal Science and Foods and Nutrition; Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar in Agricultural Biotechnology) has been chosen as a fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Individuals are chosen as fellows based on their efforts toward advancing science applications that are deemed scientifically or socially distinguished. Baile was also recently awarded the Distinguished Alumnus award by the University of Central Missouri.

**Leye Blount** (Administrative Associate, Dean's Office) and her husband, Patrick, are the parents of a daughter, Dosie Belle, born Aug. 12, 2010.

**Shirley Chambers** (Senior Budget Analyst, Business Affairs) retired March 28 after working in the college for 22 years.

**Connie Crawley** (Public Service Associate, Cooperative Extension) has been awarded the 2011 Outreach Faculty Award.

**Megan Ford** (Coordinator, Aspire Clinic) is the new clinic coordinator for the FACS Aspire Clinic. Originally from Sioux Falls, S.D., Ford has an undergraduate degree in psychology from the University of South Dakota and a master's in marriage and family therapy from Kansas State University. The Aspire Clinic is a multidisciplinary clinic that provides counseling programs to individuals and couples on relationships concerns, financial issues, nutrition matters and issues concerning living spaces.



**Ted Futris** (Assistant Professor, Child and Family Development) has been promoted to associate professor, effective July 1.

**Jan Hathcote** (Associate Dean, Academic Affairs and Research) has been promoted to professor, effective July 1.

**Ian Hardin** (Georgia Power Professor of Textile Science, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) has been awarded

the Olney Medal by the American Association of Textiles and Color Chemists for outstanding achievements in the field of textile chemistry. Hardin was recognized for his research on the development of environmentally friendly alternatives like enzymes to replace conventional chemicals used in textile processing.



**Gwendolyn Jackson** (Cooperative Extension Program Assistant, Richmond County) has been awarded the 2011 Outreach Professional Award.

**Joan Koonce** (Associate Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics) has been promoted to professor, effective July 1.

**Lance Palmer** (Assistant Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics) has been promoted to associate professor, effective July 1.

**Connie Rash** (Director, Student Services) was promoted from assistant director to director of student services for the College of Family and Consumer Sciences earlier this spring. She had served as assistant director since joining the college in 1990. Earlier this year, Rash was named recipient of the Outstanding Family and Consumer Sciences Professional Award by the Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. She has also been named president elect for the Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, and was awarded the Outstanding Club Advisor by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

**Andrea Scarrow** (Cooperative Extension Agent, Colquitt County) has been awarded the 2011 Thomas F. Rodgers Outreach Agent Award.

**Amber Stevens** (Student Affairs Professional, Student Services) has joined the FACS Student Services Office as a student affairs professional. Stevens has a master's degree in higher education administration and a bachelor's degree in human environmental science from the University of Alabama. She was previously the transfer advisor at Gadsden State Community College.

**Anne L. Sweaney** (Interim Dean) has been awarded the Thomas E. Cochran Service Award by the FACS

Family Financial Planning program and the Department of Housing and Consumer Economics in recognition of her service and support to the students, faculty and staff of the FFP program, the college and the University of Georgia.

**Pamela R. Turner** (Assistant Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics) has been promoted to associate professor with tenure, effective July 1.

**Janet Valente** (Public Service Assistant, FACS Cooperative Extension) has been promoted to public service associate, effective July 1.

**James Coates Walters** (Professor Emeritus, Child and Family Development) died March 6, from complications of Alzheimer's disease. He was 85 years old. He is survived by his wife, **Lynda Henley Walters** (Professor Emeritus, Child and Family Development; PhD '78, Child and Family Development).

**Kathie Wickwire** (Research Coordinator, Foods and Nutrition) has been awarded the 2011 Nettie Marie Nickols Outstanding Staff Member award.

## STUDENTS

**Lauren Hogan** (Senior, Dietetics) has spent the spring semester working at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion as part of the University of Georgia Washington Semester program.

**Antoinette Lander** (PhD student, Child and Family Development) has been awarded the Endsley-Peifer Student Research Award for her paper, "The role of religiosity in the relationship between parents, peers and adolescent risky sexual behavior."

**Martin Seay** and **Michal Polanowski** (PhD Candidates, Housing and Consumer Economics) and **Antoinette Lander**, **Donna Hancock** and **Catie O'Neal** (PhD Students, Child and Family Development) have been presented Outstanding Teaching Assistant awards by the University of Georgia.

**Taylor Schlopy** (Senior, Child and Family Development) was the second pick overall during the National Pro Fastpitch draft held in March. Schlopy, an outfielder with a .273 batting average, was selected by the Akron Racers. ■

# NEW FACULTY

## *Two highly successful researchers have joined the Department of Child and Family Development.*

**Chalandra Bryant** (Professor, Child and Family Development) joined CFD in fall 2010 after having served on the faculty of Pennsylvania State University from 2003-2010, and on the Iowa State University faculty from 1998-2003.

Bryant is the principal investigator of a longitudinal project, A Study of African-American Marriage and Health, funded by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Her research focuses on close relationships and the ability to sustain intimate ties. She is particularly interested in how marriage and health are affected by social, familial, economic, occupational and psychosocial factors.

In her longitudinal research, Bryant and her team have interviewed 700 couples at least once and many of them two or three times to determine how marriage and health are affected by social, familial, economic, occupational and psychosocial factors.

Bryant was awarded the New Contribution Award by the International Association for Relationship Research in 2002; the National Council on Family Relations Reuben Hill Research and Theory Award in 2004; and the Outstanding Young Professional Award from the Texas Exes Alumni Association of the University of Texas in 2005.



**Kandauda (K.A.S.) Wickrama** (Professor, Child and Family Development) joined CFD in January 2011 after serving on the faculty of Iowa State University from 1992-2005.

Wickrama's research focuses on four particular areas: the social determinants of health and health inequality across the life course; racial and ethnic inequalities in the mental and physical health of children and adults; international development and health; and the application of advanced statistical methods to social epidemiology.

"What we have found is that an individual who has experienced poverty early in life can continue to experience the effects of that poverty independent of their situation in adulthood," he said. "However, we are also identifying ways of mitigating those early-life effects. For example, education is a good motivating factor for disrupting this trajectory."

Wickrama has also conducted extensive research with the survivors of the December 2004 tsunami that claimed more than 200,000 lives, including 31,000 in Sri Lanka. Wickrama conducted interviews with 325 families. In his research, Wickrama has found that strong community ties and religious participation can moderate the effects of depression and post-traumatic stress disorder, while prolonged displacement from their homes and secondary events, such as a spouse abandoning the family, lost jobs, or children becoming delinquent, can have an intensifying effect.

In addition to his research, Wickrama will be teaching courses on multilevel statistical modeling for social and behavioral sciences.

"The addition of Drs. Wickrama and Bryant dramatically increase our capacity to conduct cutting-edge family science research," according to Jay Mancini, CFD department head. "Dr. Bryant is one of the foremost researchers on African-American marriages, and Dr. Wickrama is a renowned researcher on family health and health disparities. Both of these outstanding scholars will enrich our students' experiences."



# Chilly Dawg 2011

More than 400 runners participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chilly Dawg 5K on a crispy, clear January morning. More than \$4,800 was raised for student scholarships, alumni programming and activities to increase awareness of the outstanding happenings in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences.

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When **Ian Hardin** agreed to meet representatives of the Georgia Soft Goods Education Foundation for lunch in 2003 he had no idea their conversation would lead to an eight-year partnership with the Department of Textiles, Merchandising, and Interiors. The GSGEF, a non-profit organization of apparel and soft goods industry professionals, knew of the quality of the TMI programs and was looking for graduates who could operate successfully in the international business environment that is today's reality.

GSGEF supports a variety of initiatives in TMI: funding of faculty to teach new courses in global sourcing and apparel manufacturing; graduate assistantships; travel awards for the study abroad program in China; and, in 2006, establishing the Georgia Soft Goods Education Foundation Distinguished Professorship.

With GSGEF funding supplementing contributions by the Family and Consumer Sciences Fund for Excellence, **Emily Blalock's** class created one of the most visible signs of the partnership on campus: Couture a la cart. This movable kiosk store sells clothing and accessories on consignment by fashion merchandising classes and other UGA students, as well as necklaces made by children in a Ugandan orphanage. Blalock's students learn how hard it is to successfully run a business. From managing the schedule, to inventory, pricing, advertising, and visual merchandising, it takes a lot of time, determination, and creativity to make a successful retail venture.

"The most important life skill the students learn from running Couture a la cart, is that failure or challenges are a part of life," Blalock says. "It is OK to fail as long as you learn from your mistakes. I encourage the students to think big and think entrepreneurially, even if the end result isn't grand."

**Alecia Brooks**, whose salary is offset by GSGEF gifts, brings industry experience with computer-aided design software and technology to students through her "CAD for Apparel Design and Production" class. The course provides an overview for students of a variety of software used for preproduction in the clothing industry. These software programs take a garment from the design concept through all of the steps necessary for production.

**Leah Gautreaux**, a senior fashion merchandising major from Athens who hopes to pursue a career in sales or buying, says the course has helped her gain an understanding of these CAD programs. "I didn't remotely realize what went into garment making," she says. "Employers like seeing a diverse background and this will be another technology I'm familiar with. Also, it's always helpful to have some understanding of what the people in production are going through."

When asked about the effect of the Soft Goods gifts on the department, **Patricia Hunt-Hurst**, TMI department head, first exclaimed "Wow!" then added, "the impact has been adding a real international component to our fashion merchandising curriculum especially global sourcing and logistics. They are helping us prepare students to go out into the global industry."

**Leslie Buchanan**, (BSFCS '09, Fashion Merchandising) is co-owner of a private women's clothing label named Ben that is carried in boutiques in St. Simons and Atlanta and regularly travels to Milan and Paris to purchase luxury fabrics for her collections. She echoes Hunt-Hurst's sentiments, saying her classes gave her understanding and insight into working in a global industry. "I would argue that fashion is one of the most global reaching industries there is," Buchanan says. "On any given day, I might order fabric from India, buy snaps from China, and talk to a rep from Belgium. I feel that my education in UGA classrooms and abroad (I took a Maymester abroad to China, which I very much recommend!) has helped set me up for success in the global fashion industry."

From a simple lunch to a strong partnership, GSGEF is a true friend of FACS. The Department of Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors stands stronger and students have more opportunities due to GSGEF support.



**Leslie Buchanan is one of many FACS students and alumni to benefit from the Georgia Soft Goods Foundation.**



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