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SO YOU'VE BEEN TO PARIS?

By Stanley Smits, Professor Emeritus of Managerial Sciences

So you've been to Paris and seen the Eiffel Tower, perhaps even climbed to its top or dined at its expensive Jules Vern restaurant. You visited Notre Dame, strolled along the Seine and took the boat ride at night admiring the city in lights, circled the Arc de Triomphe and walked the length of the Champs-Elysees. And, of course, you tried to see all the treasures of the Louvre in a day. And then, on your second or third visit to Paris, you explored the Musee D'Orsay and enjoyed its user-friendliness, sat on the steps of Sacre-Coeur and marveled at the expanse and beauty of the city, watched children play at Tuileries gardens, and made day-trips to Versallies and Mont Saint-Michel. As a result of your culinary experiences in Paris, your taste buds have a new definition of gourmet and your favorite Paris restaurants grew beyond your capacity to schedule a meal at each. So you've done it all? Maybe not.

My wife, Mary and I have been fortunate to make multiple trips to Paris since 2000 in conjunction with my decade of teaching at the International School of Management (ISM). These visits have given us a chance to enjoy Paris in a more leisurely fashion. Starting with our first trip, Mary routinely takes walking tours with Peter and Oriel Caine, and in recent years with their excellent professional staff (www.paris-walks.com). These "Brit" historians came to Paris to further their studies in art and literature, fell in love with Paris and never left. To earn a living they combined their passion for the arts with their knowledge of the city and began conducting two-hour walking tours of neighborhoods (for example, Saint Germain-des-Pres), highlighting famous people (Hemingway's Paris), recalling major historical events (The French Revolution), and catering to peoples' passions (The Chocolate Tour).

Mary and Stan Smits in Paris

Mary, having done most of their walking tours, was looking for something new. She discovered a tour offered only a few times each year and talked me into joining her for a Sunday visit to The Paris Sewers. The brief description stated: "Walk underground and see how the Paris sewers function. An unusual but fascinating view of the under-side of the city."

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Everyone Loves a Party–
Emeriti Association Celebrates 10 years!

We will be celebrating our 10th anniversary this fall, and we are planning a real blowout. Missy Cody, activities chair, and her committee, Yezdi Bhada, Rankin Cooter, Dave Ewert and Dave Fraboni, are making big plans. Although the committee does not yet have a theme, it will use Yezdi's idea that "*GSU was built on the shoulders of giants.*" That means us! Rumor has it that the 10th anniversary committee is planning a video about the contributions of emeriti and other builders of GSU.

We are still looking for memorabilia from the Emeriti Association to display. If you have any old newsletters, photos, news clippings, or invitations, please send them, along with identifying information, to Laurel Bowen, university archivist, Georgia State University Library, 100 Decatur St. SE, Atlanta, GA 30303. Please do not write on the material, but attach a note identifying people, places and time frame.

The Emeriti Association is also being built on our shoulders. Yezdi, the first chair of the Coordinating Committee, will have an article in the next issue of our Emerties newsletter telling exactly how the Emeriti Association got started. Stay tuned!

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SPOTLIGHT

CONGRATULATIONS to Professor Emeritus of Psychology, Luciano L'Abate, for his nomination for the 48th Georgia Author of the Year Award. The Georgia Author of the Year Award is the oldest and most prestigious literary organization in the Southeast. The nomination is for Lu's book, "Hurt Feelings: Theory, Research, and Applications." Winners will be announced Saturday, June 16, 2012 at the organization's Banquet and awards ceremony at the Kennesaw State University Center.

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Georgia State at the Forefront

Returning from Columbus State University's annual meeting of its retirees, I reflected on the GSU Emeriti Association's effort to form the Georgia consortium of higher education retiree organizations. In my presentation at Columbus State I discussed our Emeriti Association's programs plus those of a dozen other Georgia institutions. This information and the examples used should help Columbus State develop its organization.

The Georgia consortium had its second meeting on April 20th at Emory. Again, there was an enthusiasm for sharing thoughts on programs. Since our first meeting, other schools have adopted and adapted programs similar to our High Museum visits and economic forecasting presentations. We see this imitation as confirmation of the attractiveness of our activities.

Our Emeriti Association learns and benefits from what schools across the nation are doing for their retirees by being a member of the Association of Retirement Organizations for Higher Education (AROHE). The Georgia consortium schools, to further their growth, will also be AROHE members.

Within AROHE, the success of the Georgia consortium is not going unnoticed. For example, Clemson University will host the first meeting to form a consortium of South Carolina schools.

At AROHE's October meeting at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill my colleagues at Emory and Clemson and I will have a session discussing the purpose of regional consortiums and how to launch and manage them.

Was Colonel Little Really George Washington's Pall Bearer?

By Dwight Tabor, Professor Emeritus of Decision Science

When I was a child, I believed what I read in books. I read that Colonel James Little was a pall bearer in George Washington's funeral. Colonel Little is my ancestor. His grave is marked on the family farm I inherited a few decades ago. Both The Daughters and the Sons of the American Revolution have held commemorative ceremonies there since the 1920's.

Recently I have been curious about Colonel Little's story. Exactly what did he do to warrant the land grant he received in 1783 for the land I now own? The pursuit of his story has given a focus to much of the reading I have done over the last several years.

James Little was born in 1737. He lived in the Long Canes area of South Carolina in the 1760's. Then he moved to a farm in Georgia near the confluence of the Broad River with the Savannah River. He was a farmer there until the Revolutionary War reached a stalemate in the New York and Philadelphia areas and the British adopted the Southern Strategy.

The War moved South with a vengeance, and Colonel Little was in the middle of it. One of the early significant skirmishes in the South came at Kettle Creek in 1779. Captain James Little led a company of Georgia Militia in a successful ambush of a large group of Loyalists who were trying to reach Augusta. Their defeat of the Loyalists (Tories) secured Patriot control of the region for a period and was an early warning to the British that the Southern Strategy might be misguided.

Wynn and Dwight Tabor at the St. Valentine Luncheon

Later British and Loyalist successes at Charleston, Savannah and Augusta resulted in British domination of Georgia and South Carolina, but the Patriots never entirely abandoned the Wilkes County area near the Savannah River. As a result of continuous hit and run guerrilla tactics this area became known as the Hornet's Nest.

In truth, a horrible civil war raged in Georgia and South Carolina. Families were divided between the

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Istanbul, the Black Sea and Other Thoughts on Journeys

By Anne Page Mosby, Professor Emerita of the Library

Something in human nature gives us "itchy feet!" (Are you feeling it as summer approaches?) Many classics inspire us to explore (The Travels of Marco Polo), journey (Homer's Odyssey), trek on pilgrimages (Canterbury Tales), and even maneuver through treacherous terrain (The Divine Comedy).

Encouraged by the Greek myth of Jason and the Golden Fleece (Argonautica) my husband, Jay, and I flew to Istanbul in July 2011. While touring the only city that is situated on two continents we gained an appreciation of exotic Byzantine and Ottoman architecture, gigantic domes and opulent living at places like Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia, the Blue Mosque, and Suleyman (the Magnificent) Mosque.

After exploring a few days, we boarded a ship to circumnavigate the Black Sea. Our interest here was driven by the historical events associated with this border of Europe and Asia. The Bosphorus itself is both a geological wonder and a shore-lined vacation paradise. It was carved when waters of the early Mediterranean burst through to the Black Sea, perhaps flooding the "Garden of Eden." The region was a trading crossroad of the world as early as 4500 BCE, with Greece and the Balkans to the west, Steppes and Siberia to the north, Caucasus and Asia to the east, and Mesopotamia at the south. Ancient ports line the coasts where shipwrecks are likely to be preserved due to a lack of oxygen in the lower water layer.

Anne Page Mosby and husband Jay Haney touring Turkey

Highlights of our adventure included visiting the UNESCO World Heritage mountainside site, Sumela Monestery, a 72 room maze of courtyards, chapels, monks' cells, and libraries. We followed the Crimean Çürük Suv river valley through one of the oldest centers of Mesolithic civilization to Bakhchysaray, the Tatar Khan's elaborate palace. In Yalta we visited Livadia Palace, the last summer residence of the tsars and the site of the 1945 WWII conference as well as the charming cottage and garden where Anton Chekhov wrote several works.

This region is marked by war, slavery and conflict. We "discovered" a once top-secret Cold War facility for Soviet-era submarines--now a naval museum--near Sevastopol hidden deep inside mountain tunnels. We paid our respects to those doomed at Balaclava Battlefield with a reading of Tennyson's "Charge of the Light Brigade." We investigated the labyrinthine tunnels first excavated at the command of Catherine the Great to build Odessa and later used by partisans fighting fascist invaders.

In addition to exquisite Christian Orthodox icons, we happened upon several modern iconic images. Funniest of all was the unlikely alignment of a life size statue of Lenin gesturing skyward toward the bright yellow M of a McDonald's sign! When I climbed the Odessa staircase I couldn't help remembering the baby carriage bouncing down to the quay in The Battleship Potemkin, the silent propaganda film by Eisenstein. And, impressed forever in my memory is the welcome at Kerch given to our sparkling white ship by a Ukrainian military brass band playing a Beatles medley on the only dock available, a massive, blackened, industrial transportation hub for train-to-ship coal delivery.

Whether you fly overseas or see Georgia first, one of the joys of being retired is giving in to those itchy feet and then sharing with friends!

SO YOU'VE BEEN TO PARIS? *cont. from page 1*

The designing of the Paris sewer system began in 1850 and construction was completed in 1894. The first 20 years saw few accomplishments because the design was debated in traditional French fashion. The delay saw a new technology engineered by Eugene Belgrand emerge. It made the Paris sewer system "state-of-the-art" in its day and still relevant today. When a proud city offered to honor their beloved engineer's accomplishments by commissioning a statue of him to be located in a prominent place of his choosing, of course, he chose to have it located in the sewer!

Belgrand's state-of-the-art sewer network dealt with drinking and non-drinking water and sewage disposal mainly using the principle of gravity. Each street had its own large sewer with plenty of room for workmen to function as needed. Tourists walking through the sewers see signs telling them which familiar street they are under.

History buffs and engineers will want to tour the Paris sewers more than once to absorb the large volume of information offered to them. The rest of us are content to recall this unique tour permanently etched in our olfactory memory!

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COLONEL LITTLE

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Loyalists and Patriots. The famous British cavalry leader Banastre Tarleton and his troup of British regulars and Loyalists roamed the countryside trying to find and confront partisan bands in South Carolina and Georgia. After a period of ineffectual Patriot leadership, General Greene, General Washington's favored leader, arrived and organized the partisan warfare that led to Lord Cornwallis's trek to defeat at Yorktown. Captain Little with his Georgia militia had fought British, Tories, renegades, and Indians in 23 engagements. Like most militia, he came home to plant and harvest crops or recuperate from time to time.

After the War, Colonel Little was rewarded with a land grant in Franklin County. Generations of Littles farmed this land and provided economic and political leadership for the region. Fortunes waxed and waned, but the boll weevil plus the Great Depression put an end to generations of prosperity by the time I lived on the land as a child.

Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard at Col. Little's Grave

History correctly records that Colonel Little was a pall bearer for George Washington in 1799. Sad to say, this was a different Colonel Little, who lived in Alexandria, Va., not on the newly settled frontier in Georgia. Nevertheless, my ancestor's life has given me a wonderful focus for learning the early history of our country and has sparked my interest in reading history more broadly.

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Events & Activities

Check out our upcoming events:

- **An Illustrated History of Atlanta**
  May 8, 2012 • 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. • Brown Room, Commerce Building, 18th Floor

  Professor Emeritus Timothy (Tim) Crimmins, Director of the Center for Neighborhood and Metropolitan Studies, A&S, GSU, will present. Lunch will be served.

- **Author Series,** Anne Emanuel, College of Law – *Elbert Parr Tuttle: Chief Jurist of the Civil Rights Revolution*
  June 7, 2012 • 11a.m. • 8th Floor, Library South

  The event will include a talk by Professor Emanuel and a Q&A period.

John and Beverly Cook at the St. Valentine Reception

Beverly Armento with Al and Wilmer McWilliams at the St. Valentine Reception

Jackie Boles at March Author Series

COMING UP: AUTHORS SERIES

SUMMER – ANNE EMANUEL

On Thursday June 7 Anne Emanuel will discuss her well-received biography, "Elbert Parr Tuttle: Chief Jurist of the Civil Rights Revolution." She is presently Professor of Law at GSU, and she clerked for Judge Tuttle early in her career. Come and hear about a "modest man who cast a large shadow over his adopted South" at 11a.m., Library South, 8th floor.

FALL – LUCIANO L'ABATE

On Thursday, Aug. 30, The Authors Series will feature Professor Emeritus of Psychology, Luciano (Lu) L'Abate. Dr. L'Abate will discuss his recent book, "The Seven Sources of Pleasure in Life." This presentation will take place from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the 8th floor of Library South. What are the sources of pleasure? Are we missing out on any of them? Let's find out.

Recap: Winter Emeriti Events

By Professor Emerita Mildred (Missy) Cody, Activities Chair

In January Dr. Rajeev Dhawan, director of GSU's Economic Forecasting Center, presented his economic forecast at an emeriti luncheon. With his usual humor and joviality, he took us around the world to illustrate how the economic and political events in Asia and Europe affect the U.S. and Georgia economies. He described how components of Georgia's economy, such as construction, agriculture, and tourism, may support future recovery and growth. Dr. Dhawan focused on the essential rebuilding of infrastructure as fueling growth and prosperity. His tongue-in-cheek finish advised us to build and rebuild our roads, reflecting on the Chinese engine of growth – building, tearing down, and reconstructing their urban areas.

The Valentine's luncheon, an annual gift to the emeriti from GSU, is always a very special event. It began with delightful live background music and then an elegant lunch. After lunch, we had a good laugh with Bill Balzer's work-in-progress, "Two Drink Minimum," featuring Bill as his younger self and Susan Shalhoub Larkin as his mother. Bill's first play features the Sunday night phone chats that he had with his mother after gearing up with two drinks. A GSU alumnus, Bill is the past Board Chair of Theatrical Outfit and currently serves as the Board Chair on the GSU Foundation Board of Trustees. Later this year, the Theatrical Outfit will present his play at Bill's namesake, the Balzer Theater.

RECAP: SPRING AUTHORS SERIES JACQUELINE BOLES

by Emerita Anne Page Mosby, Chair of the Authors Series

Jackie Boles, Emerita Professor of Sociology, enchanted a rapt audience on March 22. She described her research about entertainers down through the ages as documented in her book, "Life Upon the Wicked Stage: A Sociologist's Look at People in Show Business." She commented on a wide range of show biz developments, from ancient Indian shamans who used ventriloquism to make the idols speak, multi-skilled gypsies, and companies of touring talents, to minstrels, vaudeville, burlesque, Broadway, and more. She also elaborated on her personal experience during the 1950s in a mind reading act and spook show with her husband, Rex Dane. Jackie's wonderful sense of humor and contagious laugh entertained us all.

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Events & Activities

Valentine's Day Luncheon *Memories*

The annual St. Valentine's Day Luncheon proved to be a delightful time of live music, elegant dining and great conversation.

Beverly Armento talking with Verle Mickish at the St. Valentine Reception

Mike and Enid Mescon with Carolyn Robison at the St. Valentine Reception

Charles Williams with Janice and Herbert Benario at the St. Valentine Reception

Colleagues catch up at the St. Valentine Reception

In Memoriam

Professor Emeritus of Foreign Language, Shubael Beasley, died on December 22, 2011. Dr. Beasley was chair of the Foreign Language Department at Georgia State for 11 years. Through his efforts, the Department was awarded a major in Classics and gained Regents' approval for graduate programs in French, German and Spanish. He retired from Georgia State in 1982 after 21 years at the University. Dr. Beasley's daughter, Chalmers McCarthy, told us that her father loved teaching and was devoted to Georgia State. She said that he was proud of the University's growth and "maintained his interest in the goings on at Georgia State until his death."

Professor Emeritus of English, Marguerite Murphy, died December 19, 2011 at age 90. The English Department had earlier established an award for graduate teaching assistants in her honor. English Professor Malinda Snow told us that Marguerite oversaw the TAs and tirelessly advocated for them, worked to provide them appropriate training and evaluation, and advised them. She also worked hard to develop and maintain the lower-division program and created a library of multimedia resources to accompany a course which almost every student getting a bachelor's degree had to take. Malinda described Dr. Murphy as "both down to earth and dignified, acerbic and intellectually uncompromising."

Professor Emeritus of Health and Physical Education, Richard Wehr (Dick), died on December 1, 2011. Dr. Wehr came to GSU to be the first chair of the PE Department. As chair, he expanded the traditional notion of physical education to include health, recreation, and dance degree programs. He was chair when the College of Education added Exercise Physiology, the program to prepare certified physical trainers. Dr. Wehr coached the GSU Panthers basketball team for two years. After 22 years at GSU, he retired in 1986. Dick touched the lives of many people with his fun-loving spirit and sense of humor.

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