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CHAIR'S COLUMN

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AS I WRITE AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER, we're heading into cooler days and beautiful weather. On campus, classes are in full swing, and our erstwhile colleagues have returned to teaching and research after a much-needed summer break. The Emeriti Association helps us, now in retirement, maintain connections with each other and with the university. We can be proud of the accomplishments and initiatives GSU is making this year.

The Coordinating Board is working to build recognition of emeriti. We have good relations with several deans, and

we especially want to thank Provost Nicolle Parsons-Pollard, whose newsletter now includes an "Emeriti Spotlight" (<https://provost.gsu.edu/news/newsletter/august-2023-newsletter/#emeriti>). Leading emeriti are also being honored at home football games with a picture on the video board and narrative from the announcer. There have already been responses from former students. By the way, the Panthers are off to a 4-0 start this season!

And we hope to see you at our annual Emeriti Holiday Reception and Gala at the Rialto Center!

UNIVERSITY BENEFITS FOR EMERITI

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New emeriti, the Emeriti Association welcomes you! We remind you of this important benefit granted by the University: emeriti retain their active PantherCards (*photo IDs*) permanently. Regular faculty retirees can only do this for five years. PantherCards allow access to the University libraries and parking decks, and give local discounts and incentives.

Other benefits? The rank indicates that the professor is still formally affiliated with our University, and prior involvement with departmental graduate students and programs usually continues. Having the emeritus/a rank also is valuable when applying for academic panels, submitting manuscripts for publication, or seeking professional grants or consulting work.

New Emeriti of 2023

ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF POLICY STUDIES

David Sjoquist, *Professor Emeritus of Economics.*

John Thomas, *Professor Emeritus of Public Management and Policy.*

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Kathryn Kozaitis, *Professor Emerita of Anthropology.*

EDITOR'S NOTE!

EmeriTies: By Emeriti and For Emeriti

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I know that I speak for the entire Emeriti Association when I thank Provost Parsons-Pollard for her support of our emeriti in initiating a new feature in her newsletter, "Emeriti Spotlight," that will focus on various emeriti who are active in our Association. This e-newsletter from the Provost's Office has highlighted academic activities and news across the university since October 2018, and it is regularly sent to the present faculty and administrative staff.

In his most recent "Chair's Column" above, Ted Wadley notes that the first emeritus thus interviewed is Bill Feldhaus — an excellent choice as a former Chair of our Coordinating Board and its present Treasurer. I've been informed that I'll be next as editor of EmeriTies. This new column in the "Provost's Newsletter" should boost our recruitment of new emeriti from those about to retire. Thank you, Dr. Parsons-Pollard!

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

SEND ARTICLES
200-400 words long
to the editor at
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UNIVERSITY NEWS

The start of the 2023-24 academic year began on August 21, 2023, as Georgia State welcomed to its Atlanta and Perimeter College campuses more than 50,000 students. 15,000 were new enrollees, with more than 7,200 attending college for the first time.

Administration

Carrie Manning, professor of political science, has been appointed as the new Associate Provost for International Initiatives at Georgia State. Manning was appointed to the role in an interim capacity last March.

Sara Rosen, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, will step down effective Dec. 31, 2023. Dr. Rosen joined Georgia State University in 2016, previously the Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor at the University of Kansas. During her time at Georgia State, Dr. Rosen helped to craft the College's strategic plan for 2018-2023, and helped to develop the university-wide strategic plan for 2023-2033. She was instrumental in establishing numerous research centers within the College, notably the Humanities Research Center and the Center for Studies on Africa and its Diaspora. **Lindsey Cohen**, Distinguished University Professor of Psychology and department chair, will become Interim Dean.

Michael White has been appointed as permanent director of the Ernest G. Welch School of Art & Design after serving in an interim capacity. He previously directed the school from 2012 to 2018.

Grants and Awards

The *U.S. News & World Report* ranked Georgia State as the top Public University for Undergraduate Teaching for the fourth straight year, and No. 2 for Innovation for the third consecutive year in its 2024 edition of Best Colleges. These rankings are based on a survey of presidents, provosts and admissions deans at colleges and universities across the country. "It comes as no surprise that we're once again at the top of U.S. News' innovation and undergraduate teaching rankings," said Georgia State President M. Brian Blake. "Our institution continues to be the national model in graduating students from all backgrounds at equal, high rates."

Georgia State University recently received the distinguished 2023 Simon Award for Comprehensive Internationalization, an honor granted to a select number of institutions that demonstrate outstanding innovation and accomplishment in campus internationalization.

Healthcare UPDATE

- Open enrollment for pre-65 retirees and spouses, who are insured under the USG just like active employees, is **October 23 – November 3, 2023**, through **OneUSG Connect**.
- Medicare open enrollment for retirees and spouses 65+ is **October 15 – December 7, 2023**, through **Alight** to maintain the HRA benefit.
- That benefit *has been reduced* from \$2736/person/year to \$2640 for 2024 (\$96 less per year).

Upcoming Events

HOLIDAY RECEPTION

The annual Emeriti Holiday Reception will take place at the *Rialto Center for the Arts on Sunday afternoon, December 3*. Parking, refreshments, and entertainment are free, thanks to the GSU Foundation's support for the Emeriti Association. *They also provide us with tickets to the School of Music Holiday Gala, which follows at 3 pm.*



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Events & Activities

JUST IN TIME FUND RECIPIENTS

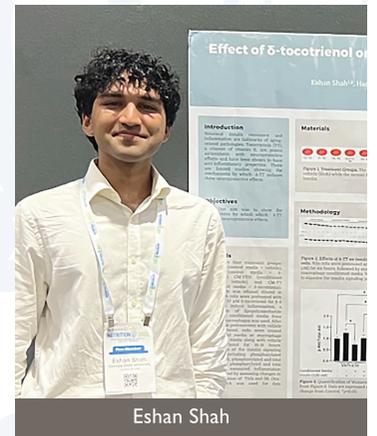
Marc Anthony Reyes • Scholarships and Fellowships Coordinator • Office of Undergraduate Research Fellowships (OURF)

This summer, two Georgia State University Honors College students, **Linda Scott** and **Eshan Shah**, received Just-In-Time grants that advanced their scholarly and professional development at meetings in their respective fields. Without this grant, they would not have been able to attend these national meetings.

Eshan, a second-year neuroscience major, used the grant to help offset the costs of traveling to Boston for the American Society for Nutrition’s national 2023 conference, a leading conference in the field of Nutrition Sciences. It was his first conference; and he was able to meet new people, make valuable connections, and learn more about the field of Nutrition. He presented a poster, which gave him professional experience in public speaking. Attending the conference gave Eshan a deeper understanding of his field and its latest scholarship.

Linda’s Just-In-Time grant took her out west to Butte, Montana for the annual editorial meeting of UReCA (*NCHC Journal of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity*), the official undergraduate journal of the National Collegiate Honors Council. Linda, a third-year journalism major, was introduced to the current and new student editorial staff. The meeting also served as a training session for the publication’s newest members. Linda said it was wonderful experience to meet and bond with the other members of the editorial team. She also was trained in the ways that the editors and staff operate the review process for submissions. For someone who plans to go into publishing, it was a great introduction to the field. Thanks to the Just-In-Time grant, Linda had the funding necessary to pay for her flights to and from the meeting.

Thanks to the support of the Emeriti Association, Just-In-Time awards are making it possible for Georgia State Honors College students to travel to national conferences, present award-winning research, and receive training for vital professional development. For more information on the grant, please visit the Emeriti Association website or contact the Honors College.



Eshan Shah

TIMOTHY RENICK GIVES CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

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Timothy Renick, Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies and Executive Director of the National Institute for Student Success, testified before the House Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee on June 14, 2023. He was on a panel of four education experts that was examining innovation in American colleges and universities.

Emeritus Renick discussed Georgia State’s transformative efforts over the past decade to boost graduation rates, close achievement gaps and ensure success for students from all backgrounds. Asked by U.S. Rep. Bobby Scott (*D-Va.*) about the data colleges need to help students succeed, Renick explained the prevailing problem isn’t a lack of data, but an inability to “operationalize” the data.

He discussed ways in which Georgia State helps first-year students get information on the marketplace for their given major so they can make earlier career decisions. He also discussed innovations such as micro-grants targeted at students in danger of withdrawing from the University for financial reasons, as well as artificial intelligence-enhanced chatbots that allowed Georgia State to reach students at scale.

REQUEST FOR JIT FUND DONORS

- Donations to the Just-In-Time Fund for Honors College students are requested. Gifts can be made online at <https://netcommunity.gsu.edu/make-a-gift> or by check. **For checks, make payable to Georgia State University Foundation; add to the memo line Emeriti Just-In-Time Fund; and mail to: Georgia State University Foundation • P.O. Box 2668 • Atlanta, GA 30312-2668.**
- You may specify the student’s originating department.
- The GSU Emeriti Association board has committed to match dollar-for-dollar, up to \$3,750 total, every gift to the Emeriti Just-in-Time fund made on Georgia State Day. We still have a ways to go to meet the challenge. Every dollar helps and will help us toward our goal.



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IN MEMORIAM

Charles A. Burden, Professor Emeritus of Organizational Behavior in the College of Business, died on June 1, 2023. He earned a bachelor of science degree at Clemson University, then trained as an investigator for the United States Dept. of Labor. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force and served in the Tennessee Air National Guard. As a national Defense Educational Fellow, he earned his doctorate from Georgia State University in 1970 and then began a 40-year teaching career, initially at Clemson University and then at Georgia State University. During this period, he often also worked as a contractor for the U.S. Department of Defense through the University of Maryland, European Division. Retiring, he continued to regularly give lectures abroad in many countries, including Germany, France, Great Britain, Poland and China.

Charles Williams, Professor Emeritus of Business, died September 5, 2023. While working in New Mexico as a physicist for the United States Air Force and later the Sandia Corporation, Charles became interested in the then-emerging field of computer science. He earned a doctorate in Computer Science from the University of Texas in 1966, then taught at Pennsylvania State University (1966-72), Virginia Polytechnic Institute (1972-75), and Georgia State University School of Business (1975-2001). He published numerous research papers on topics relating to data compression, pattern recognition and other problems in computer graphics.

He was a passionate rock climber in his 20s and 30s, and led mountain rescue teams in the Sandia Mountains for several years. He wrote *The Crash of TWA Flight 260* (University of New Mexico Press, 2010), an account of a TWA plane's crash into the mountains which killed sixteen people, the ensuing rescue operation, and the investigation into its cause. In his 50s, he took up competitive running and, later, race-walking. Within a few years, he was winning his age group in national events. He was an enthusiastic member of the Atlanta Track Club for many years.

Note from Emeriti Association

Please inform us if you learn of any emeriti deaths, for we receive no formal notification from the university: emeriti@gsu.edu or 404-413-3400.