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Clinton, Young favor putting 'human face' on trade policy

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Foreign policies that balance economic development and social progress are vital to creating wealth and improving people's lives throughout the world, and particularly in developing nations, former U.S. President Bill Clinton told students, faculty and guests at a March foreign policy symposium sponsored by the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies.

"I saw my job as to try to lead America's transformation into a very different world…a whole different way of working and living and relating to each other and people beyond our borders," said Clinton, under whose administration the United States enacted about 300 trade agreements.

"A big part of it was trade…I believe trade, on balance, has been good for the world, for the poor countries as well as the wealthy countries," he added.

Clinton, who received the school's first Andrew Young Medal for Capitalism and Social Progress, also stressed putting a "more human face" on the international economy by introducing stringent environmental and labor standards, as well as deliberate measures to improve health care and education in poor nations.

The foreign policy symposium, which featured both Clinton and former U.S. Ambassador Andrew Young, was part of a series of events honoring Young's 69th birthday.

Andrew Young School Dean Roy W. Bahl Jr. moderated the discussion before a packed house at Ebenezer Baptist Church in downtown Atlanta. Clinton and Young addressed ideas for closing the gap between rich and poor nations, promoting African economic development, and expanding the role of technology in international business.

Both men agreed that providing developing nations with debt relief and inexpensive drugs designed to fight AIDS and other pervasive illnesses are necessary to improve social and economic conditions in African nations and other countries.

"The Third World has paid more money back than they got and in a sense the interest that they've paid is more than the principal they borrowed. And it really is morally unjust," Young said.

He and Clinton suggested that, once relieved from their heavy debt burden, developing countries should invest in public services such as roads, schools and hospitals. Clinton cited Honduras, where debt relief has enabled the government to increase the number of children's school years from six to nine, and Uganda, where primary school enrollment has doubled, as examples.

The former president also advocated increased capitalization for the World Bank, which would pave the way for micro-lending programs, and tax credits for drug companies to develop AIDS vaccines.

In Brazil, where generic AIDS treatments are widely available through an extensive public health network, the death rate from the disease has decreased by 50 percent, Clinton said.

"This is not some idle discussion here," he said.

Clinton also encouraged students in the audience to dedicate their lives to public service.

"Ideas make a difference. Passion makes a difference. Commitment makes a difference. And it is worth the occasional static in the air to know that in the end that you actually have changed people's lives for the better," he said.

AWARDING EXCELLENCE: Andrew Young School advisory board members Carolyn Young and Paul Rosser present former U.S. President Bill Clinton with the Andrew Young Medal for Capitalism and Social Progress for promoting economic progress and human-rights efforts around the world.

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Dean's Corner

at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies

Five years ago, in the spring of 1996, the Georgia State University Senate voted to create the School of Policy Studies. The new school was officially launched July 1, 1996, just three weeks before the Centennial Olympic games opened in Atlanta. Five years later, and as I prepare to step down as associate dean, it's good to take stock of where we are.

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Foremost among our accomplishments is the naming of the school for former U.S. Ambassador Andrew Young. The naming of schools is fairly commonplace these days - but this naming is anything but commonplace. Ambassador Young not only gives us his name, but he also provides us with a vision of why policy is so important. To paraphrase the ambassador, policy isn't about being a good Samaritan. Instead, it's about straightening out the road to Jericho so people don't get beaten up by robbers on the way.

We've hired more than 20 new faculty in our short five years - an impressive number given that we are a school of but 50 tenure-track faculty. And what an impressive faculty they are, publishing in and refereeing for top journals and, along with their colleagues in our five research centers, consistently bringing in more than 25 percent of external research dollars in the university, while comprising less than 5 percent of the university faculty. Their accomplishments are well documented in this year's annual report on the Web (www.gsu.edu/~wwwsps/annualreport2000/index.htm).

Our credit hours have grown tremendously, despite a conversion to the semester system that left our sister colleges with large credit-hour deficits. We've attracted a significant number of international students who are supported by special initiatives, such as Fulbright, Mandela and Muskie programs. This fall, we will host 30 full-time master's students in economic policy from

Indonesia - all 30 of whom are supported by a grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development. We've started or integrated two new Ph.D. programs, including a joint policy program with Georgia Tech. The latest U.S. News rankings place us in the top 10 nationally in the fields of public finance and budgeting and city management/urban policy.

Just how far we've come in the past five years was underscored when we hosted a foreign policy symposium March 9 with former President Bill Clinton and Ambassador Young at the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. At the close of the event, which had 1,900 participants, Ambassador Young put the five years in perfect perspective when he looked at me and said, with his incredible enthusiasm, "We've launched a School of Policy Studies today." Indeed we did, but it was five years in the making.

Paula Stephan
Associate Dean

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Georgians express political views through government Web sites

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Forty-three percent of Georgians who use the Internet have visited government Web sites, most often for obtaining information, according to a new poll conducted by the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies' Applied Research Center.

But about 20 percent of those used the sites to funnel their opinions on issues directly to government officials and policymakers - a percentage that Andrew Young School of Policy Studies researchers found surprisingly high, given the low number of residents who express their views by voting.

"Our findings suggest that governments are well-positioned to play an important role in the online world as the Internet continues to expand and develop," said Greg Streib, professor of public administration and urban studies. "Right now government Web sites are mainly useful as a means of obtaining information, but if their full interactive potential is realized, they could truly strengthen the bonds between citizens and government."

Streib and fellow researcher John Clayton Thomas, chair of the Department of Public Administration and Urban Studies in the Andrew Young School, developed the survey to find out what types of people are visiting government sites and for what reasons. The poll, conducted in January and February by the Applied Research Center at Georgia State, consisted of a random telephone survey of 827 adults.

Nearly half of Georgia's Web users - 45 percent - who have visited government sites have done so for work-related reasons, the most common of which were to obtain tax information (40 percent of respondents), learn about licensing and permitting requirements (33 percent), apply for jobs (24 percent), or express an opinion on an issue (19 percent). About 9 percent were to register a complaint.

Sixty-eight percent of Georgia's Web users who have visited government web sites have done so for personal reasons. The reasons given for personal visits did not differ much from job-related ones, with information on taxes (38 percent of respondents), licensing/permitting (29 percent) and jobs (22 percent) again topping the list. Twenty percent of personal visits were to express an opinion on an issue, and 15 percent were to register a complaint.

User satisfaction with government sites is high, the survey indicated. Nearly three-quarters of Georgians who visited government sites - 73 percent - rated the quality of the sites

as good or excellent. Sixty-two percent of respondents rated the sites' "user friendliness" as good or excellent, while 82 percent gave a high rating to the usefulness of the sites' information.

Despite the high ratings, Streib believes that many governments could do much to make their Web sites more useful tools.

"For example, they could keep people more informed of what's going on by e-mailing updates to those who want news on specified areas of interest, such as issues affecting their particular communities," Streib said. "More sites need to facilitate direct communication between government officials and citizens, so that people feel more engaged in the democratic process."

Applied Research Center monitors public pulse

The Andrew Young School's Applied Research Center conducts a quarterly survey of Georgians, known as the Georgia State Poll, to record respondents' opinions on a variety of policy issues, as well as gauge approval ratings for elected officials.

The center also occasionally conducts national polls, said survey director Charlotte Steeh.

Clients include the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services, the Georgia Department of Human Resources, the Georgia Board of Regents, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, the City of Atlanta, the Georgia Department of Transportation, and the Alaska Department of Commerce and Economic Development.

The center uses a number of research methods to gather data, including computer-assisted telephone interviewing, computer-aided personal interviewing, face-to-face interviews, focus groups, and mail and Web surveys.

The Internet is increasingly becoming an important venue for polling - particularly since about 50 percent of homes now have answering machines, cellular phones or caller-identification equipment that can thwart attempts to capture random samples.

"With the popularity of computers, I think the future of poll sampling will be conducted via Web sites," Steeh said.

RELATED READING: More on the Applied Research Center research and evaluations on various topics, including education, public policy, transportation, pre-kindergarten programs and welfare reform.

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Policy Research

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Researchers rally support to improve children's lives

UPS gift spurs analysis of kids' welfare in Georgia

Researchers in the Andrew Young School's Georgia Health Policy Center spent last year identifying critical challenges facing the state's children - and now they're rallying legislators, government officials, school administrators and other policy makers to address the problems and improve kids' lives.

Advancing children's welfare in Georgia requires solid research, the support of the state's leaders and, naturally, money, researchers say.

"We've worked hard to get this information into the hands of legislators, heads of agencies and programs, advocacy groups and other groups that care about children's policy in Georgia," said Jennifer Edwards, director of children's health evaluations for the Georgia Health Policy Center and chief researcher for the center's new Child Policy Initiative. "We need to get the attention of people who make decisions and to let them know we're a resource."

The Andrew Young School last year received a $250,000, two-year grant from The UPS Foundation, the charitable arm of United Parcel Service, to support children's policy research. The school will use the funding to study "kinship" care, dental-health access, child care, children with special health-care needs and school health - five areas that researchers say are the state's most pressing child-welfare problems. For example:

- In homes where children are in the primary care of a relative other than their parents ("kinship" care), research indicates that families face problems with access to health care, financial resources and secure custody status. The Child Policy Initiative has identified a strategy used in 19 states to support grandparents raising grandchildren, and other relatives raising children. Policy experts now are inviting legislators, state officials and others to meet and consider how Georgia might implement a similar policy to

meet the needs of up to 28,000 kinship-care families living in poverty, and as many as 37,000 kinship-care families living above poverty but without legal custody, statewide.

- Low-income children often receive inadequate dental care, leading to tooth decay, pain and disruptions in eating, speaking and paying attention in school. The National Governors Association has selected Georgia as one of eight states participating in a workshop this summer to identify and implement solutions. The Andrew Young School's child policy experts are providing data and analysis about Georgia and serving as the state's delegation leaders.

- Accredited day-care facilities provide spaces for only about 7 percent of Georgia's pre-schoolers who need paid child care. And even if quality child care were available, many of the state's 170,000 low-income families with pre-school-age kids wouldn't be able to afford it, policy researchers say. The Child Policy Initiative plans to produce three reports in the coming months that make the case for a greater public and private commitment to child care in Georgia. They include a benchmark report comparing access, quality and public policies in Georgia to neighboring and similarly sized states; an economic impact study of the benefits of child care; and a preliminary evaluation of pilot programs passed by the Georgia General Assembly this year.

- Children with special health-care needs incur enormous costs and use services from many state agencies with little coordination or accountability. Among children with special health care needs, severely emotionally disturbed children face some of the greatest barriers to appropriate care. The Child Policy Initiative is working with several state agencies and child-care providers to describe systematic problems and identify best practices for Georgia.

- Lack of resources has forced many school districts to rely on unlicensed health personnel to help take care of sick children. The Child Policy Initiative recently completed a survey of school superintendents about the impact of increased state funding on their schools' health programs.

The long-term goal is to create a continuing program of research and policy development on behalf of Georgia's children, said Andrew Young School Dean Roy Bahl.

"We feel very good about emphasizing this area of policy research because there are few issues that are more important than the welfare of children at risk," Bahl said. "We are so grateful to UPS for helping us take up this cause."

RELATED READING: Read more on individual Child Policy Initiative briefs on kinship care, dental care, child care, special

needs and school health, plus see the results of a survey of school superintendents on improving school health.

Photo above: **STANDING UP FOR KIDS**: Jennifer Edwards, chief researcher for the Andrew Young School's new Child Policy Initiative, shares a smile with her two sons, Dylan, 5, and Liam, 2. The UPS Foundation recently granted the school $250,000 to support children's policy research.

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Andrew Young School advances to top 10 in two U.S. News ranking categories

Georgia State University's Andrew Young School of Policy Studies ranks in the top 10 graduate programs nationally in the categories of public finance/budgeting and city management/urban policy, according to U.S. News and World Report's 2001 issue of *America's Best Graduate Schools*.

"That is a real tribute to the super group of faculty and research associates we have put together here."

- *Roy Bahl*
Andrew Young School dean

The widely anticipated college rankings guide lists Georgia State as 6th nationally in the area of public finance/budgeting, up from 11th in 1998, the last time such programs were rated. In city management/urban policy - a key academic discipline for the downtown Atlanta research university - Georgia State moved up to 7th-ranked from 16th.

Georgia State is listed as 31st overall among the 108 ranked graduate schools in public affairs, up from 36th in 1998.

Georgia State's graduate programs in various public-affairs disciplines and economics are housed in the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, which was formed in 1996.

"We moved up significantly in every category in which we were ranked since the school's inception," said Andrew Young School Dean Roy Bahl. "That is a real tribute to the super group of faculty and research associates we have put together here. When our reputation catches up to our quality, I think we will be a top 10 school in every category."

Only 16 policy schools in public universities were ranked higher overall than the Andrew Young School, he noted.

Bahl attributed the rankings leap in the public finance area to significant research, outreach and teaching. The Andrew Young School has advised several state governors and legislatures on tax reform; conducted training programs in public finance in more than 40 countries; and developed a strong course concentration in budgeting and taxation. Graduates have obtained jobs in state and federal government offices, and also have been hired as faculty members at other universities nationally and internationally.

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Environmental Policy Program devises Georgia's first water auction

Andrew Young School economists worked with state officials to devise the water allocation program, which allows farmers with surface-water irrigation permits to bid a per-acre price for removing land from irrigation. A March auction drew bids ranging from $135 to $200 per acre, officials said. The resulting 33,000 dry acres will save about 130 million gallons of water per day.

As part of a policy plan to deal with the state's water shortage, Georgia officials will pay nearly 200 farmers about $4.5 million to keep them from watering their crops for the rest of the year.

The auction meant farmers could set their own prices rather than receiving a state-mandated amount, said Susan Laury, assistant professor of economics in the Andrew Young School's Environmental Policy Program.

Laury, along with Environmental Policy Program Director Ron Cummings and other staffers, designed and helped administer the auction, and organized the eight sites where the bidding took place.

"Considering that nothing like this had ever been done in this country before, I believe the auction was a great success," said Harold F. Reheis, director of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

The auction was a project of both the Environmental Policy Program and the fledgling Flint River Regional Water Planning and Policy Center, established last year by the Andrew Young School and Albany State University. The center is designed to address water-allocation issues and educate students on ways to identify fair policy solutions.

The center gives south Georgia farmers and other stakeholders a vehicle to discuss water allocation issues with water negotiators and legislative leaders, said center Director Jerry Usry.

"Georgia's first water auction was tangible evidence of how our efforts can help the state," he said.

The Flint River watershed's lower basin is Georgia's breadbasket, where food and fiber production and processing have a multibillion-dollar impact. For years, the region's dwindling water resources have been at the forefront of debate between officials in Georgia, Florida and Alabama.

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Andrew Young School & Robinson College receive $5 million for South African econ growth center

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The U.S. Agency for International Development recently awarded a $5 million grant to Georgia State University to create a business-training and skills-development institute in Sub-Saharan Africa.

CENTER OF BUSINESS: Georgia State University and University of Pretoria officials signed an agreement May 3 to establish the Ronald H. Brown Institute, a business-training and skills-development center in Sub-Saharan Africa. Pictured, left to right, are H. Fenwick Huss, associate dean of Georgia State's Robinson College of Business; Roy Bahl, dean of the Andrew Young School; Ron Henry, Georgia State provost and vice president of academic affairs; Johan van Zyl, vice-chancellor and principal of the University of Pretoria; Chabani Manganyi, advisor to the principal; and Sibusiso Vil-Nkomo, University of Pretoria dean of economic and management sciences.

Named for the late U.S. Secretary of Commerce, the goal of the Ronald H. Brown Institute is to contribute to private-sector-led economic growth in Africa by strengthening the skills of people already in business and providing training to other individuals, especially students, aspiring to enter the business world.

Georgia State's Andrew Young School of Policy Studies and Robinson College of Business are leading a consortium of U.S. and South African institutions to undertake the project. Principal partners include the University of Pretoria and its faculty of economics and management sciences and the Center for Scientific and Industrial Research. The institute will be located on the campus of the University of Pretoria, strategically situated in the business-innovation hub created by the University of Pretoria, the CSIR and the Gauteng Provincial Government.

"We welcome this collaboration with Georgia State University," said Sibusiso Vil-Nkomo, dean of the faculty of economic and management sciences at the University of Pretoria. "In addition to the workshops, seminars and internships, the faculty of management sciences and CSIR will endeavor to establish business incubators that will be used for the benefit of Sub-

Saharan Africa participants in the Ron H. Brown Institute."

The University of Venda, located in the rural northern province of South Africa, and Albany State University, located in southwest Georgia and home to the Ronald H. Brown International Trade Center, will host workshops focusing on agri-business promotion. The institute will offer internships in American and African companies, women's mentorship programs, and fellowships for study at Georgia State. Internships will focus on sectors critical to growth in Sub-Saharan Africa, including science and technology, tourism, mining, international trade, finance, information technology, and research and development. By the end of the project, 250 participants - 30 percent of whom will be women - are expected to have completed the internship program.

Four participants in the Ronald H. Brown Fellows Program will undertake a year of post-graduate study and mentorship at Georgia State University. The institute also will offer seminars and workshops, assist with the development of business plans, identify business-financing options, and promote business-to-business relationships.

"Because of the tremendous development challenges and the vast economic potential, there is no more fitting place for Georgia State University to expand its educational outreach than to the nations of Africa," said former U.S. Ambassador John Hicks, now director of international studies at Georgia State.

The Andrew Young School will provide expertise in public finance, taxation and international fiscal/economic reform, emphasizing public-sector policies designed to promote a thriving private sector.

"Entrepreneurs cannot succeed if they don't understand the economic environment in which they work, and those who regulate the economy must appreciate the challenges of entrepreneurship," said Andrew Young School Dean Roy Bahl. "Economics is a very important part of the work of this institute."

The Robinson College of Business will contribute its resources in technology (information systems), hospitality, business-to-business development and promotion, business incubation, entrepreneurship, research, and strategic planning.

The project's co-directors are Bahl and H. Fenwick Huss, associate dean of the Robinson College of Business.

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Students Today

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Mix of economics and policy draws international students

The Andrew Young School's unusual combination of economic theory and empirical analysis, broadly applied to public policy, has been largely responsible for attracting students from 35 countries to study in Atlanta, faculty members say.

"We're involved actively in giving policy advice to many countries, like Russia," said Felix Rioja, assistant professor of economics. "The Fiscal Research Center gives policy advice on tax, budgeting, growth, urban sprawl, health and education issues. We have the Environmental Policy Program that gives advice on water issues. All these elements are not typical for economics departments."

The Andrew Young School has recruited graduate students from Albania to Zimbabwe. Eighteen students representing nine countries entered the school's doctoral programs last year, and about 18 percent of the school's graduate students are from countries other than the United States. A number of students are funded through various international scholarship programs, including the Edmund S. Muskie and Freedom Support Act Fellowship Program of American Councils for International Education, the U.S. Agency for International Development's Mandela Scholarship program and the Russian/U.S. Young Leadership Fellows for Public Service programs of the International Research and Exchanges Board.

Nearly all of the students plan to return home after graduation to work in fields they hope will improve conditions in their homelands.

A native of Nigeria, Femi Alao is pursuing a doctoral degree in economics and works part-time as a health economist for the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control.

Alao

This fall, she will begin a post-doctoral fellowship in the CDC's Division of Reproductive Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

"I want to go back to Nigeria to see my family, but I don't necessarily want to stay there," said Alao. "I want to work in different countries in Africa and apply what I've learned here."

A sampling of other international students follows:

- Ki-Whan Choi worked as a researcher for the Korea Institute of Industrial Research, the Korea Institute for Human Settlements and the Korea Cultural Policy Institute before entering the Andrew Young School's Ph.D. program in economics last year. Choi's research interests include environmental and resource economics.

- Bo Han, a former account assistant for Motorola, received his undergraduate and master's degrees from Nankai University in China before being accepted to the Andrew Young School's joint doctoral program in public policy with Georgia Tech. His research interests are public finance, policy implementation and program evaluation.

- Eunice Heredia is completing her second year of study toward a Ph.D. in economics. A graduate of East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania, Heredia received a scholarship from the Institute of International Education. She hopes to return to her native Bolivia to work in the area of economic reform, with an emphasis on international and public finance.

Heredia

- Paul Kagundu, a former banking officer and sales representative in Kampala, Uganda, plans to return to Uganda to teach and contribute to the government's ongoing development efforts after receiving his Ph.D. in economics.

- Percy Moleke worked for South Africa's Human Sciences Research Council before being selected as a Mandela Scholar and accepted into the Andrew Young School's master's program in economics. She plans to return to her work in the labor-market analysis section of the council upon graduation.

Moleke

- Ant Veysel, a Turkey native who received a Fulbright scholarship to attend Georgia State as a master's student in finance, now is pursuing a doctorate in economics at the Andrew Young School and plans to eventually teach and conduct research on development economies.

- Velma Zahirovic-Herbert worked as a translator and field assistant for Doctors of the World and the International Rescue Committee in her home country, Bosnia-Herzegovina, before moving to the United States. Now a doctoral student in economics, Zahirovic-Herbert's research interests include the impact of immigration on the U.S. economy and various aspects of refugees as an immigrant group.

One of the main proponents of the school's international student-recruitment efforts is former U.S. Ambassador Andrew Young himself.

"Preparing these bright young people to be policy advisors for their home countries is how we are going to help level the playing field between rich and poor nations," Young said.

Young, who also serves as public affairs professor of policy studies at the Andrew Young School, initiated a scholarship in 1998 aimed at helping international students continue their studies here. The scholarship, through the Georgia State University Foundation, honors Young's wife and is known as the Carolyn McClain Young Scholarship.

Student News

Human resource development major **Ashlee Anderson** recently completed an internship in United Cerebral Palsy's human resources department. Anderson's duties included fingerprinting, compiling new employee packets, maintaining confidential personnel records, and recruiting and processing employees.

Undergraduate economics majors **Esteban Balseca**, **Rosalind Clarke** and **Talisha Searcy** recently were awarded American Economic Association Summer Minority Scholarships. The AEA's Summer Minority Program, offered at the University of Colorado at Denver, is a nationally-recognized effort to promote the numbers and success of talented minorities in graduate economics and other quantitative social sciences. Balseca was the only sophomore to win the award this year.

Economics doctoral student **Jim Barnhart** has accepted a position as an economist for the U.S. Agency for International Development in Jordan.

Economics doctoral student **Grant Black** attended "Policy and Data Issues of the Scientific Workforce," organized by the National Bureau of Economic Research and the Sloan Foundation, in March in Washington, D.C.

Pete Curry, a student in the master of science in urban policy studies program, recently completed an internship with the DeKalb County Board of Health.

Sheila Fehrenbach, a doctoral student in the Andrew Young School's joint Ph.D. program in public policy with Georgia Tech, wrote "Initiation of Beta-Blocker Therapy After AMI in a Managed Care Population," scheduled to be published in the August issue of The American Journal of Managed Care.

Verdell Hawkins, a student in the master of public administration program with a specialization in planning and economic development, recently completed an internship with the City of Smyrna, working closely with the city's community-relations director. Hawkins' main role was to serve as assistant coordinator of Smyrna's Study Circles Project, a nationally recognized program designed to promote community involvement in city governance and economic development.

Kathryn Lookofsky, a student in the master of public administration program, recently worked as an intern at Capitol Impact, an online service that tracks political and governmental

affairs in Georgia.

Public-policy doctoral student **David B. Rein** wrote "Public STD Program Interaction with Managed Care: A National Overview," accepted for publication in Sexually Transmitted Diseases.

Economics doctoral student **Darmen K. Zhumadil** begins a two-year appointment as associate drug control officer with the United Nation's International Narcotics Control Board, based in Vienna, Austria, beginning in July. His duties will include performing economic and statistical analysis of the demand and supply of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, and the chemicals used in their production, in an effort to assist governments in complying with multilateral conventions. Zhumadil plans to graduate this fall.

Photo above: **POSING WITH A CHAMP**
Graduate economics students Javier Arze and Vuyelwa Vumendlini greeted heavyweight boxing champion Evander Holyfield (second from left) during Andrew Young's 69th birthday gala in March.

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Alumni Today

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Kristy Buchanan (master of public administration, '01) has accepted a position as a program evaluator in the U.S. General Accounting Office.

Former Mandela Fellow **Gabriel Disenyana** (master of arts in economics, '00) has been named deputy director/research manager, regional economic relations, for the South African Trade and Industry Department.

Kevin Fillion (master of public administration, '95) recently was promoted to director of the Budgetary Responsibility Oversight Committee of the Georgia General Assembly. The committee was created in 1993 to provide policy and program evaluation and analysis to Georgia legislators.

French

Ronni French (bachelor's in urban policy studies, '87) joined the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies as the director of development in February. French founded the Atlanta Downtown Partnership, a private nonprofit organization designed to improve and market the city's downtown. She also is involved in Leadership Atlanta and Kiwanis International, and serves on the boards of the Wren's Nest, Atlanta's Inn for Children, Sweet Auburn Curb Market and the Atlanta International Museum of Art and Design.

Joseph F. Hacker (master's in urban policy studies, '89) recently accepted a position as senior transportation planner with the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission.

Mary Kassis (Ph.D. in economics, '99) has accepted a position as assistant professor of economics at West Georgia University.

Marshall Lawson (master of public administration, '01) is a research analyst with the Georgia Department of Community Health's Division of Health Planning. Lawson formerly served as an intern in the division's planning and data management section.

Former Mandela Fellow **Veronica Mafoko** (master of arts in economics, '00) has accepted a position with the South African Department of Public Enterprises.

Kathleen Mahoney (bachelor's in economics, '98; master of arts in economics, '00) has received a Ph.D. program fellowship at

Ohio State University. She plans to spend the summer working in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area in Minnesota.

Sherry Okun (bachelor's in economics, '99), a student in the master of arts in economics program, is planning to pursue a Ph.D. in economics at the University of California-Davis. She's currently a research assistant at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

Joe Timmerman (Ph.D. in economics, '98) recently accepted a faculty position at the State University of New York at Potsdam.

Alumna wins Georgia State's Torch of Peace award

Andrew Young School of Policy Studies alumna Juliette Tyler received this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Torch of Peace Award for her work in promoting positive race relations at Georgia State University.

The award is presented annually to a student, faculty or staff member by the university's Office of Diversity Education Programs.

Tyler, 24, who received a bachelor's degree in urban policy studies in December, credited her civic awareness to her parents.

"I want to thank everyone who thought I deserved this, including my parents," Tyler said. "They're the ones who supported me, and made me more aware and tolerant of racial diversity."

During her years as a student, Tyler wrote urban-policy reports while working as an intern; studied how people of various races can live and work together; and volunteered with several nonprofit organizations.

Let us know where you are! If you have a degree from Georgia State in public administration, economics, urban policy studies or other programs now offered by the Andrew Young School, we want to hear from you! Fill out and return the enclosed "Alumni News" portion of the envelope inside this newsletter to:

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Photo above: Several Andrew Young School alumni gathered at the American Economic Association meetings in January in New Orleans. Pictured left to right are ***Richard Hawkins*** *(Ph.D. in economics, '96),* ***Bob McNab*** *(Ph.D. in economics, '01),* ***Brett Katzman*** *(bachelor's in economics, '91),* ***Roger Tutterow*** *(master of arts in economics, '88, Ph.D. in economics, '90), and* ***Carol Robinson Scotton****, (Ph.D. in economics, '00).*

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Awards/honors/grants

Gary Henry (Applied Research Center) and Steve A. Harkreader recently won a Joseph S. Wholey Distinguished Scholarship Award for "Using Performance Measurement Systems for Assessing the Merit and Worth of Reforms," American Journal of Evaluation, Vol. 21, Issue 2, 151-170.

James Ledbetter, James P. Cooney Jr. and Glenn Landers (Georgia Health Policy Center) acted as consultants on Georgia Public Television's two "Final Choices" documentaries on dying which recently won a first-place National Headliner Award for public service by television stations. The Press Club of Atlantic City has given the National Headliner Awards for 67 years. "Final Choices: Valley of the Shadow" and "Final Choices: Changing the Culture" explore end-of-life choices made by the terminally ill concerning treatment, quality of life and legal issues. Georgia Public Television produced the documentaries last year in conjunction with the Georgia Collaborative to Improve End-Of-Life Care.

Ross Rubenstein (public administration & urban studies/educational policy studies), along with colleagues Leanna Stiefel and Amy Ellen Schwartz of New York University and Jeffrey Zabel of Tufts University, were awarded a three-year, $650,000 grant from the U.S. Dept. of Education's Office of Educational Research and Improvement to conduct a study designed to investigate the best available methods of measuring school performance and identify factors contributing to high performance.

Recent presentations

Lloyd Nigro (public administration & urban studies), a co-authored paper on civil service reform in Georgia state government at the National Conference of the American Society for Public Administration in March in Newark, N.J. He also received the Public Administration Review 2000 Editors' Choice Award for service on the journal's board of editors. Nigro and colleague J.Edward Kellough of the University of Georgia have two articles on Georgia civil-service reform forthcoming in the Review of Public Personnel Administration.

Laura Taylor (economics), "New Evidence on the Value of a Statistical Life," Columbia Earth Institute's Environmental Economics Seminar Series, April 30 at Columbia University in New York.

On the Go

Jim Alm, chair of the Department of Economics, and **Jamie Boex**, senior research fellow for the International Studies Program,

traveled to Awka and Abuja, Nigeria, in October to advise the Anambra state government on fiscal policy and management issues. Boex also visited Budapest, Hungary, in February, where he participated in the World Bank Institute's fiscal decentralization workshop, and Lilongwe, Malawi, in December and March as a team leader for a study on intergovernmental fiscal transfers.

Dean Roy Bahl recently advised the governments of Indonesia and South Africa on fiscal policies and lectured at universities in both countries.

Jorge Martinez-Vazquez, director of the International Studies Program, visited China in December to evaluate fiscal reforms at the subnational level on behalf of the World Bank. He also traveled to Indonesia to advise on intergovernmental finance issues for the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Economics professor Paula Stephan was an invited speaker at the International Symposium on Bioinformatics and Genomics in January at the National Science Seminar Complex, Indian Institute of Science Campus, Bangalore, India, and was an invited participant at the NPR Net Workshop on Science Policy May 2-4 in Paris.

New publications

James P. Cooney Jr., Glenn Landers and **Julianna Williams** (Georgia Health Policy Center), "Rough Passages for Long-Term Care," in the January issue of Long-Term Care Interface.

The Andrew Young School's Fiscal Research Program recently published the following reports: "A Single-Factor Sales Apportionment Formula in the State of Georgia: Issues and Consequences," by Kelly Edmiston (economics); "Impact of the 1996 Summer Olympic Games on Employment and Wages in Georgia," by Julie Hotchkiss and Robert Moore (economics), along with economics doctoral student **Stephanie Zobay**; "Estimates of the Effects of Education and Training on Earnings," by **William Smith** (Fiscal Research Program); "Trends in Corporate Income Tax Receipts," by Sally Wallace (Fiscal Research Program); and "School Flexibility and Accountability," by Ben Scafidi (economics), **Catherine Freeman** (Fiscal Research Program) and colleague Stanley DeJarnett of Morgan County Schools.

Bruce Kaufman (economics) and James Bennett, editors., The Future of Private Sector Unionism in the United States, M.E. Sharpe, forthcoming in 2001.

Greg Lewis (public administration & urban studies), with Pablo Alonso, "Public Service Motivation and Job Performance: Evidence from the Federal Sector," forthcoming in American Review of Public Administration; "Barriers to Security Clearances for Gay Men and Lesbians: Fear of Blackmail or Fear of Homosexuals?," forthcoming in Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory; and, with Arthur C. Brooks (public administration & urban studies/economics), "Enhancing Policy Models with Exploratory Analysis," forthcoming in Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory.

Christine Roch (public administration & urban studies), with Robert

Howard, "Policy Change and the State Courts: The Case of Education Finance Reform," forthcoming in The Justice System Journal.

Ross Rubenstein (public administration & urban studies/educational policy studies) and Gary Henry (Applied Research Center), "Paying for Grades: Impacts of Merit-Based Financial Aid on Educational Quality," accepted for publication in the Journal of Policy Analysis and Management.

David Van Slyke (public administration & urban studies), with Norma M. Riccucci, a book chapter, "The Politicized Administrative Environment: Public Administration in the United States" forthcoming in Comparative Administrative Systems; and, with Sue Faerman and David P. McCaffrey, a paper, "Understanding Interorganizational Cooperation: Public-Private Cooperation in Regulating Financial Market Innovation," forthcoming in Organization Science.

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Friends Today - Holyfield gift funds doctoral assistantship

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Ph.D. candidate Angela Blair Hutchinson of Atlanta is the first beneficiary of an assistantship made possible by a $25,000 gift to the Andrew Young School from Marietta pediatrician Janice Holyfield.

Dr. Holyfield's gift was the largest donation by an individual to the Andrew Young School during its recent fund-raising gala to honor Young's 69th birthday. The Holyfield gift is expected to fund research assistantships this year and next, said Andrew Young School Development Director Ronni French. The gala raised a total of $1.2 million from corporate and individual sponsors.

Hutchinson, who is enrolled in the joint doctoral program in public policy offered by the Andrew Young School and Georgia Tech, was named Ph.D. Student of the Year in 2000. A health-policy researcher, she recently served as U.S. project director for a 10-country study that reviewed the use of technologies to reduce the need for donated blood. Data from the study has been published in several journals and a book, Alternative Approaches to Human Blood Resources in Clinical Practice.

For the academic year 2001-2002, Hutchinson will carry the title "Holyfield Scholar."

Photo above: Ph.D. candidate Angela Blair Hutchinson (right) is the first beneficiary of a research assistantship made possible by a $25,000 gift to the Andrew Young School from Marietta pediatrician Janice Holyfield (left).

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Happy Birthday Andrew Young

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It was a celebration that meshed the serious and the sublime.

A foreign policy symposium featuring former U.S. President Bill Clinton, a gala fund-raiser that drew celebrities and government leaders from around the country and world, and, finally, the naming of Andrew Young International Boulevard in downtown Atlanta comprised a weekend of events recognizing the former U.S. ambassador's 69th birthday in March.

More than 1,500 friends paid tribute to the work of Young, a preacher, former Atlanta mayor and lifelong civil-rights advocate during a birthday party at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta. The event raised $1.2 million for the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. The money will be used for scholarships.

Special guests included Georgia Gov. Roy Barnes, Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell, Georgia State University President Carl Patton and scores of national and international dignitaries.
"Ambassador Young decided this could be a fund-raiser for the school, and because of that, but really because of him, people contributed," said Andrew Young School Dean Roy Bahl. "The community turned out in force, and they sent him a signal on how much they value him."

FESTIVITIES HONOR CIVIL-RIGHTS ICON

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER
Comedian and activist Dick Gregory, former Spelman College President Dr. Johnetta Cole and Dr. Walter Young, Ambassador Andrew Young's brother, sparkle at a dinner gala honoring Andrew Young's public-service career.

BEDAZZLED
Dr. James Howard and former Andrew Young associate Dianne Wisner enjoy the culmination of more than a year of event planning. Wisner was the co-chair of the fund-raising gala that netted $1.2 million for the Andrew Young School.

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GEORGIA ON THEIR MINDS
Singer Ray Charles (left), Georgia Lottery Corp. President and Chief Executive Officer Rebecca Paul and Andrew Young share a laugh at the dinner gala.

A WORLDLY GIFT
Former U.S. Ambassador Andrew Young presents the Hon. William J. Clinton with a globe as a token of appreciation for his visit.

FRONT-ROW VIEW
Sports figures, Hollywood stars, political leaders, students and faculty packed Ebenezer Baptist Church March 9 to listen to an informal foreign-policy discussion between the Hon. William J. Clinton, former U.S. Ambassador Andrew Young and Andrew Young School Dean Roy Bahl. Pictured left to right are Young's wife and Andrew Young School advisory board member Carolyn Young; son Andrew Young III; daughter Paula Young; Andrew Young School advisory board member Billye Aaron and husband, baseball great Hank Aaron; the Rev. Jesse Jackson; Nigerian First Lady Chief Stella Obasanjo; and Coretta Scott King, wife of the late legendary civil-rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

The Hon. William J. Clinton

MEETING THE PRESIDENT
Ambassador Andrew Young and former U.S. President William J. Clinton pose for a photo with Andrew Young School advisory board chairman Paul Rosser (right), his wife, Sally, and their daughter, Carey.

Former U.S. President Bill Clinton chats with his administration's AIDS czar, Sandy Thurmond.

Dr. John Maguire, an Andrew Young School advisory board member, was accompanied to the gala by daughter Anne King Turner and grandson Andrew Turner.

IN PERFECT HARMONY
Coca-Cola Foundation Chairwoman Ingrid Saunders Jones (third from left) and guests join hands for a musical tribute to Andrew Young.

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YOUNG FRIEND
Coca-Cola Foundation Chairwoman Ingrid Saunders Jones (right) poses with Carolyn and Andrew Young. Jones is the founding member of the Andrew Young School's advisory board.

Poet Dr. Maya Angelou

The Hon. Roy Barnes,
Governor, the State of Georgia

PACKED HOUSE: More than 1,900 people gathered at Ebenezer Baptist Church near downtown Atlanta for a foreign policy symposium featuring the Hon. William J. Clinton and former U.S. Ambassador Andrew Young.

BLACK-TIE CHAT
Entertainer Harry Belafonte and the Rev. Jesse Jacksonconverse during the party.

VISITING DIGNITARIES
Nigerian First Lady Chief Stella Obasanjo dines with Chevron board chairman David O'Reilly.

Georgia State University President Carl V. Patton

Actress Cicely Tyson

SPECIAL GUESTS
Andrew Young School advisory board member Katie Lincoln and guest Dave Nangle of Gainesville, Ga., wish Ambassador Andrew Young a happy birthday.

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SIGN OF THE TIMES: Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell (holding rope) unveils the newly named Andrew Young International Boulevard in downtown Atlanta with members of the Atlanta City Council.

James P. Kelly, chairman and chief executive officer of Atlanta-based United Parcel Service Inc., joined other special guests at the Andrew Young birthday gala.UPS is a major benefactor of the Andrew Young School.

MEET THE PRESS
Mrs. Andrew Young, a member of the Andrew Young School advisory board, is interviewed by the Nigerian media.

Ambassador Andrew Young at podium

LAYING THE GROUNDWORK: Volunteers Aaron Turpeau and Sally McDaniels plan the dinner seating arrangement.

HONORING A FELLOW GEORGIAN
U.S. Sen. Max Cleland (D-Georgia) and Nancy Ross were

among the 1,600 guests attending the combination birthday party and fund-raiser.

REWARDING GOOD WORKS
Tom Carroll (right), regional vice president of Tiffany & Co. jewelers, shown here with Andrew Young School Dean Roy Bahl, displays the newly minted Andrew Young Medal for Capitalism and Social Progress. The medal was presented to the Hon. William J. Clinton during the Andrew Young birthday festivities. The medal was designed and given to the school by Tiffany & Co.

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