



## Emeriti welcomes Dr. Becker to Georgia State University



Georgia State Emeriti and guests welcomed Mark P. Becker at the Winter Emeriti Lecture and Lunch held March 12 at the Rialto Center for the Arts. Dr. Becker, GSU's 7<sup>th</sup> president, centered his remarks on the role of the Emeriti Association in the future of Georgia State, while highlighting campus academic and student growth.

Recruiting locally has proven successful. Applications are up 25%. Additional campus housing (350 bed freshman dormitory and 145 bed facility for Greek organizations) comes at a time when students are attracted to universities located in large cities. The new Parker H. Petit Science Park will house research, nursing, health and life science faculty as well as serve as a magnet for attracting new companies to Georgia.



Georgia State University has also drawn the attention of local, state and national media, including the New York Times and ESPN, regarding the establishment of our football team. Dr. Becker mentioned having been in Washington recently where legislators asked "is Georgia State really going to have football?"



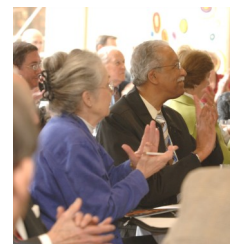
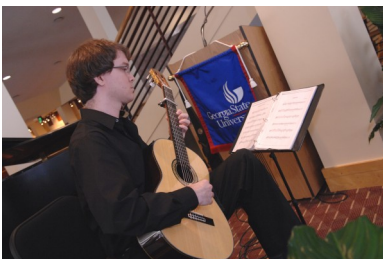
Emphasizing the importance of the University's need to stay connected, President Becker characterized Emeriti as "a growth company" with "talent, wisdom and experience". The need for his support was delineated via a story about a former colleague at the University of South Carolina who was "ready to retire but not quit". Becker went on to share his role and the importance "of engaging in conversation when the new Provost comes on board this summer".



Dr. Becker encouraged Emeriti at the luncheon to explore web sites of similar organizations (UCLA, PLATO) that engage faculty in academic ways and challenge the mind. In welcoming words that opened the luncheon, Roger Miller (Emeriti 08-09 Chair) encouraged attendees to go to the new Georgia State University Emeriti website developed by Lorene Pilcher, Harry Dangel and Teresa Kibler.

After the Lunch and Lecture, Emeriti were offered the opportunity for a guided tour behind the scenes of the main stage of the Rialto Center for the Arts.

*By Jan Towslee-Collier, COE 1972-1998*



The purpose of the Emeriti Organization is to provide retired emeriti faculty an opportunity to continue intellectual, creative and social engagement with other retired and active faculty. All retirees awarded the Emeriti status are automatically members of the Association. There are no membership fees attached. For a complete list of the benefits you have as a member of the Emeriti Association, please go to [www.gsu.edu/emeriti/](http://www.gsu.edu/emeriti/) or contact Teresa Kibler at 404-413-3409 or [tkibler@gsu.edu](mailto:tkibler@gsu.edu)

## From the Chair's Desk



The Emeriti Association got off to a good start in 2009. First, Georgia State University sponsored the St. Valentine's Lunch with Bill and Carolyn Curry as our motivational speakers. In March, the new president of Georgia State University, Dr. Mark Becker, took time from his extremely busy schedule to give us his vision for Georgia State and how Emeriti can be of service to the University. On April 14<sup>th</sup>, Karen Loch accepted our invitation to speak to the Association on the "U.S. - China Relationship: Why it must succeed and the pitfalls along the way" at our Spring Seminar. Several other events are under consideration for the fall.

The Association is on the same fiscal year as the University and effective July 1<sup>st</sup>; Dr. David Ewert will assume the responsibilities as Chair of the Coordinating Committee. In that regard, he is working diligently on scheduling events that all of us will be interested in attending. Please email him at [dewert@gsu.edu](mailto:dewert@gsu.edu) if you have suggestions. Dave will also be pursuing new initiatives suggested by Dr. Becker in his remarks to the Emeriti.

In the coming months a member of the Emeriti Coordinating Committee may contact you about joining the committee. Our objective is to have representation from each of the Colleges in the University. With that representation, the committee should be able to plan events that will have widespread interest. If you are contacted, please give consideration to accepting the invitation. You have been discussed by the committee and it is our opinion that you would enjoy working with the other members of the committee and could make valuable input to the decisions made by the committee.

## Welcome New Emeriti members

Former colleagues have become colleagues again in retirement. We welcome them as members of the Emeriti Association of Georgia State University:

**Dr. Samuel Deitz, COE, Psychology**

**Dr. Wayne Urban, COE, Policy Studies**

**Dr. Judith Wold, H&HS, Nursing**



The Board of Regents conferred to Dr. Carl Patton, the title of President Emeritus in March 2009. Dr. Patton was Georgia State's President from July 1992 until his retirement in June 2008. Congratulations and welcome to the Emeriti Association of Georgia State University.

## Georgia State University Emeriti on the go....



**Dr. Luciano L'Abate**, Psychology, was the recipient of the 2009 American Psychological Association Award for Distinguished Contributions to Applied Research. The nomination letter focused on his work on "distance writing" and the production and publication of dozens of written, self-help, interactive practice exercises, i.e., workbooks, in mental health with research attesting to their cost-effectiveness and applicability to prevention and treatment of mental illness and the life-long promotion of mental health for children and their families, individual adults, couples, and families. Many of these exercises are linked to an evaluation matching a specific exercise for a specific condition. Congratulations Dr. L'Abate !

**Dr. Curt Sears**, Chemistry Department. Since retiring from GSU in 2000 Dr. Sears serves as a part-time Program Director at the National Science Foundation in Arlington Virginia. After a 19 month assignment, he returned home in November 2008 with a new appointment starting in March 2009. Dr. Curtis is also responsible for training his Division of 8 to 10 incoming rotational Faculty Program Directors in science, mathematics and engineering, who are on leave from their college or university for two years to serve at NSF. The rotational program provides a constant flow of information about new directions in the disciplines and maintains a stream of information back to the institutions about the grant programs' activities and opportunities. Our congratulations to Dr. Sears !



**Dr. Charles Williams**, Computer Information Systems. Dr. Williams started racewalking in 2005 when a recurrent knee injury took him out of competitive running. In 2007, after intense training, Dr. Williams started winning racewalking medals in the 74-79 age-group at the National level. In 2008, Dr. Williams won a Bronze Medal in the 10K at the USA Track & Field National Masters Outdoor Championships in Spokane, WA followed by a Gold Medal in the 10K and a Silver Medal in the 5K at the North, Central American & Caribbean World Masters Track & Field Championships in Clermont, FL. Dr. Williams says, "I've found racewalking to be incredibly challenging, but I'm enjoying myself." Way to go Dr. Williams .

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## 2009 Saint Valentine's Emeriti Lunch: A new tradition has started

By Dr. John Cook, Professor Emeritus J. Mack Robinson College of Business.

Emeriti and their guests began registering on Thursday, February 12, at 11:00 a.m. with the background of live Jazz music. Each was given a complimentary CD by the Georgia State University Jazz Band and a 2009 Commemorative Calendar Celebrating 100 Years of Johnny Mercer. Assembling in the Senate Salon of the Student Center, members were able to visit with colleagues from years past and also enjoy fresh fruit and beverages. There was the opportunity for each emeritus to have a new picture taken for the GSU records. At noon, a delicious three course meal was served as we sat at tables of eight thus enabling pleasant conversation.

As we finished our desserts, Dr. Carolyn Curry, wife of Football Head Coach Bill Curry, entertained us with a talk relating many humorous incidents in their married life. She emphasized the great significance that GSU had on her life, enabling her to obtain her Ph.D degree part time while she was fully engaged in other endeavors. Coach Curry followed with an enlightening talk giving us insight into his philosophy about sports being an important, but not dominating, aspect of higher education. He believes that athletes who participate in sports learn, among other things, to have a respect for all, even though they may come from widely varying backgrounds.

The meeting ended with numerous door prizes given to those whose names were drawn. Among the prizes were the beautiful red and white floral arrangements that were center pieces on each of the dining tables.

### *The St. Valentine's Reception in your own words...*

Dr. Barbara Ray, AYSPS: "We had such a good cross-section of emeriti and guests attending. A really excellent program by the Currys, fine food, photography session, conversation, and so much more."

Dr. Robert Elrod, RCB: "Absolutely delightful. Had a ball. Thirty (+) years of memories. Great to see my old comrades in arms. Let's do it again. Thanks you so much for bringing this together."

Dr. Stan Smith, RCB: "Congratulations on a very enjoyable and successful luncheon. The tables were abuzz with positive comments. Everyone had a good time."



## New Emeriti Website: Check it out!

At last we have a beautiful new website. You will be very proud when you see it. Teresa, with the help of other University resources and a few emeriti, is the person to be thanked. She planned, organized and worked diligently to accomplish this task.

To take a look, use the following directions: 1. Go to the GSU webpage ([www.gsu.edu](http://www.gsu.edu)). 2. On the Search line, type in Emeriti and click on "go." 3. The Emeriti page appears. Simply click on the first topic "Georgia State University – Emeriti Association of Georgia State. That takes you on an unbelievable adventure. You will notice on that page a list of seven topics in the top left corner. After you have explored a bit (check the photos on the News tab), **please click on the Survey tab.**

**Why is the survey important?** The survey is designed to give you an opportunity to express your opinions about the activities of the Emeriti Association. You can complete the survey right on the web. It's that easy. The Emeriti Association frequently communicates with its members by e-mail and we will send the survey by email as well.

If your e-mail address is unknown or out of date, you will not receive these communications. Please email Teresa at [tkibler@gsu.edu](mailto:tkibler@gsu.edu) to start receiving email information. If you prefer the old-fashioned way, call Teresa at 404-413-3409, she will mail the survey and an envelope. Simply complete the survey, stuff it in the envelope, and drop it in the mailbox.

## Calendar

The Emeriti Committee meets every second Wednesday of the month. To be part of the committee, please contact rogermiller7@juno.com.

For events information contact: tkibler@gsu.edu or go to our Emeriti web site, under the Events Tab.

**April 14** The US-China Relationship  
Speaker: Karen Lock

**May 9** Commencement Ceremony

**May 13** Emeriti Committee Meeting

## Personal Updates We need your emails

For any changes on address, telephone number or email address please contact Teresa Kibler at tkibler@gsu.edu 404-413-3409.



Photo of Dr. Marion L. Kuntz and Dr. Edwin Gorsuch at the Emeriti St. Valentine's Lunch.

To see the Emeriti pictorial, please go to the News Tab at the Emeriti website at <http://www.gsu.edu/emeriti/>

## Emeriti around Georgia State University...

### Mescon teaches Policy Leadership Course at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies

By Bill Doerr, Director of Development AYSPS

Dr. Michael Mescon, Dean Emeritus Robinson College, has been the driving force behind an exciting course offered through the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. *Public Policy Leadership* is currently being offered this semester for the third time, and now has nearly 120 students registered.



What has made the course so successful in resonating with students is the high profile guests brought in to share their experiences. Dr. Mescon and co-professor Harvey Newman have used their extensive contacts in the Atlanta community to bring in leaders from the public, private and nonprofit sectors.

Mescon has enjoyed returning to the classroom after a hiatus and is excited about sharing with undergraduates. "We're bringing in folks with credibility – people who have 'done it,'" he says.

Mescon recently received notes of appreciation from two students who had completed the course and raved about its value in the "real world." What made the notes interesting is that one was received from a student from Alpharetta, and the other was from a student from a developing nation in Africa.

Recent and scheduled guest lecturers include: Andrew Young, former UN Ambassador; Alicia Philipp, Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta; Maria Saporta, former *AJC* journalist; Glenn Richardson, GA General Assembly; Jack Guynn, Federal Reserve Bank; and Gregg Paradies, The Paradies Shops.

For information, go to:

<http://aysps.gsu.edu/news/briefing/spring02/privateenterprise.htm>

## In Memory

Acknowledging our Emeriti who have passed away and their many contributions to Georgia State University and beyond.

**Dr. James Franklin Brown, Sr., Professor Emeritus Psychology**, 76 years of age, died Thursday, December 11, 2008. Dr. Brown was born in Toccoa, GA to the late Bernard M. and Georgia Pritchett Brown. He was a graduate of Georgia State University, receiving his Bachelors Degree in Business in 1960, his Master's Degree in 1968 and his Ph.D. in 1976. He was on the faculty at Georgia State University from 1966 until his retirement in 2004. Dr. Brown was a member of the alumni association, Delta Sigma Phi Business Fraternity, the Board of Trustees at King's Bridge and Clairmont Place, and a deacon and Sunday school teacher at Briarcliff Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Stanford Brown and grandson, Jonathan Brunson. Survivors include: one son: James F. Brown, Jr. and his wife, Cynthia Briscoe Brown of Atlanta; daughters; Amy Brown Hibbert and her husband George W. Hibbert III of Stone Mountain; Laura Brown Brunson and her husband Michael H. Brunson of Sandy Springs; grandchildren; Caroline Brown, Palmer Brown, Lauren Howard, Hamilton Howard, Jacob Brunson, Jessie Brunson, and great-grandson, Alex Howard.

**Dr. John J. Klein, Professor Emeritus of Economics at Georgia State University**, died of a cerebral hemorrhage May 20, 2008. Klein, 78, of Roswell, joined the GSU faculty in 1967 and retired in 1994. During his tenure at GSU, he held various committee and administrative positions, including director of graduate economics and chairman of the University Academic Standards Committee. A graduate of Northwestern University, Klein earned his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago, where he studied under Milton S. Friedman. Klein's dissertation, "German Money and Prices," was included in Friedman's classic *Studies in the Quantity Theory of Money*. His teaching career included positions with the University of Georgia at Columbus, University of Maryland Far East Program in Korea, Oklahoma State University, and Manhattanville College and Fordham University in New York. Klein authored numerous journal articles, chaired 32 completed dissertations and wrote *Money and the Economy*, a money and banking textbook published through six editions from 1965 to 1986. Klein was a devoted husband and father. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Sylvia, as well as by his daughter, Leslie Klein Funk, his son-in-law and two granddaughters.