A message from Cheryl D. Dozier

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

This quote from President Nelson Mandela is very timely given the current economic crisis we are facing.

As you read this issue, you will see many of our successes as a campus committed to diversity and inclusion. Join me in celebrating the accomplishments of our students, staff, faculty and alums.

OID was honored to host the inaugural Diversity Summit in October “Valuing Diversity, and Committing to Inclusion in Dialogue and Practice.” This event, sponsored by the University System of Georgia, featured opening remarks by Chancellor Erroll B. Davis and our President Michael F. Adams.

The conference brought together the leadership of the thirty-five system institutions for stimulating discussions on making our Georgia public institutions more diverse and inclusive at all levels.

In January, we were honored to have as the keynote speaker at our 7th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Breakfast retired Chief Justice Thelma Wyatt Cummings Moore, the first African-American woman to serve as Chief Judge of any Superior Court in Georgia. This year’s theme was “The Power of the Dream: Where Do We Go From Here?”.

In February, OID was one of the Heritage sponsors of the UGA student chapter of the NAACP 4th annual Image Awards. The keynote speaker was UGA alum and attorney Robert L. Shannon Jr., who has served as lead or co-counsel in a wide variety of complex cases.

Freedom Breakfast celebrates Martin Luther King’s birthday

Reaching goals is no reason to slow the momentum of the civil rights struggle, retired judge Thelma Wyatt Cummings Moore told a capacity crowd at UGA’s seventh annual Freedom Breakfast on Jan. 15.

Speaking on what would have been Martin Luther King Jr.’s 81st birthday, Moore urged attendees at the event, co-sponsored by UGA, the Athens-Clarke County Unified Government and the Clarke County School District, to embrace the fight against today’s inequalities with the same tenacity that previous generations used to gain equal rights for African Americans.

Moore knows the struggle first-hand as she watched the Ku Klux Klan burn her family’s home. She went on to serve as the first woman appointed to the benches of the municipal and city courts of Atlanta.

At the breakfast, recipients of the President’s Fulfilling the Dream Awards were recognized. The awards are given annually to individuals at the university and in the community who continue the work of King’s dream through their actions. This year’s winners were Angela Denise Gay, a social worker in the Athens-Clarke County School System; Willie James, a bailiff in Athens-Clarke County Superior Court and community volunteer; and Pamela Kleiber, associate director of UGA’s Honors Program.

Freedom Breakfast participants included Provost Jere Morehead; award recipients Pamela Kleiber, Willie James and Angela Denise Gay; Matt Winston, assistant to the president; and Cheryl Dozier, associate provost for institutional diversity.

Andrew Young to speak at Mary Frances Early lecture

Andrew Young, former Atlanta mayor and U.N. ambassador, will deliver the 10th annual Mary Frances Early Lecture April 6 at 4 p.m. in the University Chapel. Young is a veteran of the Civil Rights Movement and also served three terms in Congress.

The lecture series, sponsored by UGA’s Graduate and Professional Scholars (GAPS), honors Mary Frances Early, UGA’s first African-American graduate. Earning a master’s degree in music education in 1962 and an education specialist degree in 1971, Early had a lengthy career as a music teacher and administrator in Atlanta public schools and colleges.
Student News

2009 Homecoming Queen and King juggle full schedules during senior year

Christina Swoope
Originally from Alpharetta, graduated from Northview High School. Pre-pharmacy major, pursuing a bachelor’s degree in microbiology.

UGA achievements, awards:
First African-American female drum major of UGA’s Redcoat Marching Band. Conducted research with Peach State Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation. Member of Student Alumni Council, events chair and SAC Member of the Year 2008-09. Student Government Association member and committee leader. Secretary of Russell Hall Community Council Executive Board. 2009 Presidential Scholar.

To me, the University of Georgia is...
“...one deeply rooted in its rich traditions that all the while serve as a catalyst: constantly inciting and demanding innovation, creativity and ingenuity through wisdom, justice and moderation from all who enter it. It is a challenge issued to each of us to be truly committed to excellence in all of our endeavors while striving to maintain the pride, loyalty and tradition of the Bulldog Nation.”

Darryl Tricksey
Originally from Atlanta, graduated from Southwest DeKalb High School. Pursuing a bachelor’s degree in environmental health science.

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“...a place open to endless opportunity. I can honestly say that I have had the most amazing college experience here and I have had the opportunity to lead in philanthropic activities, assist other students, participate in undergraduate research and travel. The people here are amazing, I could not imagine having a better four years.”

Latina sorority sponsors nontraditional pageant

For the last four years, the Delta Alpha chapter of Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc. has been sponsoring a nontraditional pageant on campus—Mr. and Miss Latin UGA.

As the largest fundraiser for the five-year-old sorority’s philanthropy, the pageant aims to create awareness of the Latino culture at the university. Not limited to individuals of Latino descent, contestants model their native attire and represent their country of origin. There is also a talent and interview section related to Latino culture. Winners are encouraged to participate in events hosted by the sorority.

Proceeds from the pageant support Oasis Católico Santa Rafaela, a Catholic outreach and ministry located in the Pinewood Estates North mobile home park in Athens. Along with donations from local businesses, about 50 children receive school supplies every year.

Lambda Theta Alpha is the first Latin sorority founded in the U.S. It was founded in 1975 at Kean University in New Jersey.

For more about the UGA chapter, visit www.uga.edu/cta.

Student editor passionate about making a difference

When she was three years old, Honors student and Red & Black opinions editor Yasmin Yonis and her family came to Atlanta as refugees from the civil war in Somalia. Shaped by this history, she wants to use the experiences and opportunities she has had in the U.S. to make the world better for others who are suffering or disadvantaged. Yonis, who is pursuing bachelor’s degrees in journalism and international affairs, was recently featured as an Amazing Student on the UGA homepage (www.uga.edu/amazing/yonis.html).

Through UGA’s Honors in Washington Program, Yonis interned at Voice of America, a multimedia international public broadcasting agency in Washington, D.C. this past summer. She plans to participate as a law fellow—one of only 10 selected nationally—in the University of California’s 2010 Public Policy and International Affairs Junior Summer Institute.

Yonis would like to pursue a career as a human rights lawyer, working with communities affected by poverty, violence and instability in the U.S. and African nations, including her homeland.
Student News

Disability Resource Center awards student scholarships

UGA’s Disability Resource Center held its Eighth Annual Student and Faculty Recognition Reception in early November. The program honors the contributions of DRC scholarship and award recipients and recognizes outstanding UGA faculty.

More than $31,000 in scholarship and award monies were presented to students registered with the Disability Resource Center. Chemistry instructor Richard Hubbard received the Outstanding Faculty Award. He was nominated by Woody Morgan, a junior biology major who received the Gregory Charles Johnson Scholarship.

The Disability Resource Center, a division of Student Affairs, promotes equal educational opportunities and a welcoming academic, physical and social environment for students with disabilities at the university. More: drc.uga.edu

Law School teams advance to nationals in moot court competition

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Dept head wins APA award

Rosemary Phelps, professor and department head for counseling and human development services, received the 2010 Distinguished Contributions to Education & Training Award from the American Psychological Association. The award recognizes her achievements as a scholar and educator, including the development of the Preparing Future Faculty in Psychology initiative with colleagues Kecia Thomas and Tarek Grantham. It is now a concentration in the counseling psychology Ph.D. program.

Plant prof wins diversity award

Alfredo Martinez-Espinoza, a plant pathologist and extension specialist at UGA’s Griffin Campus, has been awarded a 2009 Diversity Award from UGA’s College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences for his contributions in enhancing a positive climate for multicultural diversity. Among his efforts, he pioneered delivery of information in a bilingual format and supports a network of UGA specialists tackling Hispanic issues.

Writer inducted into Hall of Fame

Judith Ortiz Cofer, Regents’ and Franklin Professor of English and Creative Writing, is among the class of 2010 inductees into the Georgia Writers Hall of Fame, established by the UGA Libraries for past and present Georgia writers. Cofer’s novel The Line of the Sun was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. The Meaning of Consuelo and Call Me Maria have been recognized by the National Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs for authentically portraying Latinos in the U.S.

Masciadri named University Professor

World-renowned double bassist Milton Masciadri, a professor in UGA’s Hugh Hodgson School of Music, has been named a University Professor – an honor bestowed selectively on UGA faculty who have had a significant impact on the university in addition to fulfilling their normal academic responsibilities.

Masciadri was nominated for the award by colleagues in the Hodgson School of Music who noted his accomplishments on and off campus, which range from developing a robust program for double-bass students to coordinating the school’s international programs and study abroad to performing in major venues in this country and around the world.

“Professor Masciadri represents the very best of what a University of Georgia senior faculty member should be: someone who has developed an international reputation but has not lost sight of his responsibilities to his own campus and students,” said Jere Morehead, UGA senior vice president for academic affairs and provost.

Morehead got to know Masciadri years ago when, in a previous role as director of UGA’s Honors Program, he asked the Uruguay native to lead a travel study program to Uruguay and Argentina for students in the Foundation Fellows Program.

In addition to his work with the School of Music, Masciadri has been involved in the development of an interdisciplinary program in Latin American and Caribbean Studies at UGA.

Born in Montevideo, he was co-principal bassist with the Porto Alegre Symphony in Brazil at age 17, and at 19 was on the faculty at the Federal University there. He came to UGA in 1984.

A frequent soloist with major symphony orchestras, Masciadri also teaches at international music festivals and double bass conventions and appears as a judge at competitions in Europe, the U.S. and South America. His honors include being named a UNESCO Artist for Peace and receiving the Medal of Honor for academic achievements and services to the people of Brazil awarded by the Federal System of Universities in Brazil.

Georgia Museum of Art honors first African-American dean and wife

Louis Castenell, UGA’s first African-American dean, and his wife, Mae, were honored during “A Soulful Celebration,” a dinner and concert featuring the Ebenezer Baptist Church West Choir. The event was organized by the Georgia Museum of Art during Black History Month. “We were pleased to exhibit works by Athens artists John Ahee, Harold Rittenberry and Yvonne Studevan in connection with this celebration,” said museum director William Eiland.

Castenell served as dean of UGA’s College of Education for eight years, working hard to increase diversity awareness on campus. His wife is a founding member of the Athens chapter of The Links, Inc., one of the nation’s oldest and largest volunteer service organizations committed to maintaining and ensuring the cultural and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry.
Institute director studies civil rights movement and hip hop culture

Derrick Alridge, director of UGA’s Institute for African American Studies, describes himself as a member of the post-civil rights generation in a cover story in the fall issue of The Franklin Chronicle, UGA’s Franklin College of Arts and Sciences alumni magazine. He explains how his childhood experiences—entering first grade at a South Carolina elementary school just as it was being integrated—impacted his life.


Currently holding a joint appointment in UGA’s Franklin College and College of Education, Alridge is examining the civil rights movement and the post-civil rights generation that is hip hop. In his latest book, The Hip Hop Mind: An Intellectual History of the Social Consciousness of a Generation, he explores the idea of hip hop as an intellectual movement rather than merely a cultural phenomenon. The book will be published by the University of Wisconsin Press.

“What I’m finding is that many of the social ideas in hip hop are very similar to, or connected to, the civil rights movement and the black freedom struggle,” he said. “It’s interesting because we most often see very negative images of hip hop, but I want to offer a counter narrative of hip hop as a socially and politically conscious movement.”

Alridge also serves as co-director of the Foot Soldier Project with Maurice Daniels, dean of UGA’s School of Social Work. The documentary research project chronicles the lives and stories of unsung civil rights activists, which ties into Alridge’s mission to illuminate the long history of the black freedom struggle.

To read the full profile, visit www.franklin.uga.edu/news/chronicle/fall09/Alridge.pdf.

Prof’s science textbook inspired Malawi teen to ‘harness the wind’

Using Energy, an 8th grade science textbook written by UGA science education professor Mary M. Atwater, inspired and guided 14-year-old William Kamkwamba’s quest to build a windmill that provided electricity to his family and village for the first time during one of the worst droughts in Malawi, Africa eight years ago. When Kamkwamba dropped out of school because his family couldn’t pay the tuition, he spent his days at the library, where Atwater’s textbook with photographs of windmills caught his eye. With the book as a guide, he built a windmill that generated enough electricity to power four light bulbs and two radios.

Atwater had the opportunity to meet Kamkwamba, now 22, at a reception hosted by the American Institute of Research and the International Book Bank in Washington, D.C. last fall. His autobiography, The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind, co-written by former Associated Press correspondent Bryan Mealer, was released in the U.S. at that time.

Atwater was inspired when she read the book. “I found a fantastic story come to life about his vision and commitment to provide his family electricity with a windmill,” she said.

Assoc dean of social work named

Jerome Schiele, professor and director of the Ph.D. social work program at Morgan State University in Baltimore, has joined the UGA faculty as associate dean in the School of Social Work. He is responsible for leadership and oversight of the academic and instructional programs.

Schiele’s research and teaching interests focus on social welfare history, social policy analysis and social work theory.

Prof appointed associate editor

Su-i Hou, an associate professor of health promotion and behavior, was appointed to serve as an associate editor for the book and media review department of Health Promotion Practice, an official journal published by the Society of Public Health Education. It is devoted to the practical application of health promotion and education. Hou’s research interests include cancer screening education and promotion, HIV prevention, and evaluation of health programs.

Potier joins advisory council

Des Potier, associate director of admissions for diversity recruitment and access, has been invited to join the advisory council for the new high school that KIPP Atlanta is planning to open in 2011. He will join other members of the community to plan for this addition to the KIPP (Knowledge Is Power Program) model. KIPP is a national network of free, open-enrollment, college-preparatory public schools with a track record of preparing students in underserved communities for success in college and in life. KIPP currently operates four middle schools in the Atlanta area.
Alumni News

Burgess kicks off Morton Theatre centennial

Tituss Burgess (BA ’01) presented a one-man show at the Morton Theatre in Athens in February to kick off the year-long centennial celebration of the historic venue. Burgess was introduced by Gregory Broughton, with whom he studied voice at UGA. He entertained an enthusiastic audience with jazz standards and numbers from his Broadway shows, recounting backstage stories in between.

Burgess was recently seen as Nicely Nicely Johnson in the Broadway revival of “Guys and Dolls” and performed “Sit Down, You’re Rockin’ the Boat” at last year’s Tony Awards. He also originated the role of Sebastian the Crab in the Broadway production of Disney’s “The Little Mermaid” and was a member of the original Broadway casts of “Jersey Boys” and “Good Vibrations.”

The Morton Building, built by “Pink” Morton in 1910 and now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, housed offices of many black businesses as well as the Morton Theatre, a major entertainment facility for the black community, in the early 20th century.

Calhoun is ‘man in the middle’ of music and entertainment industries

Bryan Calhoun (BBA ’92) turns up just about everywhere in the music industry. He manages Kanye West’s web site. His innovative software product, Music Business Toolbox, teaches independent musicians and record labels how to make money. And he’s a vice president for Washington, D.C.-based SoundExchange, which collects and dispenses nearly $200 million annually in digital music royalties.

Calhoun has come a long way from the days when he was a disc jockey at UGA’s campus radio station WUOG and shared some of his insights with students in UGA’s Terry College of Business during a recent campus visit. He was also on the fall cover of Terry Magazine, the college’s alumni magazine: www.terry.uga.edu/alumni/magazine.

Recent graduate participates in White House Internship Program

International affairs graduate Jheison Romain (AB ’09) was among a group of 120 interns from across the nation who participated in the White House Internship Program last fall. He interned in the Office of Public Engagement and Inter-governmental Affairs, which is focused on providing direct open dialogue between the public and administration as well as building relationships with advocacy groups, non-governmental groups and state officials.

Romain is currently a press assistant to Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY). He plans to return to graduate school after working for a few years in D.C.

Phillips lectures at UGA

Karen Phillips (BLA ’75), a fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects, spoke to students in UGA’s College of Environment and Design in January. Her lecture, “Making a Difference in the Environment,” focused on the professional practice of city planning, urban revitalization and cultural preservation in landscape architecture. A member of the New York City Planning Commission and founder, president and CEO of the Abyssinian Development Corporation, Phillips has dedicated her career to transforming economically distressed urban areas.

Reporter wins diversity award

Amanda Woodruff (ABJ ’09), former news reporter for The Red & Black student newspaper, placed first in the diversity story category of the 2009 Associated Collegiate Press contest. Her story highlighted minority women at UGA, focusing on students, faculty, recruitment and support found on campus. While at UGA, Woodruff served in several leadership roles in the UGA chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists. She is currently the news editor for The Santiago Times, a Chilean English-language newspaper that covers human rights, culture and politics.

Fraternity celebrates 50 years

Eta Iota Lambda, the Athens alumni chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, commemorated the group’s 50th anniversary during a week-long celebration in mid-December. Alpha Phi Alpha is the nation’s oldest intercollegiate African-American fraternity. Graduate students and professionals from the local chapter, which predated the desegregation of UGA, sponsored events highlighting the fraternity’s history. Hamilton Holmes, who was one of the first African Americans to enter UGA in 1961, was a member.

More: www.uga.edu/alpha
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litigations and in 2005, was appointed by the Georgia Supreme Court to serve on its Special Master Panel to hear attorney disciplinary cases.

Our 25th annual Holmes-Hunter Lecture was also a big hit as it featured educator Ron Clark and the students from the Ron Clark Academy at this event that honors the first two African-American students admitted to UGA.

The legal counsel who led the desegregation of UGA will be featured on April 15 when the premiere screening of the documentary, “Donald L. Hollowell: Foot Soldier for Equal Justice,” will take place at the Woodruff Arts Center in Atlanta at 6 p.m. This is a production of the Foot Soldier Project for Civil Rights Studies, an interdisciplinary research program at UGA. The late Donald L. Hollowell received an honorary degree from UGA in 2002. The venerable Atlanta lawyer’s fights to integrate UGA, register African-American voters, and combat racial discrimination made him an icon of the civil rights movement.

The premiere will be followed by a panel discussion moderated by Judge Glenda Hatchett, and panelists include Vernon E. Jordan Jr., chair of the Hollowell Professorship endowment committee; the Rev. Joseph E. Lowery, co-founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Mary Frances Early, the first African-American graduate from UGA; and Federal Judge Horace T. Ward. This event is a wonderful way to kick-off the upcoming 50th anniversary of the desegregation of UGA.

We are extremely encouraged by the bright prospects of what lies ahead and how we will achieve our goals together.

I end in the wonderful words of our first lady Michelle Obama: “Higher education isn’t just about producing good students, or…successful professionals…It’s about producing good citizens and great leaders and engaged members of our democracy.”

Out-of-the-box educator presents Holmes-Hunter Lecture

Internationally known educator Ron Clark talked about his innovative teaching methods during the 25th annual Holmes-Hunter Lecture in February, honoring Charlayne Hunter-Gault and the late Hamilton Holmes, who integrated UGA in 1961. More than 1,000 students, faculty and others packed Hodgson Hall to hear him.

Clark detailed some of the tenets of his New York Times best-selling book The Essential 55, telling the audience that teachers can inspire students to reach their full potential by setting high academic expectations, speaking openly and honestly with them, and celebrating all academic successes.

Clark puts his theories into practice at the Ron Clark Academy, an inner-city school serving students from metro Atlanta, which he co-founded with Kim Bearden (BSEd ’87). The curriculum of the privately funded institution is based on worldwide travel: students visit six of the seven continents before graduating.

During the lecture, several academy students joined Clark on stage to perform some songs they created, including “You Can Vote However You Like,” about the 2008 presidential election, which garnered them an invitation to perform at several inauguration events last year. They ended with Michael Jackson’s “Man in the Mirror,” emphasizing that real growth and change begins within.

Matthew Winston, assistant to UGA President Michael F. Adams, announced that a renewable scholarship for graduates of the Ron Clark Academy to attend UGA has been established.

Students from the Ron Clark Academy perform during the Holmes-Hunter lecture.

Giving to the Office of Institutional Diversity

A contribution to the Office of Institutional Diversity (OID) will foster the financial support of a wide variety of initiatives to address diversity at UGA. OID provides and supports programming, such as recruitment and retention efforts, diversity scholarship funding, pre-collegiate learning opportunities, and faculty and student mentoring events. If you would like to discuss ways to give, please contact our office at 706-583-8195; we will work with you to ensure your charitable giving needs are met. To find out more about giving to OID, visit our website at uga.edu/diversity/about/giving_to_diversity/.

Checks should be made payable to the Arch Foundation and on the “for” or “memo” line designated for OID. Please mail checks to:

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Upcoming Events

UGA College of Education’s Dean’s Council on Diversity Seminars
4/7: Preparing the Way: HIV/AIDS, Teachers and Education.
Seminars at noon in Room G23, Aderhold Hall. Details: 706-542-6446.

APERO Africana Brown Bag Colloquium
12:15 p.m., African American Cultural Center, 4th floor, Memorial Hall. Details: fsgiles@uga.edu.

March: Women’s History Month

Campus Workshop on Creating Safe Space
Sponsored by UGA GLOBES, Office of Institutional Diversity, Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, College of Education’s Dean’s Council on Diversity and Georgia Safe Schools Coalition, campus-wide workshop highlights ways to create safe, supportive environment for transgender colleagues. 3/16, 4:30 p.m., Ga Center for Continuing Education. Details: cwjohns@uga.edu.

Mary Frances Early Lecture. 4/6. See page 1.

University Union Lecture: Dr. Cornel West
Presentation by well-known philosopher, educator, author, critic & civil rights activist. 4/8, 7:30 p.m.
Grand Hall, Tate Student Center. Details: 706-542-6396 or union@uga.edu.

University Theatre performance: *Spunk*
Adapted for stage from three Zora Neale Hurston short stories with music by Chic Street Man.
Tickets: $15, $12 students. 4/8-4/10, 4/14-4/17, 8 p.m. 4/18, 2:30 p.m. Morton Theatre, Athens. Details: 706-542-2838 or www.drama.uga.edu.

International Street Festival 2010
4/10, noon-5 p.m., College Avenue, Athens. Details: 706-542-5867 or ugaisl@uga.edu.

Foot Soldier for Equal Justice Screening
Documentary produced by UGA’s Foot Soldier Project for Civil Rights Studies honors civil rights attorney Donald L. Hollowell with narration by Charlayne Hunter-Gault. 4/15, 6 p.m. reception, 7 p.m. screening, Woodruff Arts Center, Atlanta. RSVP: www.ssw.uga.edu.

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UGA Safe Space Program
Orientation to raise awareness & knowledge of LGBTQ issues and ways to serve as allies. 4/27. Details: www.uga.edu/safespace.

Lavender Graduation, 4/24, 2 p.m., Memorial Hall Ballroom. Details: ugalaevendergraduation@gmail.com.

Rite of Sankofa, 5/8, 7 p.m. location TBA. Details: 706-542-8468.