Featured Achievements

There were notable changes in the organization of the college during the year:

- After 15 years as a program within the Department of Philosophy, Religious Studies was established as a separate department. This is only the second Department of Religious Studies within the University System of Georgia. The unit also accepted its first group of students into its new MA program in Religious Studies. Religious Studies has been acknowledged by the Academic Common Market as one of the first truly comparative programs of religion in the Southeast.

- The Middle East Center became the Middle East Institute in January 2006, continuing to move the university to the forefront of research and teaching in this vital and growing field. This transformation will put Georgia State in position to meet the increasing need for scholars and professionals who understand the region.

- The Department Geosciences was created from the merger of the geology and geography programs. The merger allowed the programs to build on their existing strengths, including a focus on Geosciences in urban settings, particularly urban environmental studies. Both the geology and geography programs have taken advantage of their locations in downtown Atlanta to build strong reputations in that area.

- The stand-alone Department of Anthropology, which formerly included the geography program, will continue to build on its success in attracting students, having doubled the number of declared anthropology majors over the last five years.

- The college announced the creation of a new Humanities Center in April 2006. The center’s mission is to promote the broadest possible collaboration among the various humanistic disciplines in the college.
• The Humanities Center will seek to raise the regional and national profile of the humanities at Georgia State; it will facilitate efforts to solicit external grant funds that are specifically earmarked for interdisciplinary work; and it will work to establish and strengthen partnerships with local and regional organizations and institutions engaged in related work.

• Barbara Baumstark (Biology) received the Georgia Board of Regents’ Award for Teaching Excellence in November 2005 for her work with Georgia State students and her role as the director of the university’s Bio-Bus program. In May 2006, the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Undergraduate Science Division awarded Baumstark a $1.5 million grant. This award, the first ever made by HHMI to a Georgia State faculty member, includes a significant outreach component, which will go toward the support of the Bio-Bus program.

• The College of Arts and Sciences held the first-ever meeting of its Board of Visitors in February 2006. The board is a select group of alumni, parents of alumni and friends of the college. They will work together to support both specific programs and the college as a whole, and to recruit and inspire others to do the same. The new board gathered on campus for their first meeting, which included sessions with students and faculty and tours of college facilities.

• The Department of Communication’s Computer Assisted Debate program, which teaches debate skills to low-income students, was featured at a White House summit on “America Helping Youth” as a program that successfully reached at-risk high school students. The director of the program, Carol Winkler (Communication), received the President’s Award of the Atlanta Housing Authority for her outstanding service to youth living in Atlanta’s housing communities. Winkler also received the Southern Communication Association’s Community Outreach Award. Another Communication program, the urban debate initiative, provides weekly mentorship in argumentation and oral advocacy skills on the GSU campus. Every Wednesday as many as 200 metro-area high school students attend training sessions on campus.

• During 2005-06, the college continued to enhance the undergraduate Honors Program to provide resources for high ability students at Georgia State. The program welcomed its first full-time Honors lecturer to teach core courses and advise students, and inaugurated its Faculty Affiliates program to involve outstanding faculty from the various areas of the college to teach courses and help guide the program. The program had new emphases this year on preparing students to compete for postgraduate scholarships and encouraging them to participate in study abroad and exchange programs. In 2005, 117 incoming freshmen joined the Honors Program. These students had an average SAT score of 1253 and an average high school GPA of 3.62.

• A collaborative program has been established between the Department of Biology and the Georgia Aquarium, which opened in November 2005. Biology faculty members are developing educational modules for students visiting the Aquarium. The department has also begun an internship program to train undergraduate and graduate students to participate in science education and outreach programs sponsored at the Aquarium.
Toward this end, Biology has developed a Marine Biology course to prepare student interns for their work, although the class is not restricted to prospective interns. This program builds on an already-existing and very successful collaboration between the Department of Biology and Zoo Atlanta.

**College Honors**

**Department Honors and Ranking**

- In a national survey reported in the June 2006 issue of *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*, Georgia State’s psychology department ranked first nationally among departments of psychology in the number of bachelor’s degrees awarded to African American students in 2005.
- Chemistry continues to be ranked high nationally in M.S. degree production (usually top 25 or better) by *Chemical and Engineering News*.

**Faculty Honors**

- The College of Arts and Sciences presented the following awards to its faculty at Honors Day, 2006: Timothy J. Bartness (Biology), Outstanding Faculty Scholarship Award; Kathryn McClymond (Religious Studies), Outstanding Teaching Award; Krystyn R. Moon (History), Outstanding Junior Faculty Award; Maria P. Gindhart (Art and Design), Distinguished Honors Professor Award for Excellence in Teaching.
- Georgia State University recognized several College of Arts and Sciences faculty members in fiscal 2006: Cheryl Goldsleger (Art and Design), University Outstanding Faculty Achievement Award; Dwight Coleman (Music), Sparks Award from the Alumni Association for going above and beyond the call of duty; Gayle Nelson (Applied Linguistics and ESL), Instructional Innovation Award. Charles A. Gallagher (Sociology) received Georgia State University’s Torch of Peace Award for Intercultural Relations at 22nd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation.
- The University System of Georgia also recognized college faculty members in fiscal 2006: Margo Brinton (Biology) was named Regents’ Professor; Barbara Baumstark (Biology) received the Georgia Board of Regents’ Award for Teaching Excellence; and Michelle Reid (History) won the Chancellor’s Award for Collaborative Excellence.
- Yingshu Li (Computer Science) won the National Science Foundation’s Faculty Early Career Development Award. The award, formerly known as the NSF Presidential Young Investigator Award, is the NSF’s most competitive and prestigious award for young faculty in science and engineering. The award recognizes high-quality research and novel education initiatives.
- Nick Demos (Music) won the Grand Prize at the 2005 Holyoke Civic Symphony Composition Competition. The premier performance of “Waltzing Through the Endtime,” a piece composed by Demos and based on the poetry of David Bottoms (English), was named one of the top three classical performances of 2005 by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.
- Stephen Nicholson (Political Science) received the American Political Science Association’s Emerging Scholar Award in the field of Public Opinion and Voting Behavior.
• Duane M. Rumbaugh (Regent’s Professor Emeritus, Psychology and Principal Investigator at the LRC) received the Distinguished Scientist Award of the American Society of Primatologists. Rumbaugh was also honored with the D. O. Hebb Distinguished Scientific Contributions Award from the Behavioral Neuroscience and Comparative Division of the American Psychological Association.

• Mary Stuckey (Communication) received the Southern Communication Association’s Excellence in Teaching Award.

• Andrea Scarantino (Philosophy) won the 2006 Richard M. Griffith Memorial Award in philosophy from the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology.

• Susanna Greer (Biology) was appointed as a Georgia Cancer Coalition Distinguished Cancer Scientist.

• Professor Cliff Kuhn (History), appointed Distinguished Lecturer, Organization of American Historians.

• Dr. Unil Perera (Physics) was elected as a Fellow of the American Physical Society.

• Dr. McCoy (Political Science) accepted an invitation to become a Life Member of the Council on Foreign Relations

• Florence Bazzano-Nelson (Art) won the J. Paul Getty Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in the History of Arts and Humanities.

• Therese Poole and Laura Carruth (Biology) were selected to attend the National Academy’s Summer Institute Workshop and were named National Academy Institute Fellows.

• Michael Galchinsky (English) won the Rabbi Joachim Prinz Memorial Fellowship from the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives, located at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, Cincinnati campus. Galchinsky was also selected for the Brandeis University Summer Institute for Israel Studies.

• Charles A. Gallagher (Sociology) was awarded the Douglas and Marion Attaway Distinguished Faculty Fellowship in Civic Culture at Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana.

• George Beasley (Art) won the City of Atlanta’s Phoenix Award for outstanding contribution to the city of Atlanta and its citizens. Beasley also won the Recognition Award, Sloss National Historic Landmark, Birmingham, Al., for co-founding the site’s metal arts program.

• Kay Beck (Communication) received a Lifetime Achievement Award from IMAGE (Independent Media Artists of Georgia, Etc.), the nonprofit that organizes the Atlanta Film Festival.

• College faculty have been appointed to leadership positions in several professional organizations. For example, Frank Whittington (Gerontology) was named President-Elect of the Southern Gerontological Society, Gregory Jurkovic (Psychology) assumed the presidency of the International Academy of Family Psychology, Charles Derby (Biology) is serving as the President for the Association for Chemoreception Sciences and Carol Winkler (Communication) is serving as the president of the American Forensic Association, the nation’s major academic association relating to argumentation research.
Publication Awards

- Michael Bruner (Communication), associate professor, received a Top Paper award at the Southern Communication Association’s American Society for the History of Rhetoric conference in Baton Rouge. Bruner is VP-elect of the southern division of the American Society for the History of Rhetoric.

- Tim Bartness (Biology) was invited to speak at the 134th Alfred Nobel Symposium: “The Adipocyte: A Multifunctional Cell,” from Aug. 6-9, 2006, in Goteborg, Sweden.

- Alecia Long (History), The Julia Cherry Spruill Publication Prize, 2005, presented by the Southern Association of Women Historians for The Great Southern Babylon: Sex, Race, and Respectability in New Orleans, 1865-1920, for the best work published in Southern Women’s History.

- Michael J. Beran (Language Research Center) received the Brenda A. Milner Award from the American Psychological Association for the most outstanding paper published in the area of behavioral neuroscience and comparative psychology.

- An essay Mary Stuckey (Communication) co-authored with R. Morris in the American Indian Culture and Research Journal received the Distinguished Scholarship Award of the NCA International and Intercultural Division in November 2005.

Faculty Scholarship

- John Murphy (Applied Linguistics and ESL), Essentials in teaching academic oral communication (Houghton Mifflin).

- Dr. Julia Hilliard (Biology) is a co-author of the upcoming 5th edition of Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories, the standard laboratory biosafety manual sponsored and recommended by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

- Binghe Wang (Chemistry) is the editor of the highest impact pharmaceutical journal Medicinal Research Reviews.

- Lucjan Strekowski (Chemistry) is the editor for the journal Heterocyclic Communications.

- Bruner, Michael (Communication), co-editors, Market Democracy in Post-Communist Russia (Wisdom House).

- Friedman, Ted (Communication), Electric Dreams: Computers in American Culture (New York University Press).

- Grindstaff, Davin (Communication), Rhetorical Secrets: Mapping Gay Identity and Queer Resistance in Contemporary America (University of Alabama Press).

- Miller, Frank (Communication), Leading Men (Citadel Press).

- Stuckey, Mary (Communication), To Slip the Surly Bonds: Ronald Reagan’s Challenger Address (Texas A&M Press).


- Winkler, Carol (Communication), In the name of terrorism: Presidents on political violence in the post-World War II era (SUNY Press).

• Janet Gabler-Hover (English) and Robert Sattelmeyer (English), editors, *American History through Literature, 1820-1870* (Charles Scribners Sons)

• Christine Gallant (English), *Keats and Romantic Celticism* (Palgrave Macmillan Press)

• Pearl McHaney (English), editor, *Eudora Welty: Contemporary Reviews*, (Cambridge UP)

• Andrew I. Cohen (Ethics), co-editor, *Contemporary Debates in Applied Ethics*, (Blackwell Press).


• Jared Poley (History), *Decolonization in Germany: Weimar Narratives of Colonial Loss and Foreign Occupation* (Peter Lang).

• Wendy Venet (History), *A Strong-Minded Woman: The Life of Mary Livermore* (University of Massachusetts Press).


• Robert Thompson (Music), *Notes from an Apprenticeship – for Roger Reynolds on his 70th Birthday*, (Editions Peters).

• Timothy O’Keefe (Philosophy), *Epicurus on Freedom* (Cambridge University Press).

• George Rainbolt (Philosophy), *The Concept of Rights* (Springer).

• Daniel P. Franklin (Political Science), *Politics and Film: The Political Culture of Film in the United States*, (Rowman and Littlefield).

• Henry F. Carey (Political Science), co-editor, *Subcontracting Peace: The Challenges of NGO Peacebuilding* (Ashgate).


• Frank J. Whittington (Sociology), Sharon V. King (Gerontology), co-authors, *Communities of Care: Assisted Living for African American Elders* (Johns Hopkins University Press).


• A number of prominent journals are published in the College of Arts and Science, including *Five Points, Studies in the Literary Imagination, South Atlantic Review, Eudora Welty Newsletter, Journal of Advanced Composition (online version), GSU Review*. 

**Creative & Performing Arts**

Departments held a variety of creative events for the university community and the general public, including concerts, exhibitions, and readings. Additionally, they contributed their talents to recordings, films, and other works, as well as off-campus exhibitions and performances.

- The School of Music held 223 concerts and recitals over the course of the year.

- The Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design hosted 16 separate exhibits, ranging from student works to a multi-artist, multinational exhibit on the globalization of culture. For example, the Art and Design Gallery along with African American Studies, Women's Studies and the Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics put on an exhibition titled *Potentially Harmful: The Art of American Censorship*. The gallery also presented several performances and workshops along with the exhibit, including collaborations with Seven Stages Theater (Atlanta), Youth Art Connection (Atlanta), Grady High School (Atlanta), Georgia Lawyers for the Arts, IMAGE Film and Video Center, the Woodruff Arts Center (Atlanta), the National Coalition Against Censorship, and the Free Expression Policy Project.

- Programs in the Department of English sponsored a variety of events featuring poets and fiction writers. The New South's Writing Workshop, hosted by the Creative Writing program, brought three award-winning authors to campus: short story writer Aleksander Hermon, poet Wyn Cooper, and poet A.E. Stallings. *Five Points* celebrated its tenth anniversary with events in Atlanta and New York (see College Development section for more).

- Music faculty recorded or published many works during the year. For example, Stuart Gerber recorded *Percussion Elektronik* (CD 79 of the Stockhausen-Verlag Complete Edition) and *John Luther Adams: Strange and Sacred Noise* (Percussion Group Cincinnati, released on Mode records). Robert Thompson (Music), *At the Still Point of the Turning World* – Publisher: Hypnos Recordings, Portland, Oregon, USA; *Recombinant Art 01: Artists Using Kyma*. 
College filmmakers were similarly productive: Ly Bolia’s (Communication) short film, *Blame Falls*, was screened at film festivals in Boulder, Nev., San Jose, Calif., Sarasota, Fl., and Oxford, England. *Success is Mine*, a short written and directed by Bolia, was screened at the Hayden Film Festival, the Dixie Film Fest, the Urban Media Maker film festival, the 2005 NATAS, and the Moviefone Film Festival, and it received the Silver Award of the 2005 British International Amateur Film Festival. Sheldon Schiffer’s (Communication) 28-minute film, *Comeuppance*, was broadcast on the Black Family Channel in November 2005, and received juried screenings at the Spaghetti Junction Film Festival (Atlanta 2005) and the Santa Barbara African Heritage Film Series (2005). Shirlene Holmes’ (Communication) drama, *Split Tale Reflections*, has been filmed by Robert Townsend and is scheduled to air on the Black Family Channel.

Faculty Research and External Funding

For fiscal year 2006, the college received $24,179,780 in external funding, which represents 43 percent of the university total. College units received 200 grants averaging $120,899 from sources including NSF, NIH and federal departments including Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, State, and Interior.

Examples of awards beginning during the year:


Yi Pan (Computer Science), “High Performance Rough Sets Data Analysis in Data Mining,” National Science Foundation.


Robin Morris (Psychology), “Multiple-Component Remediation for Struggling Middle School Readers,” Institute of Education Sciences/Department of Education.


Zhen Huang (Chemistry), “Bacillus Anthracis Detection with RNA Microchip,” National Institute of Allergy and Infections Diseases/NIH/DHHS.


Josh Russel (English), Creative Writing Fellowship, National Endowment for the Arts.


Ke Zen (Biology) “The Mechanism of Leukocyte Detachment During Transmigration,” American Heart Association (Southeast Affiliate).


• Carol Winkler (Communication), “Milwaukee Urban Debate League,” Einhorn Family Charitable Trust.

• Kirk Elifson (Sociology), “Current Smokers: A Phenomenological Inquiry,” Emory University.

Projects Gaining Attention

• A team headed by Charles Derby (Biology) found that *Aplysia*, the common marine snail or sea slug, repels predators with chemicals that act on the nervous system to cause sensory disruption. The discovery, reported in the March 29, 2006 issue of *Current Biology*, represents the first evidence of marine animals using sensory disruption to defend themselves against predators.

• Anne Murphy (Biology) reported that anatomical differences in the brains of male and female rats may explain sex difference in the experience of pain, a finding that may eventually lead to the differential treatment of pain in men and women.

• Jeremy Crampton (Geosciences) published work exploring the political and cultural effects of improving geosurveillance technologies.

• The Center for Neighborhood and Metropolitan Studies began the Atlanta Metropolitan Growth Project, a four-year, $50,000 project funded by the Atlanta Regional Commission. Project workers will record 13 interviews each year with county and city political and civic leaders who have played important roles in shaping Atlanta’s metropolitan growth over the past 50 years. Both digital videos and typed transcripts of the interviews will be permanently archived in the Special Collections of the Georgia State University Library.

• The Digital Arts and Entertainment Lab concluded a series of major projects with Robert Townsend, the well-known actor, writer and director. Profs. Ly Bolia and Shirlene Holmes have both produced projects that are set to air on Townsend’s Black Family Channel, and Townsend will receive an honorary degree from Georgia State University in December. DAEL received $25,000 in GRA funding to bring Townsend in as a Venture Fellow in Content Creation.

• Chemistry faculty obtained or were in the process of filing seven patents over the last year.

College Development

• The College of Arts and Sciences Office of Development has had a productive year, and continues to focus on increased financial and volunteer support from our Alumni, Parents, and friends of the college, which includes our Faculty and Staff. Shortly after the close of the fiscal year, the college hired a new Director of Development, John Clark, who formerly held similar positions at the Atlanta Ballet and Atlanta Opera and will be graduating from Georgia State with a masters in English literature in the coming year.

• The College of Arts and Sciences held the first-ever meeting of its new Board of Visitors on February 21, 2006. The board, which has seven founding members, is a select group of alumni, parents of alumni and friends of the college. They will work together to support both specific
programs and the college as a whole – and to recruit and inspire others to do the same.

- The college continues to reach out to its friends in the community. For example, it publishes a monthly calendar of events, which is sent to donors and other supporters. Arts and Sciences is also preparing to launch a new web site which will have sections aimed specifically at friends of the college.

- The college held a celebration in honor of the journal *Five Points* on the occasion of its tenth anniversary with readings at the Rialto Center for the Performing Arts by authors David Bottoms, Rosellen Brown, Jennifer Haigh, Thomas Lux, and Melanie Rae Thon. The anniversary was the inaugural event in the A&S Celebrates series, and included a dinner for donors.

- In addition to unrestricted support, we are pleased to report an increase in major giving ($25,000+) in the college, and thank these donors for their generous support:
  - Margaret L. Andersen and Richard M. Rosenfeld made a pledge of $25,000 to create the Margaret L. Andersen Scholarship Endowment in Sociology. Dr. Andersen is a graduate of the Department of Sociology.
  - The Lowery Foundation pledged $150,000 to name the Bill and Billie Lowery Family Green Room in the School of Music Recital Hall.
  - Kay Retta Shirley established the Kay Retta Shirley Faculty Encouragement Fund for the School of Music through a planned gift. Dr. Shirley is a graduate from the Georgia State University College of Education.

**Expanding Global Connections**

**Africa**

- Faculty made presentations and carried out international collaborations in countries including Kenya, South Africa, Senegal, Uganda and Tanzania. College faculty and students participated in study-abroad courses in Ghana and South Africa in art, history and heritage preservation.

- Sharon King of the Gerontology Institute obtained a grant from the Coca-Cola Africa Foundation to begin a program of support for elders in Uganda and Tanzania raising their grandchildren orphaned by AIDS.

- As part of the college’s International Strategic Initiative, the Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics sponsored its first-ever international conference on “Ethics and Africa” at the university of Cape Town in South Africa. The conference covered such uniquely African issues as the war in Darfur, AIDS orphans, female circumcision, and the problems of widespread hunger and poverty.

- The Psychology Department is working on two collaborative efforts, both part of the college’s International Strategic Initiative, aimed at families affected by HIV in South Africa. Lisa Armistead is working with colleagues at the University
of Pretoria on a grant funded by National Institute of Child Health and Human Development targeting HIV-infected mothers. Lisa Armistead and Sarah Cook have started a new project with the University of Pretoria and South Africa’s Human Sciences Research Council. This project will involve interviewing 375 families over four years to examine the relationships between families and HIV.

Asia

- Faculty made presentations and carried out international collaborations in countries including China, Japan, Taiwan, Sri Lanka, Australia, Korea, and Indonesia.

- The college continued to develop programs in China as part of its International Strategic Initiative. In fall 2005, the dean lead faculty on a trip to several universities and institutes in China. At Soochow University, China the group discussed possible research collaborations and joint degree programs between the universities’ English departments, as well as the possibility of Soochow faculty coming to Georgia State for teacher training. On the same trip, scientific research collaborations were established with several other universities, including the College of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering and College of Life Sciences at Langzhou University, and the College of Biological Engineering, at Southwest Jiaotong University, in ChengDu. P.C. Tai of Biology was involved in establishing a university-wide letter of intent of collaboration with National Taiwan University, the premier university in Taiwan.

- The college initiated its first exchange programs in Asia: a new student and teacher exchange between the Department of Applied Linguistics and ESL and Daegyu University, Korea; a student exchange program between Modern and Classical Languages and Osaka Gadai University in Japan; a student exchange program between the Political Science Department and Ewha and Hanyang Universities in Seoul, Korea.

- The Physics and Astronomy Department established a joint Ph.D. program between Georgia State and the Institute for Fundamental Studies is Sri Lanka. A major international conference was held in Sri Lanka as part of this continuing collaboration.

- The College of Arts and Sciences and the Office of the Provost sponsored two economic workshops in Beijing, conducted by Leonard Ray Teel, Director of the Center for International Media Education. At the workshops, broadcast journalists and journalism students researched and wrote stories about the economic ramifications of the forthcoming 2008 Olympic Games.

- The Asian Studies Center established a consortium of Georgia-East Asia Research Schools (GEARS) along with Emory, Georgia State, and Georgia Tech, with a webpage to coordinate activities related to East Asia at the member universities.

- Asian Studies and Religious Studes co-sponsored the creation of a sand mandala, accompanied by a week-long music presentation by a group of Tibetan monks from Drepung Loseling monastery.

- Modern and Classical Languages is slated to begin teaching Korean language classes in fall 2006.
Europe

- Faculty made presentations and carried out international collaborations in countries including Finland, the Netherlands, Ireland, Switzerland, France, Spain, Britain, Poland, Russia, Germany, Italy, Belgium, and Hungary. College faculty and students participated in study abroad courses in locales including France, Germany, Spain, Britain, Italy, and Russia in such areas as philosophy, heritage preservation, art, political science, and modern and classical languages, including a new study-abroad program to Perugia, Italy.

- The English Department further developed exchange agreements with the Universidad de Málaga and the Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain.

- Denise Davidson (History) won a Fulbright grant to study in France next year.

- John Duffield (Political Science) won a German Marshall Fund of the United States grant to support research on energy security in France, Germany, and the European Union.

- Kathryn Hartgrove (Music), organized the 2006 season for La Musica Lirica, an international music festival held in Nova Feltia, Italy. Hartgrove’s duties included casting for operas, organizing an orchestra, and procuring the costumes.

- Modern and Classical Languages will offer advanced Italian in Fall 2006 for the first time in 15 years.

Middle East

- The Middle East Center became the Middle East Institute in November 2006, continuing to move the university to the forefront of research and teaching in this vital and growing field. The change from center to institute will allow it to begin developing its own bachelor’s and master’s programs.

- Faculty made presentations and carried out international collaborations in countries including Dubai, Egypt, Israel, and Azerbaijan. College faculty and students participated in study abroad courses in such locales as Egypt, Turkey, and United Arab Emirates in ancient history, art, art history, and Turkish history and culture.

- Steve Rapp and Lauren Ristvet of the Department of History initiated a new archaeological-historical project for the excavation of ancient, late antique, and medieval sites in the exclave of Naxçivan, Republic of Azerbaijan. This project will be the first joint American-Azerbaijani archaeological and historical undertaking.

- Michael Herb (Political Science) won a Fulbright grant to study in Kuwait next year.

- The Center for International Media Education held journalism training workshops at Kuwait University and at Najah University in Nablus and Birzeit University in Ramallah, both in the Palestinian Authority.

- Modern and Classical Languages, working with the Middle East Institute, offered Turkish language classes for the first time in Fall 2005. Arabic was offered through the advanced level for the first time, as was intermediate Hebrew.
North, Central and South America

- Faculty made presentations and carried out international collaborations in countries including Canada, Mexico, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Argentina, and Venezuela. College faculty and students participated in study abroad courses in locales including Mexico, Canada and Brazil.

- The Department of Applied Linguistics and ESL began a new exchange, the North American Mobility Program. The program is an agreement between Georgia State and Portland State University in America; Carleton University and the University of Manitoba in Canada; and the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico and Universidad De Las Americas, Puebla in Mexico. All participating students take an on-line intercultural communication course designed and taught by Gayle Nelson of Applied Linguistics and ESL. Nelson received the university’s Instructional Innovation award for her work.

- Cassandra White in Anthropology began a new summer study abroad program for Georgia State students, a field school in Medical Anthropology in Brazil.

Community Partnerships

- Faculty members lent their expertise to government agencies and bodies, including the Department of State, the Department of Defense’s National Security Education Program and the Government of Japan’s Exchange and Teaching Program, as part of hearings and presentations.

- As always, college faculty gave guest lectures and provided other services for the community. For example, Cliff Kuhn (History) gave a lecture on “The History of the Textile Industry in Georgia and the South” at the Bartow History Center. Kay Beck (Communication) serves on the Georgia Film Music Video Commission, appointed to the position by Governor Perdue. Tom McHaney (English) helped organize both the Decatur Book Festival and the Georgia Literary Festival in Elberton.

• Students also work as interns in a wide variety of government and nonprofit organizations. For example, Political Science undergraduates interned in the past year at U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, the Georgia State Legislature, Georgia Office of the First Lady, US Department of Health and Human Services (Office of Legal Affairs), Amnesty International, multiple political campaigns. The NEA-supported Music-in-Education program placed Georgia State music students as community-service interns in local elementary schools. Art and Design students created a web site for Central Outreach and Advocacy, a nonprofit that works with the homeless. The African American Studies Department has mandated that all majors fulfill a service learning requirement in which they volunteer a minimum of fifteen hours with a community non-profit organization. Journalism students worked on a public relations campaign with Habitat for Humanity.

• Natural sciences departments continue involvement in a number of service programs designed to help underrepresented students as well as other institutions around the state. Among these are the McNair program which provides chemistry research experience for minority students and the AMP (Atlanta Minority Project) program which helps Biology and Chemistry students and other science majors prepare for graduate school by providing fellowships. Georgia State personnel also direct the Glactone Project which enables Georgia's colleges and universities to share resources electronically. A Bridges to the Ph.D Program is under development in the Chemistry Department.

• Faculty and students in Modern and Classical Languages are increasingly serving the community as translators and interpreters. Students have served as interpreters at Grady Hospital, Home Depot and the French-American Chamber of Commerce. A graduate student, Esther Cadahia, translated the Rialto Theater’s 2006-2007 program and brochure into Spanish. Faculty member Jeremy Paden translated documents for a General Electric environmental assessment program in Rome.

• The Biology Department formed a collaborative agreement with the Georgia Aquarium. Biology faculty are developing educational modules for visiting students. The department is also developing an internship program to train undergraduate and graduate students to participate in science education and outreach programs sponsored at the Aquarium.

• The Gerontology Institute co-sponsored the Fourth Annual Georgia State University Health Fair with North Fulton Regional Hospital at the university’s Alpharetta campus on February 21, 2006. GSU Alpharetta Campus.

• Heritage Preservation students worked with the program director to produce three nominations to the National register of Historic Places for the City of Lithonia, Georgia. The students also produced two Historic Structure Reports, one on Oak Hill in Rome, Georgia, and one on the Taylor-Brawner House in Smyrna, Georgia. Finally, the students also produced Design Guidelines for the Cabbagetown Landmark District in Atlanta, which was judged by the Georgia Planning Association to be the Outstanding Student Project of 2005.
• Julia Perilla of Psychology serves as Director of El Centro: The National Latino Research Center on Domestic Violence at Georgia State. El Centro is a project of the National Latino Alliance to Eliminate Domestic Violence (a DHHS-funded national organization). Perilla also conducted a summer practicum in Colquitt County, Georgia, in which clinical and community psychology graduate students live for a week in the town of Moultrie and work directly with migrant children and their families.

• The Georgia State Gerontology Institute GrandPanther Program connects university research to elder-care communities in the Atlanta metropolitan area.

• The School of Music’s Neighborhood Music Schools program served as a community outreach program serving more than 1,000 students. Sound Learning, an NEA-sponsored partnership between the Center for Educational Partnerships in Music, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, local musicians and seven local elementary schools brought high-level music education to more than 3,000 children.

• The Psychology Clinic for Assessment, Therapy and Research sponsored four Continuing Education (CE) Workshops. These covered a broad range of clinically relevant topics and were extremely well attended by licensed psychologists from the broader community.

• The Department of Religious Studies partnered in the Harvard-initiated “Pluralism Project”—an effort to explore and to catalog the diversity of religious communities in North America. Through the project, dozens of undergraduates interviewed members of various religious communities in the Atlanta area. Their research is then preserved as part of a national database through the Pluralism Project.

• Faculty serve on a host of boards of community organizations which include: National Alliance for Radical Prison Reform; Hammonds House Galleries of African American Art; Atlanta Contemporary Art Center, American Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Institute, Atlanta Regional Commission, Center for Pan Asian Community Services, Inc., DeKalb Rape Crisis Center, Georgia Gerontology Collaborative, Hambridge Center, Metropolitan Public Art Committee, Atlanta Urban Design Commission, Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, Madison Morgan Cultural Center, Morgan County Historical Society, Eatonton-Putnam County Historical Society, Georgia Humanities Council, Georgia Gerontology Collaborative, Wren’s Nest Historic Home, Atlanta Leadership Training Program, and the Coalition to Remember 1906 Atlanta Race Riot.

• College faculty served on the boards of numerous institutes and councils including: the Academic Advisory Board to the U.S. Commission on Federal Election Reform, the National Advisory Child Health and Human Development Council, the National Association of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Unidos Dual Language Charter School.
Education Partnerships and Teacher Training

- College units and faculty organized a variety of teacher training activities this year. For example, Modern and Classical Language faculty offered a seminar to teacher-training candidates on foreign language instruction. The School of Music brought Pulitzer-Prize-winning composer Michael Colgrass to campus for a three-day institute with Atlanta-area public school music teachers. The Center for Behavioral Neuroscience offered a teacher workshop on animal behavior and the brain at Zoo Atlanta.

- Several teacher training activities addressed issues involving immigrant students. For example, Applied Linguistics faculty worked with Georgia public school teachers and administrators to improve instruction for English language learners. Art faculty developed a field program for refugee children at the Avondale school in Atlanta.

- The college developed several new programs as part of the University System’s Double the Double Initiative. For example, Computer Science used Double the Double funding to hold a summer institute for high school teachers. Modern and Classical Languages hired a professor in pedagogy to help recruit students for its teacher training concentration.

- Physics and Astronomy faculty and staff continued their significant role in developing the physical sciences portion of the State of Georgia’s new integrated science sequence for elementary and middle school education students.

- During the year, the Bio-Bus Program made 147 trips to 121 schools or groups in 21 counties and saw approximately 12,250 preK-12 students and adults. The program added two new teaching modules this year, one in Geoscience and one on Weather, bringing the list of teaching modules to 12.

- In Spring 2005, the Center for Behavioral Neuroscience organized the sixth annual Brains Rule! Neuroscience Expo at Zoo Atlanta. The event involved 200 volunteers and 10 community organizations, and attracted nearly 4,000 members of the public. The expo also included a day of activities for 90 students from the Drew Charter School. CBN also led a summer brain camp for 20 African-American middle school students in the Ben Carson Science Academy at the Morehouse School of Medicine, as well as a “Brain Camp for Kids” program at Renfroe Middle School in Decatur and The Institute on Neuroscience (ION), an 8-week summer program for high school students.

- African American Studies faculty members involved in the department’s Education Initiative delivered more than a dozen presentations to schools in Atlanta area, including Dean Rusk Elementary school, Cook Elementary School, Slater Elementary School and North Clayton High School.
Professional Conferences and Public Events

- Each year, the College of Arts and Sciences brings scholars, artists and performers to Atlanta who have made notable contributions to their fields and to society at large. The 2005-2006 College of Arts and Sciences Lecture Series featured: R.A. Mashelkar, Director General of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research in India, “India’s Emergence as a Global Innovation Hub”; Ellen Wartella, psychology professor and Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost at the University of California at Riverside, “Special Audience, Special Concern: Children and the Media”; Bruce Lawrence, professor of religion at Duke University, “Writing Terror: Osama Bin Laden as Public Villain and Media Star”; Robert Kane, professor of philosophy at University of Texas at Austin, “Are All Values Relative? Seeking Common Ethical Ground in a Pluralistic Society”; and Jeffrey Stout, professor of religion at Princeton University and president-elect of the American Academy of Religion, “The Spirit of Democracy in Dark Times.”

- Vassilios Lambropoulos, professor of Modern Greek at the University of Michigan, gave the 2005-2006 Helen Ingram Plummer lecture, “The Tragedy of Politics in N. Kazantzakis’ play Capodistria.”

- As part of its lecture series, the college sponsored a special series of events on “Natural Disasters: Reflections and Responses,” including: an interfaith panel, moderated by Andrew I. Cohen of the Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics, on “Religion, Disasters and the Problem of Suffering”; Fran Norris, research professor of psychiatry and of community and family medicine at Dartmouth College, “The Psychosocial Consequences of Disaster: What We Know, What we Should Know, and How We Study This”; and a panel of three faculty members from History, Political Science, and Sociology, discussing “New Orleans Past and Present: Social Scientists Look at Hurricanes and Cities.”

- Departments and centers brought many prominent scholars and public figures to Georgia State for lectures and symposia. Most notably, the Center for Neural Communication and Computation brought Robert Sapolsky, a professor of neurobiology at Stanford and a MacArthur “Genius’ Fellow, to speak on “Stress and Health: From Molecules to Societies.” The Department of Religious Studies brought Bruce Lawrence, professor of religion at Duke University, who is the nation’s leading scholar on Osama bin Laden. Asian Studies and Political Science co-sponsored a lecture by the newly-appointed Japanese Consul General to mark the centennial of the historic Portsmouth Treaty.

- The Center for Neural Communication and Computation sponsored the Conference on Origin and Regulation of Bursting Activity in Neurons. This meeting brought together the leading researchers in the field of dynamical systems neuroscience. It represented a cross section of math, physics, and experimental neuroscience.

- This year, the Center for Latin American and Latino/a studies organized two day-long symposia. The first, on “The Caribbean and Globalization,” brought scholars and diplomats to campus for a day-long discussion. The second, “Violence and Literacy in Colombia,” featured among its panelists poet Anabel Torres and novelist Alvaro Pineda Botero.
• The Center for Latin American and Latino/a Studies also sponsored several lectures, including one by Silvia Paternostro, a Colombian journalist who was selected by CNN/Time in 1999 as one of Latin America’s leading voices for this millennium.

• The Department of Biology in conjunction with the Molecular Basis of Disease Area of Focus and the Center for Environmental Research hosted the 4th Annual Georgia State Biotech Symposium in June. The emphasis of this year’s symposium was Applied and Environmental Microbiology and a tribute to Dr. Don Ahearn, Professor of Biology Emeritus, for his long (and continuing) productive career at Georgia State.

• College units organized a variety of professional conferences during the year. For example, African American Studies was the primary organizer of the National Council for Black Studies. Anthropology and Asian Studies co-hosted the Southeastern Conference of the Association of Asian Studies. Biology hosted the Third Annual Southeastern Regional Collaborative Access Team conference on x-ray crystallography and structural biology, as well as the South East Nerve Net meeting, an annual regional student conference. Computer Science hosted the 2006 IEEE International Conference on Granular Computing (IEEE-GrC 2006). Philosophy organized the 2006 International Society for Research on Emotions Conference. The Department of English hosted the South Atlantic Modern Language Association’s annual conference, which was attended by more than 700 scholars. History organized the annual meeting of the Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850.

Technology for Instruction and Research

• College units used Student Technology Fee awards to develop or upgrade technology-based learning environments and support other student-based technology infrastructure improvement. Examples follow:

• The English Department constructed two new usability and technical writing labs, which include twelve desktop computers and wireless access points. The department also bought laptops for the Writing Studio and added audiovisual equipment to Troy Moore Library.

• The Ernest G. Welch School of Art constructed a studio for electronically-assisted interior design, including AutoCAD instruction. The department also created a new graduate technology lab and doubled its use of the ARTstor image database for art history students.

• The Department of Biology acquired Keypad Based Classroom Participation Systems (“clickers”). These systems allow students to electronically answer teacher questions during class, increasing student participation and allowing instructors to immediately address any problems the class may have understanding the material.
Administrative and Departmental Changes

- Dona Stewart was named director of the newly-created Middle East Institute in December 2005.
- Robert Sattelmeyer (English) was appointed director of the Honors Program in January 2006 after Timothy Renick stepped down to focus on his chair responsibilities in the newly created Department of Religious Studies.
- William Downs became chair of the Department of Political Science in January 2006 following the retirement of Glenn Abney.
- Ralph Gilbert (Art and Design) was appointed Associate Dean for Fine Arts, College of Arts and Sciences in spring of 2006. Following this change, Cheryl Goldsleger was appointed director of the Ernest G. Welch School of Art and Design.
- David A. Washburn was named chair of the Department of Psychology in June 2006. He is replacing Mary Morris, who is returning to faculty.
- Carol Winkler (Communication) was named associate dean for the Humanities area following the announcement that long-time associate dean David Blumenfeld would retire in August 2006. As a consequence, David Cheshier was selected as the new chair of Communication. Cheshier was also named director of the newly-created Humanities Center in April 2006.

Progress in Assessing Institutional Effectiveness

Adoption of student learning outcomes or administrative support area outcomes

- Current student learning outcomes and assessment plans for college departments are located through the WEAVE online assessment management system (see attached annual review summary).

Implementation of new methods for assessing learning or non-academic outcomes

- Changes to procedures or curriculum based on assessment and changes in department assessment goals are recorded in detail through the WEAVE online assessment management system.

Implementation of academic program or non-academic process changes as a result of assessment evidence

- Five departments completed the academic program review process during the year (African-American Studies, English, Gerontology, Music, Sociology) and four are in the process of submitting their action plans (Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Statistics, Psychology).
• Several significant program changes occurring this year were sparked by findings from reviews during previous years. Most notably, the Department of Anthropology and Geography and the Department of Geology were reorganized into two new departments, the Department of Anthropology and the Department of Geosciences. The change became effective on January 1, 2006.

• Additionally, Middle East studies programs gained institute status during the year following college assessments of the growing need for curricular and extra-curricular offerings in this field.

Evidence of improvement in specific areas as a result of assessment-based changes in programs or process

• The achievement of departmental objectives for students for each department is reported in detail in section two of the learning outcomes assessment reports, which are currently available at the site mentioned above.

Major findings from self-studies and peer reviews as related to institutional effectiveness

• Departments completing Academic Program Review this year received a range of commitments including new tenure-track and regular faculty lines and additional graduate student support. Continuing an ongoing effort to increase the number and percentage of regular faculty positions, many new lines will be funded in part by the elimination of existing visiting positions.

• Administrative units engaged in the review process include the scheduling function, academic assistance, technology support, and research support. None of the units progressed to the action plan stage during the fiscal year.

New Programs

• Religious Studies began a new master’s degree program in religious studies. The program has been selected as an offering in the Academic Common Market – a consortium of 16 southern states geographically ranging from Texas to Delaware. The consortium recognizes degrees that are unique to the region and allows students who are residents in any of the participating states to pay in-state tuition if they enroll in a designated program.

• New emphases for the Honors program this year were increased attention to preparing students to compete for postgraduate scholarships and to participate in study abroad and exchange programs (see Featured Achievements).

• The Center for Latin American and Latino/a Studies restarted its inactive Graduate Certificate Program in Latin American Studies. Four students have begun the program.

• The Board of Regents is currently considering the Mathematics and Statistics department’s PhD proposal. If approved, the PhD in Mathematics and Statistics will initially be offered with concentrations in Biostatics and Bioinformatics.
• The Arts and Sciences faculty approved the creation of a BA degree in Applied Linguistics. Currently, the Applied Linguistics and English as a Second Language department offers a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies in Language Studies at the undergraduate level.

Student Retention and Graduation Programs

• The college and eight college units were awarded funds as part of the chancellor’s Retention, Progression and Graduation improvement initiative. The various units will be piloting programs to help students choose the right major, improve advisement, mentor at-risk students in large section, increase the number of internships, and foster a sense of community among majors in specific disciplines.

• Even before the official university effort to improve RPG was initiated, several units were already seeking to improve their major-level advisement structure. For example, in response to the increased demands for undergraduate student advisement, an undergraduate coordinator staff position was created in the Department of Biology. Student response has been very favorable.

• Several college units offered tutoring to undergraduates, which contributed significantly to retention, especially in introductory courses. For example, Modern and Classical Languages offers extensive tutoring supported through graduate assistantships in the Language Acquisition Resource Center. Chemistry Department continues to offer for-credit, peer-led tutorial courses in Introductory, Organic, and Physical Chemistry.

• Mathematics and Statistics took several steps to improve instruction and retention in its lower division courses. The department now offers a math placement test to incoming freshmen, which has improved retention by making sure students are enrolled in the appropriate introductory course. A pilot program of redesigned College Algebra and Precalculus courses has now been expanded to all sections of those courses. The redesign has reduced DWF rates and, interestingly, reduced costs as well. Finally, the department has instituted weekly meetings for all instructors and a common final exam for all Calculus sections. The change should ensure that all sections meet the same standards for both content and assessment.

• Religious Studies offers both faculty workshops and peer mentoring programs to its majors. In the workshops, faculty discussed both career opportunities and the process of applying to graduate schools. In the peer mentoring program, as many as 40 students attended a regularly scheduled writing workshop in which, with faculty present, students read and commented on the scholarly work of their peers.

• Several units took steps to improve the quality of their graduate instruction. For example, Sociology created a new position, Teaching Associate, to help mentor graduate teaching assistants. English faculty and graduate teaching assistants produced a 160-page teaching guide that was sent to all departmental instructors and faculty. Computer Science offers a pedagogy course for its graduate teaching assistants.
• Several units engaged in activities in support of increasing diversity at the university. For example, members of the Center for Latin American and Latino/a Studies served as mentors for Latino students in conjunction with the renewed efforts by the Admissions Office to increase the number of students of that origin admitted to the University. Political Science is a core member of the American Political Science Association’s Minority Identification Project, which aims to recruit minority students to graduate programs in Political Science. The Department purchases e-mail addresses of test-takers from GRE and sends brochures to those students. Physics and Astronomy continued its 20-year, federally-funded program to recruit high school students from groups under-represented in science fields.

• The Journalism History Society continued its project of bringing back media graduates to mentor students in the current classes.

Student Organizations

• The college provided support for 43 undergraduate and graduate student organizations during the year. These organizations continue to be provide students with valuable peer support networks for their academic work and facilitate their involvement in professional development activities. Many also serve as vehicles for outreach activities. Organizations funded include:

  • Alpha Kappa Delta, Sociology
  • Alpha Psi Omega, Communication
  • American Institute of Professional Geologists
  • American Medical Student Association, Multidisciplinary
  • American Student Dental Association, Multidisciplinary
  • Association of GSU Historians, History
  • Astronomy Club, Physics and Astronomy
  • Biology Graduate Student Association, Biology
  • Black Chemists, Chemistry
  • Center for Ethics Student Forum, Philosophy
  • Communication Graduate Student Association, Communication
  • Composition and Theory Organization, School of Music
  • ESL Graduate Student Association, Applied Linguistics and ESL
  • French Club, Modern and Classical Languages
  • Gamma Theta Upsilon, Anthropology and Geography
  • Geology Club, Geology
  • German Club, Modern and Classical Languages
  • Graduate English Association, English
  • Georgia State Chemistry Club, Chemistry
  • Journalism History Society, Communication
  • Music Educators National Organization, School of Music
  • Music Industry Organization, School of Music
  • Musical Theater Alliance, Communication
  • Phi Alpha Theta History, History
  • Phi Sigma Tau, Philosophy
  • Philosophy Forum, Philosophy
  • Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science
  • Political Science Graduate Student Association, Political Science
  • Pre-law Club, Political Science
Psi Chi, Psychology
Religious Studies Student Forum, Philosophy
Sankofa Society, African-American Studies
Sigma Gamma Epsilon, Earth Sciences
Sigma Iota Rho, Political Science
Sociology Club, Sociology
Spanish Club
Student Photography, Art and Design
Tri Beta Biology Club, Biology
United Nations Association, Political Science
Students Promoting Engagement and Activism through Knowledge, Women’s Studies

Georgia State’s Model United Nations team placed in the top 15 percent of delegations at the national Model United Nations competition. The national event is the largest UN simulation in the world and draws about 3,200 delegates from 245 universities, colleges and UN clubs attending from many countries.

The Model Arab League Team took first place for the third year in a row at the Southeast Regional Model Arab League Conference, competing against 18 other teams. In addition to the team award, nine delegates won individual awards, including the Outstanding Delegate Award.

The Association of Georgia State University Historians produced “Muted Riot: Atlanta, 1906,” a documentary which was selected as one of the top 15 out of 1500 entries in the Campus MovieFest/History Channel student filmmaking copetition. AGSUH also held a documentary film-making tutorial, monthly pedagogy sessions for those teaching ancient history, and peer review sessions for student writing.

The Georgia State Debate program is now ranked in the top third of national debate programs, a real accomplishment. In another first, Georgia State debaters qualified to the elimination rounds of both national debate tournaments. The program’s fall debate tournament is now among the largest five college tournaments in the country - in 2005 more than 450 participants were involved in the event - and the program annually hosts the Southeast CEDA Regional Debate Championships.

The Graduate English Association hosted its sixth annual New Voices Conference on English Studies, which was attended by graduate students from across the country. Department of English undergraduate students founded a student organization for undergraduates majoring in English.

Psi Chi sponsored four events for psychology students, including workshops on GRE preparation, writing a personal statement, and creating a convention poster. Psi Chi also co-sponsored the fifth annual Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference (PURC) with the Department of Psychology and the Social/Cognitive Psychology Program.

Art students founded a new organization, DUPA – Drawing und Painting Authority - for drawing and painting majors. DUPA sponsored a two-day Drawing Marathon involving 200 students.

Members of the Chemistry Club, affiliated with the American Chemical Society, participate in numerous volunteer activities including tutoring underprivileged children at local schools. The Club also sponsors trips to national and regional professional meetings. The National Organization for Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBCCHE) has
chartered a student chapter at Georgia State University. The Department provides office space and other support for these organizations.

- The African American Studies Department is very proud to have one of the most active student organizations on campus. The Sankofa Society sponsored a number of workshops, lectures, and community outreach programs, as well as starting a weekly a “Real Talk” student conversations series.

- The Georgia State Players has another successful season. Students organized performances that included *The Laramie Project* and *Endgame*, as well as their annual production of student-authored one-act pieces.

- The Association for Computing Machinery hosted a dozen talks by computer professionals.

- The student philosophy club and Phi Sigma Tau continued their record of activism. They held monthly pizza lunches, organized evening social events, and sponsored the annual Philosophy Student Symposium.

- S.P.E.A.K. (Students Promoting Engagement and Activism through Knowledge), the women’s studies graduate organization, sponsored a film series and held a series of professional development seminars.

- The Political Science Department sponsors a very active Pre-law Club, which meets weekly and provides programs that focus on gaining admission to law school. Admission officers from leading law schools often address the club.

- Political Science Graduate Student Association. Established in 2005, this now-chartered organization provides peer mentoring for new graduate students, conducts research colloquia for advanced students, maintains a website for the graduate program, and serves as a liaison between students and the Director of Graduate Studies.

- Pi Sigma Alpha, the national honor society for students of Political Science, sponsored a series of departmental research colloquia during the academic year.

- Students in the Mathematics and Statistics Department formed the Mathematics and Statistics Club. The club held several events, including lectures by Georgia State professors and a viewing of the film “The Proof”.

**Evidence of Student Success**

- Chris Low (History, MA) and Elizabeth Cotton (Religious Studies, BA) received highly competitive National Security Education Program grants to study Arabic overseas in the 06-07 academic year. These are the first ever NSEP grants awarded to Georgia State students (a student in the Robinson College of Business won a Boren award at the same time) and are a testament to the quality of our Arabic language program.

- Chanju Lee (Communication, BA) won the first-ever Women in Film Scholarship, which is funded by General Motors.

- Tommy Bynam (History, PhD), selected for 2006 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute on “African American Struggles for Civil Rights in the Twentieth Century,” W.E.B. Dubois Institute, Harvard University.

- Miljenko Antic (Political Science PhD, 2003) received a postdoctoral fellowship at the London School of Economics.
- Michael Ryan Slater (Religious Studies, MA) was one of seven students admitted to the PhD program in Religious Studies at Brown University. He was awarded a full fellowship to attend.

- Gary Daniels (Communication, MA alumnus), received the Georgia Historical Society’s Roger K. Warlick Local History Achievement Award for his thesis project, “Lost Worlds: Ancient Architects of Georgia.” The project, a website and CD-ROM, covers 4,000 years of Georgia’s Native American prehistory.

- Kim Huff (Communication, MA) won the Top Student Research Paper award at the Popular Culture Association of the South conference held in Jacksonville, Fla.

- Kimberly Walker (Communication, BA) won First Prize at a University of Tennessee - Chattanooga student research paper competition connected to a Symposium on Antebellum, Civil War, and the 19th Century Press.

- Bo Jin (Computer Science, PhD) won a best student paper award at the 2005 IEEE Symposium on Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology.

- Drew Phebus, David Tomashik, Mike McGreevey and Kyle Cooper (Computer Science, BA) created a project that was chosen as one of the top 30 of more than 300 entries in the Microsoft Windows Embedded Student Challenge (WESC). Only four other teams from the United States made the top 30.

- Kathy Kincer (English, MFA/Poetry) won the 2006 Agnes Scott College Writers’ Festival Competition Prize in Poetry.

- Michael Cooper (English, MFA/Fiction) won the 2006 Agnes Scott College Writers’ Festival Competition Prize in Fiction.

- KayOnna Richardson (History, BA) won the annual Lillie M. Newton Memorial Prize given by the Association of Black Women Historians.

- Pam Corley (Political Science PhD) won the Malcolm Jewell Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Paper at the 2005 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

- Michael J. Beran (Psychology PhD alumnus), received the Brenda A. Milner Award for the most outstanding published paper in behavioral neuroscience or comparative psychology from the American Psychological Association.

- Lauren A. Taglialatela (Psychology, PhD alumna) received the 2006 Richard M. Griffith Award for Psychology from the Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology.

- Emilia Adams (Political Science, MA) served as Intern at the United States Embassy in South Africa; Ms. Adams also holds the Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Graduate Fellowship.

- Chenaz Seelarbokus (Political Science PhD 2005) works in the cabinet of the Government of Mauritius.

- Ayesha Tanzeem (Religious Studies) was hired as a reporter and producer for broadcast stories on religion in Pakistan and India for the British Broadcasting Company (BBC) in London.

- Calaya Reid (PhD/Fiction), writing under her commercial fiction pseudonym Grace Octavia, has signed a two-novel contract with Kensington Books.

- Takana Miyamoto (alum, Jazz Studies) produced and composed a Koto and Piano album for koto master Junko Takeo, and produced a jazz album with Kirk Whalum.
• Sherri Larsen, recipient of the Communication department’s Woodruff Fellowship, produced a film (Found) that screened at the Moondance International Film Festival, the Humboldt International Short Film Festival, the Golden Stars Shorts Fest, and the Southern Fried Flicks Film Festival, and was the Best Experimental Short award at the Trenton Film Festival.

• Communication students made films that were screened at the Atlanta Film Festival, the Rome International Film Festival, the Southern Fried Flicks Film Festival and the Cinequest Viewer’s Voice Competition.