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## Ambassador Young Inspires Clayton State Graduates

Commencement at Clayton State University is always an inspiring event for the graduates, their families and the University's faculty and staff.

The 2012 Spring Commencement on Saturday, May 5, was, perhaps, a little more inspiring than the average, thanks to the commencement speaker, former Atlanta mayor, Ambassador Andrew Young.

Ambassador, civil rights leader, humanitarian, mayor, congressman, cabinet member, educator and an American icon, literally man who needed no introduction (although a fine one was given by Clayton State President Dr. Thomas J. Hynes), Young returned to Clayton State campus for the first time in eight years. Although very few of Saturday's graduates were present in 2004 when Young was the keynote speaker at the annual Martin

Luther King, Jr., Commemorative Event, everyone in the audience unquestionably knew of his humanitarian efforts and influence that have spanned the globe.

In speaking to a total of approximately 500 graduates and a full house of roughly 1500 at both the 9 a.m., and noon ceremonies, Young made sure no one went home uninspired, tailoring his remarks to the first ceremony (and the graduates from the College of Business, College of Health, and College of Information and Mathematical Sciences) towards opportunities and moving forward, and, in his second address (to the graduates from the College of Arts & Sciences), speaking on the theme of kindness to one another.

Although acknowledging the problems the world faces in 2012, Young stressed

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Ambassador Andrew Young

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## Dr. Mary Hollowell Awarded Fulbright Scholarship

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Clayton State University Associate Professor of Education Dr. Mary Hollowell will be returning to the People's Republic of China... as the recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship.

Hollowell's grant, a Fulbright Teaching Scholarship, is for the spring and summer of 2013. She will be teaching American Educational Policy and American Children's Literature in English to Chinese college students at a location still to be determined. Clayton State faculty members have previously earned a half dozen short-term Fulbright-Hays Grants, but this is the University's first Fulbright Teaching Scholarship.

Journeying to China from Peachtree City with Hollowell will be daughters Kate and Sophie Mei. Husband Scott Hollowell,

who has business commitments in the spring, will join the rest of the family later. The Hollowells have previously journeyed to China to adopt daughter Sophie Mei.



Dr. Mary Hollowell

"In essence, we'll be an ambassador family," says Clayton State's newest Fulbright Scholar.

Hollowell's award comes from the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship

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**Clayton State Adds a Relationship Builder**

**Kate Troelstra Named V.P. for External Relations**

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Clayton State University President Dr. Thomas J. Hynes has announced the appointment of Kate Troelstra, currently senior director of Development at Clemson University, as the next Vice President for External Relations at Clayton State.

Troelstra will start her new position on June 11, 2012, replacing Brigadier General (Ret.) Robert L. “Steve” Stephens, who will be retiring on June 30, 2012, after 10 years at Clayton State.

“Ms. Troelstra brings to us a wealth of experience in external affairs activities,” says Hynes. “Her visits to campus drew enthusiastic and positive responses from a large number of colleagues. We are excited to watch her build on the efforts in

communication and development already begun here at Clayton State University.”

As senior director of Development at Clemson she oversees prospect research, manages hiring, orientation, and professional development; prepares most reports and analysis for the campaign and reinvestment fee, and carries a portfolio of major gift prospects focused mainly in Atlanta.

A graduate of Johns Hopkins University, she began her development career there as a phonathon caller and later phonathon supervisor. Since graduation, she has been in development for more than 20 years, spending seven years in annual giving before moving into major gifts. She has experience in a wide range of fundraising

settings including liberal arts colleges, public research universities, professional schools, and independent schools.



Kate Troelstra

Throughout her career in the field, Troelstra notes that she has concentrated her efforts, not so much on fund raising, but on building relationships. At Clayton State, she will be responsible for a wide range of relationship-building functions, including the University’s Development,

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**College of Business Featured In May 2012 Issue of Georgia Trend**

Dr. Alphonso Ogbuehi, dean of the College of Business at Clayton State University, is featured in the May 2012 issue of Georgia Trend magazine. Also included in Patty Rasmussen’s “Reinventing Business Education” article are interviews with Clayton State – Fayette MBA student Jade Tate, Assistant Dean Dr. Judith Ogden, and Assistant Professor of Supply Chain John Mascaritolo.

Rasmussen’s article, which explores how MBA programs throughout the state are changing with the times, notes that one size doesn’t fit all in MBA programs, and consequently leads with a quote from Ogbuehi on the changes in business education; a not surprising approach, since Clayton State’s MBA program is designed to be flexible for the students’ convenience, and indeed prides itself on changing with the times.

Clayton State MBA program, notes that, “We certainly try to incorporate such things as ethical decision-making and leadership into our curriculum. One of the first courses taken is called ‘Communication and Leadership.’ The first management course you take in the supply chain concentration is called ‘Innovation.’ I’m not sure you would have had that in a business course 10 years ago.”

Rasmussen also reports that some of the state’s 16 MBA programs offer concentrations within their programs. That’s where Mascaritolo, the Metro Atlanta Chamber’s 2011 Supply Chain Professional of the Year, and MBA student Tate come in; as Rasmussen notes, although Clayton State’s MBA also has concentrations in accounting and international business, the University’s MBA niche is in the booming supply chain field.

“The Supply Chain MBA at (Clayton State) was the first of its kind when the program began five years ago; the unique focus was one reason the university sys-

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Read the article online at <http://www.georgiatrend.com/May-2012/Reinventing-Business-Education/>

“The Great Recession taught those involved in business education a lot,” reads Ogbuehi’s quote. “For a long time we were focused on very linear, competency-based education. The focus was on accounting, finance, how to read balance sheets, how to raise a stock price the next day. But we’ve seen a side to business education that needed to be re-emphasized, like communication skills. How do you communicate that things are tough without killing morale? That’s important.”

The concept of MBA programs being constantly re-invented is another theme of the article. Dr. Judith Ogden, director of the

## College of Business Students Are Helping Community Businesses

Students in the College of Business at Clayton State University have spent part of the spring semester working with local businesses on a variety of marketing-related projects. In the proverbial win-win situation, the Clayton State students get real-life experience, and the businesses benefit through volunteer expertise assisting their marketing efforts.

Under the aegis of marketing professor Dr. Beverly Wright, Clayton State students have assisted numerous local businesses, including; America's Natural Gas Alliance, Fayette Youth Protection Agency, Lagniappe Cafe and NuLink Communication.

Wright's Marketing Principles class recently worked with EdVenture Partners to complete a marketing campaign project for America's Natural Gas Alliance

(www.anga.us). The students were charged with developing, implementing, measuring and presenting results for a campus-wide marketing campaign with a \$3000 budget. The campaign included an advertisement in the Clayton State student newspaper, The Bent Tree, a Main Street event and a movie night. Students gave away prizes including a Wii, NetBook, Notebook, and iPad.

Through the graduate-level Decision-Making course that is a part of the MBA program, Wright directs her student groups to select a client from a list of non-profit organizations and small businesses as part of their research projects. The students develop and conduct a focus group, in-depth interviews, or a survey project for their client over the course of the semester. The final results, along with recommendations, are presented to the

clients and their constituents to help clients improve their business efforts. Recent clients include Fayette Youth Protection Agency, Lagniappe Cafe and NuLink Communication, just to name a few. Businesses wishing to access Clayton State MBA students' expertise can contact Wright at [beverlywright@clayton.edu](mailto:beverlywright@clayton.edu) to register for the program and become a client. ■

## College of Business Partnership with Fayette Chamber Continues with Partners in Education

The AACSB-accredited College of Business (COB) at Clayton State University does far more in addition to providing a first rate business education to scholars in the south metro area.

As Dean of Business Dr. Alphonso Ogbuehi likes to point out, the College of Business also specializes in partnerships with its surrounding community.

A good case in point is the partnership with the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce, a relationship wherein the dean himself takes an active role. Just last week, the nature of COB's partnership with the Fayette Chamber was illustrated during the Chamber's annual Partners in Education awards breakfast, a gathering educators and business leaders designed to celebrate outstanding efforts by the business community to

help Fayette County public schools. A joint effort of the Fayette Chamber and the Fayette County Board of Education, Partners in Education pairs the resources of business with schools that can use those resources.

Of course, no organization can give awards without judges, and that's where COB took part. Ogbuehi and colleagues Alisa Kirk, area director of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Clayton State; and Heather Chaney, program coordinator of SBDC, all served as judges for the awards.

Our partnership with the Fayette Chamber of Commerce has steadily continued to gain strength through such programs as Partners in Education," notes Ogbuehi.

Among COB's other roles in Fayette County are the MBA program cohort at the Clayton State – Fayette instructional site in Peachtree City, and SBDC's pres-

ence in Fayette County. Another recent example of that presence was SBDC's popular "Starting a Business" workshop, a comprehensive workshop on the important decisions that need to be made prior to opening a business, which was held at the Clayton State – Fayette site, 100 World Dr., Ste. 100, Peachtree City, on Mar. 22, 2012. ■

## Earth Week at Clayton State Highlighted by Art Contest and Clean Up Efforts

The recent Earth Week Celebration at Clayton State University was highlighted by an art contest, a campus clean up event and conservation efforts by and on behalf of Clayton State Dining. All of the Earth Week activities were sponsored by Sodexo and the Go Green student organization.

Approximately 20 Clayton State students participated in the campus clean up. The students spilt up into smaller groups and each group picked up trash in a designated area of the campus. The event was coordinated by the Go Green organization, but students from the Clayton State Honors Society and the Clayton State Baptist Collegiate Ministries also participated.

The results of Clayton State Dining's Think Green Celebration Recycle Art Contest were as follows:

First Place: "My Candid Camera," submitted by Aaron Panlilio (Jonesboro)  
Second Place: "Float Away," submitted by

Amber Nguyen (Morrow)  
Third Place: "Phoenix Flower," submitted by Brandon Campbell (Morrow)  
Fourth Place: "Sea Boat," submitted by Mark Morrow (Jonesboro)

The art contest was looking for the best "trash-formation." Participants were encouraged to express their artistic ability using recyclable materials to create art.

Panlilio's grand prize was a mini-fridge filled with Coca-Cola product.

Other Earth Week initiatives included; Grounds for Growth (using recycled coffee grounds for composting), the Choose To Reuse Discount (35 cents off anyone using their own travel mug for a drink), Lights Out (the Lakeside Dining Hall went without lights for a day), and PB&J Day. ■



L to R: Amber Nguyen, Sam Camp, Elizabeth Medina, Norman Godoy



1st Place: "My Candid Camera" by Aaron Panlilio (Jonesboro)

## Clayton State Celebrates National Student Employment Week

Clayton State recently celebrated National Student Employment Week.

Sponsored by the Clayton State Office of Career Services, the week was an initiative to say "thank you" to all of the students who work so diligently on campus, as well as congratulate those who work off-campus too.

"It is not an easy task balancing work and school, and we find that our students do a fantastic job," says Natasha Woodall, Career Services' coordinator of student employment.

The week's activities included cake hand-out and photos with Clayton State mascot "Loch" on Monday, a Chick-fil-A Resume Review on Wednesday, and a Thursday Pop-A-Palooza. Departments throughout the University expressed appreciation to

student workers by decorating doors or sharing cards and thank-you gifts. Students who participated in a Student Employment Week event had their names entered into a raffle drawing to receive a Best Buy gift card. The winner was Jerrod Raymond.

"As far as we know, this is the first time the University has celebrated National

Student Employment Week," says Director of Career Services Dr. Angelyn Hayes. "Students seemed to really be grateful for the recognition from the University and their departments. We look forward to honoring student employees annually."

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## Arts Page

# Phillip DePoy Leaving Clayton State To Concentrate on Literary Projects

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Clayton State University has greatly benefited over the past eight years by the presence on campus of one of the nation's foremost artistic and literary talents, Clayton State Theatre Director and Assistant Professor of Theatre Phillip DePoy.

The author of a string of highly-acclaimed plays; not one, but two mystery/detective novel series, and the much-discussed historical novel, "The King James Conspiracy," DePoy has left his mark on the University, not just through a series of compelling and entertaining productions in the Clayton State Theatre, but through the establishment of a theatre major.

Alas, as the old English proverb (which was not quoted by Brother Timon in "The King James Conspiracy") says, "All good things must come to an end." DePoy will be leaving Clayton State to concentrate on his growing number of literary efforts – he

currently has three books and two plays in the making. DePoy notes that he also has several other projects coming up that will require more time than he could give if he continues to serve as the director of the Clayton State Theatre. His last day at Clayton State was Wednesday, May 9.

"When I first came to Clayton State eight years ago, and was asked to create a theatre major, it was a monstrous truckload of fun," he says. "Inventing like, 20 new courses, finding students who would understand the unique nature of our ideas, I really loved doing it.

"As luck would have it, I've also been able to keep pace with my own work in both



Phillip DePoy

the literary and theatrical worlds -- until now."

In addition to creating the University's theatre major, DePoy also counts among his successes the professional efforts of his former students.

"It's also been pretty great to see lots of our theatre majors go on to great work after graduation," he says. "Our very first major, Brittany Loffert, runs the 14th Street

Playhouse now. Our longest-running major, Tim Hand, is a genuine performance artist. Bryan Meadows will one day run for president, and I'll vote for him -- as long as he lends me money when I need it, because he's also going to be a million-

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## Music Alumni Hitting High Notes

Two alumni of Clayton State University's Division of Music, Brent Davis (1999) and Stephen Odom (2010) have recently been in the news for significant career moves.

Bass-baritone Davis, a 1999 Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance alumnus, is singing the principal role of Masetto in the Atlanta Opera's production of Mozart's Don Giovanni.

Odom, who holds a Bachelor of Arts in Music, has been hired as part of the performance company at Sight and Sound Theatre in Branson, Mo., the largest Christian-themed theatre company in the nation.

In an email to Clayton State Director of Opera and Vocal Studies and

Coordinator of the Division of Music Dr. Kurt-Alexander Zeller, Odom wrote:

"All of the analyzing we did in your voice studio and in the opera class are really paying off because every single member of the cast digs just as deep into their characters and scenes as we did in studio and opera class. We are expected to really do our homework and I'm so thankful for my years with you at Clayton State, because without you, I would be very ill-prepared for this job. So thank you for preparing me so well to jump into the professional world of performing. I could have never anticipated how much those few years would really help me in the long run."

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## Poetry Students Attend Southern Literary Festival 2012

Clayton State University Associate Professor of English Dr. Brigitte Byrd (the University's unofficial poet laureate) recently took four of her poetry students to the Southern Literary Festival 2012, which was hosted by Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tenn.

Byrd (Fayetteville) entered poetry work by the four students; Leigh Maxwell (Atlanta), Jasmine Cason (Jonesboro), Zuri Espinoza (Forest Park) and Sebastian Lubbers (Lakeland, Fla.) to the Literary Festival's contest, an event that received submissions from students from 36 different Southern schools -- from the University of Mississippi and University of Arkansas to Piedmont College and the University of Evansville), among others.

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## Across the Campus...

### SBDC

Alisa Kirk, area director of the Clayton State University Small Business Development Center (SBDC), will be speaking for the Morrow Economic Development and Planning / Morrow Business & Tourism Association hosted Merchants Meeting on Thursday, May 17. The meeting will be held at the Morrow Conference Center at Southlake Mall and business leaders from around the Southern Crescent will be in attendance to hear Kirk's talk and also learn about what is "happening" in the area. Although Kirk's topic hasn't been closely defined as yet, she promises to speak on SBDC's services for local merchants. The program will include a "Meet and Greet" at 7:32

a.m., with the meeting and program starting at 8:03 a.m. Both will take place in the Morrow Conference Center Ballroom.

### SGA

The student body at Clayton State University has spoken, in the form of the annual elections for the officers of the Student Government Association (SGA). The results of the recently-held elections for the 2012/2013 academic year, which starts in August 2012, are as follows; President: Rasheen Hunter, Vice-President: Christian Reynolds, Treasurer: Ta-Mia McGruder, Secretary: Joshua Davis. Also elected were senators; Chelsea Brock, Aja Coney, Cassandra Henry, Jessica Malcom, Corenza Morris,

Tyniequa Mosby, Ines Nzumgang, Tevin Smith, Ronya Williams and Xavier Wilson.

### University Relations

University Relations alumnus Leigh Wills has been a planning commissioner for the city of Hernando, Miss., for the past two-and-a-half years. At the same time she is also serving as manager of the Hernando Farmers Market and as administrative assistant with the DeSoto County tourism office. Everyone who worked with Wills at Clayton State fully expects her to be running the entire county any day now.

### *Life's Transitions*

*Dennis Haught, former assistant professor of aviation maintenance at Clayton State University, passed away on Friday, May 4, 2012 at Fayette Piedmont Hospital. Dennis Haught was the husband of former Smith Staff Award winner Sandy Haught, the office manager in the Office of Facilities Management, who has herself worked at Clayton State for more than 20 years. Dennis Haught was born in Bellaire, Ohio, and was one of 13 children. He graduated from Bellaire High School. After high school he joined the Air Force and served for 22 years, retiring as a Chief Master Sergeant. He received many awards and medals during his military career. After his service, he received his master's degree in education and joined the since-disbanded AVMT program at Clayton State. There will be a private memorial service for Dennis Haught in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.*

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Alumni Relations, Image and Communications, and University Relations offices.

Prior to joining the development staff at Clemson in September 2008, Troelstra was at Providence Day School in Charlotte, N.C., for 10 years – first as associate director of Development/director of Major Gifts, and then as assistant headmaster for Development, where she was responsible for all development, alumni, and communications programs. Prior to assuming the position of assistant headmaster, she managed a significant portfolio of major gifts prospects, was responsible for all campaign events and directed all prospect and volunteer management.

Prior to her decade at Providence Day, her professional experience included managing a team of 1,500 volunteers as associate director of Annual Giving at Rutgers University and implementing a volunteer structure for both annual and major gifts as a major gifts officer at The Dickinson School of Law of The Pennsylvania State University.

Troelstra is also active in CASE, having served two terms as treasurer for District III and conference co-chair for the 2011 Joint District III/IV Conference. As a speaker she has spoken at the Summer

Institute in Educational Fundraising, District III, CASE/NAIS, CASE Newcomers in Development and CASE Campaign Strategies Conferences on topics including campaigns, volunteer management, and annual fund. In 2007, she received CASE's crystal apple for excellence in teaching.

Stephens started at Clayton State with the fall 2002 semester, serving as director of academic advisement for the College of Business, and as a visiting assistant professor. He was appointed executive assistant to then-president Dr. Thomas K., Harden in April 2005 and began serving as interim vice president of External Relations in September 2006. He was appointed vice president by Harden as of Nov. 1, 2008.

"I am daily grateful for the work that General Steve Stephens has done in leading that division for the last several years," says Hynes. "I am also grateful for the exceptional work that the search committee did to make this a most successful search." ■

## Vehicle Safety Tips... from the Clayton State Office of Public Safety

How do thieves do it? Burglarize vehicles, that is.

Many car thieves and burglars are drug addicts and/or belong to crime rings or gangs, many times working in pairs to scope out a parking garage or lot for an easy target. Still others are professional criminals and are very, very good at what they do. Frequently, one criminal will drive around a garage or parking lot; the other will walk looking for vehicles that have valuables out in the open. Most use cell phones and radios to communicate with each other to alert the other of police or a passerby.

Just like any crime, auto burglaries are a crime of opportunity. Thieves will target vehicles that are parked in dark places, away from cameras or pedestrian activity. They will peer into a vehicle and look for items left out in the open, such as portable navigation systems, cell phones, IPODs, wallets, purses and back packs. Two out of three cars usually have something of value left out in the open.

Items most commonly stolen from vehicles include; backpacks, gym bags, brief-

cases, day-planners, cash, coins, check-books and credit/debit cards, wallets and purses (out in the open or "hidden" in glove compartment or under a seat with an increasing number occurring when people are pumping gas), cell phones (and chargers), portable navigation systems.

What to do... leave nothing in "plain sight" that might make your vehicle worth "investigating" by a thief; not even loose coins or a CD.

Try to park in busy, well-traveled areas and well-lighted areas. Large anonymous lots are hit by thieves much more often than parking lots that are immediately adjacent to residential housing or other occupied buildings. Auto burglars prefer breaking into cars where they will not be observed or attract notice, and choose their targets accordingly.

In addition, one reason SUVs and pickups are common auto-burglary targets is because they don't have a trunk to hold valuables. The thieves know this, and do check glove compartments, behind seats, and under seats. It only takes a few seconds to check all the usual hiding places.

Also, if your trunk can be opened from inside your car without a key, lock this feature when you are not in your car or have it disabled.

What else can you do?

Prevention is the key!

Don't leave valuables in your car – this is what the criminal is looking for! If you leave valuable items visible in your car, your car is automatically a target. Thieves are targeting purses, laptops, GPS units and MP3 players, which are easily sold. Additionally, computers, purses and wallets are highly desired targets that are stolen to commit identity theft.

If you must leave valuable items in your car while out and about, place items out of sight before reaching your destination or move them inconspicuously. Someone may be watching when you put items under a seat or in your trunk. ■

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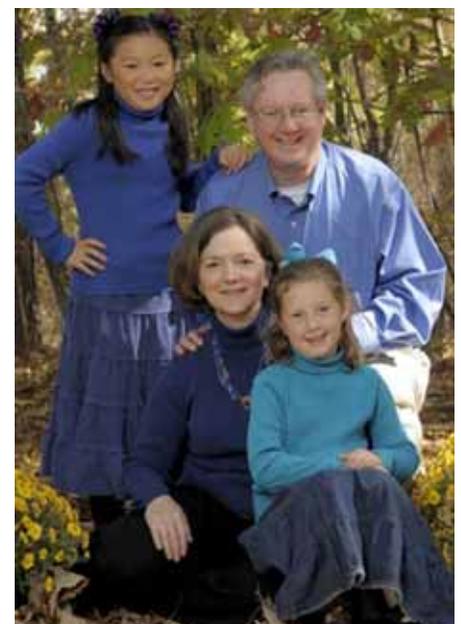
Board (FSB), the presidentially appointed 12-member board that is responsible for establishing worldwide policies for the Fulbright Program and for selection of Fulbright recipients. Hollowell's grant is made possible through funds that are appropriated annually by the U.S. Congress and, in many cases, by contributions from partner countries and/or the private sector.

"The U.S. Department of State describes the Fulbright program as, "...the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the United States Government," says Clayton State President Dr. Thomas J. Hynes. "Professor Hollowell's award recognizes her contributions as teacher and scholar, and brings praise for her and Clayton State University. We are honored that she is our colleague."

In his recommendation for Hollowell's Fulbright, Dr. Nasser Momayezi, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at Clayton State, had this to say about her professional efforts:

"Her work is excellent and stands neck-to-neck with her peers. She has taught various education courses with distinction and provided excellent service and leadership for the Department of Teacher Education, College of Arts and Sciences, and Clayton State University as a whole. She is a top-notch teacher, researcher and superb colleague who is admired by faculty, staff, and students. Dr. Hollowell will no doubt be an excellent ambassador of and wonderful addition to your internationally recognized program."

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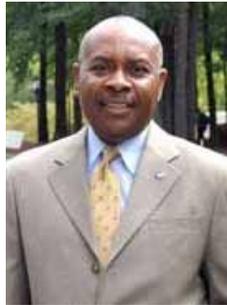


Hollowell family

## International Spotlight

# Ogbuehi to Deliver Distinguished Visiting Professor Lecture in Nigeria

Dr. Alphonso Ogbuehi, dean of the College of Business at Clayton State University, has been selected to give the Distinguished Visiting Professor Lecture at the University of Nigeria's Nsukka Alvan Ikoku College in June.



Dean Ogbuehi

Ogbuehi's lecture will be titled, "Higher Education Investment as a Catalyst for Economic Development and Wealth Creation in Developing Countries" In addition to presenting the Distinguished

Visiting Professor Lecture, Ogbuehi will be participating in series of meetings and workshops as part of a program that culminates with the lecture on June 28.

"I am truly honored by this recognition and look forward to my lecture on higher education as a catalyst for economic development and wealth creation in developing countries,"

says Ogbuehi, himself a native of Nigeria. "The University of Nigeria Nsukka is one

of the most prestigious universities in Africa."

Included among the audience members at Ogbuehi's lecture will be leaders from the state government, civic community, academics from several universities in the area, and students.

Ogbuehi also believes that his trip will afford Clayton State opportunities to explore collaborations to boost foreign student enrollment from Nigeria. ■

## Parkerson Plays Role in American Nigerian International Chamber of Commerce Trade and Investment Forum

John Parkerson, director of the Office of International Programs at Clayton State University, played a major role in last week's Trade and Investment Forum hosted by the American Nigerian International Chamber of Commerce.

The forum was held on Thursday, May 10 and Friday, May 11, at the Sheraton Atlanta, 800 Hammond Dr., Atlanta, and supported by the Nigerian Consulate Atlanta, the U.S. Embassy Commercial Services in Nigeria, the U.S Commercial Services in the United States, the Atlanta Council on International Relations, and the World Trade Center Atlanta.

Parkerson, who is also an assistant professor of business in the College of Business at Clayton State, appeared in his role as the president of World Trade Center Atlanta, and gave the welcoming address on Thursday, and participated in a panel discussion on "How to do Business in Nigeria" on Friday. The panel discussion included the forum's keynote speaker, Ambassador Geoffrey Teneilabe, the Nigerian Consul General in Atlanta. ■

## Consul of Greece Vassilios Gouloussis Speaks to Clayton State Business Class on "The Euro Crisis Revisited"

The Consul of Greece, Dr. Vassilios Gouloussis, recently visited a College of Business class at Clayton State University to lecture on "The Euro Crisis Revisited."

Gouloussis made his presentation to Associate Professor of Marketing Dr. George Nakos' International Business class. His visit to Clayton State was arranged by Clayton State Director of the

Office of International Programs John Parkerson, through his connections with the local consular corps. Parkerson is the honorary consul for Hungary for the Southeastern United States.

"We all gained a much clearer understanding of the forces that are shaping the cur-

**Consul of Greece, cont'd., p. 13**



In a photo following his visit to a Clayton State business class, Dr. Vassilios Gouloussis stands outside the Office of International Programs with a group of Clayton State faculty and students. From left to right: John Parkerson, Dr. Melanie Poudevigne, Dr. Ali Dadpay, Dr. Vassilios Gouloussis, Dr George Nakos, Clayton State international student Marie-Laure Cercelletti.

## History Class Helps Clean Up Fayette County Cemetery

Although it's not typical for college classes to meet on a Saturday, Assistant Professor of History Dr. Randall Gooden's Clayton State University History 4450 class, Introduction to Historic Preservation, did just that on Saturday, Apr. 28.

HIST4450 members Rebecca Grammer, Terrell Johnson, Mark Nadratowski, Anitrea Payne and James Woodfin weren't in the classroom, though, they were doing field work and meeting with members of the Hartford United Methodist Church and the Whitewater Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints to do maintenance work at the Hartford Church Cemetery in southern Fayette County.

According to Gooden, who is a resident of Peachtree City, the historically African-American cemetery includes graves dating back to the Reconstruction Era. During this field experience for the Clayton State students, class members met with longtime church member

Pauline Fletcher to learn about the history of the graveyard and about some of the preservation challenges the graveyard faces.

Gooden also notes that the church and the graveyard each have their own history. Although the cemetery has a Senoia post office address, it is located in Fayette

County, the original home of the Hartford United Methodist Church, which is now located in Atlanta.

"The church and cemetery are located in the ancestral area of most of the current members, rather than in the area where they now live," he notes. ■



((Upper Right) Dr. Gooden, James Woodfin, Anitrea Payne, Mark Nadratowski, Pauline Fletcher, and Terrell Johnson

## Environmental Toxicology Students Visit Atlanta EPA Office

Clayton State Associate Professor of Biology Dr. Jacqueline Jordan recently led her Environmental Toxicology students to, if not a major toxicological site, a major superfund site in downtown Atlanta.

The students were invited to visit the United State Environmental Protection Agency in Atlanta, the office being a major superfund site that controls said activities for all the southeastern United States.

"This office sets limits for exposure to air pollution, pesticides, solvents, metals, etc.," explains Jordan. "They also respond to environmental disasters in all the southeastern states."

The Clayton State students were able to discuss air and water pollution in Atlanta with several EPA officials, and to meet with the emergency response personnel to

understand how they train and response to chemical spills, explosions, oil spills, and the like. Jordan also points out that the trip also gave her students the opportunity to inquire about internships and jobs at the center.

"The students were able to link what they had learned in the classroom to real world application of environmental toxicology," she adds. ■



L to R (Front) James Webster, section chief, Emergency Response Section of U.S. EPA, Region 4; Phalla Ou; Natasha Dixon; Brion Edwards; Sheneka Williams; Brad Hill; Tim Frederick, life scientist, U.S. EPA Region 4. (Back) Dr. Jacqueline Jordan; Tomeika Hill; John Onyekaba; Beverly Hardy

## Ogbuehi New Fundraising Chair In Clayton County for United Way

United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta has announced that Clayton State University Dean of the College of Business Dr. Alphonso Ogbuehi will lead United Way's 2012/2013 fundraising efforts in Clayton County. Ogbuehi says it is important for him to get involved because it is only by coming together as a community that lives will be changed for the better.

"As an educator, there is much to be done in assuring that kids stay in school and get educated," says Ogbuehi, who came to Clayton State in 2010. "I see education as a critical pathway to economic independence and a major source of aspiration to the middle class and away from poverty. When we LIVE UNITED to help individuals and families thrive, we make communities stronger."

Ogbuehi will work alongside 2012 United Way Campaign Chair Kevin Greiner,

CEO & president of Gas South, and other officials on the Campaign Cabinet to raise millions to impact lives in the focus areas of education, income, health and homelessness.

United Way invested more than \$7 million in education networks and programs in 13 counties, including Clayton, this year to help children enter school ready to learn, avoid risky behaviors and graduate prepared for careers. Programs include tutoring, after-school programs, mentoring and other positive reinforcements.

United Way funds the Clayton County Board of Health's Hypertension and Diabetes Prevention and Care Clinic, which works with uninsured and underinsured individuals with chronic diseases. Also, United Way supports more than 115 supportive housing units in Clayton County to help people living on the street



end their homelessness and regain control of their lives.

"Alphonso is committed to the Clayton community, and he will bring new energy, ideas and relationships to the United Way campaign," says Greiner. "I look forward to working with him on the cabinet this year." ■

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tem approved the program," explains the article.

"The state is hanging its hat on [supply chain/logistics] in economic development," added Mascariolo in his interview. "And my university identified supply chain as one of its 'strategic pillars' for differentiating us from other universities."

A working mother and the holder of a B.A. in English from Clayton State, Tate

is also the owner of a convenience store in downtown Atlanta who received her MBA with the supply chain concentration on Friday, May 5.

"Whether I wanted to expand my business or work for a corporation, I needed to keep myself marketable," she told Rasmussen. "It's an excellent program for the people they're marketing to, working professionals. Most people in my cohort have full-time day jobs. It's challenging.

You have to have a certain maturity level, not just in terms of knowledge, but discipline."

To see the complete Georgia Trend article, go to <http://www.georgiatrend.com/May-2012/Reinventing-Business-Education/>. ■

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The students and Byrd also attended readings, talks, and workshops for three days as well as the keynote dinner with speaker Tina Howe, and a production of Howe's play *Pride's Crossing*, followed by a talk-back.

Byrd, who has authored three books of poetry, also had the opportunity to teach a poetry workshop at the event.

"It was my first time taking students to a conference, and I thoroughly enjoyed the

experience," she says. "It was the first conference for my four students, and I believe that they enjoyed being a part of this literary event very much. They all were excellent ambassadors for our school!" ■

(Photo at Right) Professor Byrd in the background behind her four students at the Southern Literary Festival.





Best wishes, Phillip, as you pursue your writing! We will miss you! Clayton State, keep up with Phillip's literary career at <http://www.phillipdepo.com>. His books are available online at Amazon.com and <http://www.barnesandnoble.com>.

### DePoy, cont'd. from p. 5

aire. I mean, I'm very proud of all of these students.

“(And), nearly everyone I've ever had to work with on campus has been remarkable, kind, hilarious, smart, talented -- in various combinations of all.”

Away from the Clayton State Theatre, where he has directed everything from “Hamlet the Musical” (which he wrote) to “Everything Goes, Episode One: Big Max Takes a Cab,” DePoy is the EDGAR award winning playwright of “Easy,” which represents New York's vote for best mystery play in the country. He is also an actor, director, producer, musician, composer, folklorist, historian and the author of more than a dozen novels and some 40 theatre pieces that have seen production

throughout the United States. His Dell mystery novels, featuring Atlanta character Flap Tucker, have been called the best regional detective fiction on the market today. Not coincidentally, recent reviews also call his Fever Devlin novels “the best regional fiction being written in America today.” (There seems to be a pattern there.)

“The King James Conspiracy” is a dizzying mix of historical facts and figments of the author's imagination, noted Atlanta Magazine in its review of DePoy's 11th novel.

Set in 17th-century England, “King James” story centers on a group of scholars assigned by King James I to create a definitive English translation of the Bible,

i.e., the King James Version of the Bible. This does not sit well with Pope Clement, and one of the scholars is murdered and horribly mutilated, setting into motion a stakes conspiracy that could rock the foundation of Christian beliefs. Think Irving Wallace's “The Word” crossed with Umberto Eco's “The Name of the Rose,” and you'll get an idea what DePoy hath wrought.

Over the years, Clayton State has had, and still has, many talented faulty members, not the least of whom is Assistant Professor of Theatre and Communication Shontelle Thrash. However, as his many fans and students know, there is only one Phillip DePoy, and he will be greatly missed. ■



photos by Kevin Lies

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that there is a global opportunity awaiting this year's graduates.

"You are going to make this world a better place... there is no going back," he

said. "The world is moving forward. We can only keep up with it."

Young also recalled King's words in reference to the future, and the

graduates' ties to Clayton State University.

"You will be dependent on those who come behind you," he promised. "As Martin said, 'we are all inextricably bound together.'" ■



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A well-known and respected children's advocate, Hollowell published *The Forgotten Room*, a book covering ethnographic case study of a public alternative school which highlights solitary confinement, in 2009.

Following the publication of *The Forgotten Room*, Hollowell became an advocate against solitary confinement cells in public schools, and her efforts, along with those of other child advocates, led the Georgia Department of Education to ban the practice of school seclusion on July 8, 2010.

"The *Forgotten Room* is a unique and somber story of students on parole, and it reveals what happens to them and their hardworking teachers when they are put in crumbling school buildings and overcrowded conditions," explains Hollowell.

"It's dark and gritty. I saw students threaten and assault teachers. We had lockdowns, SWAT team visits, gang fighting, drug dealing, and students on rampages, but we also had oases of peace in the classrooms of exemplary teachers."

A former public school science teacher and museum director of education, and a member of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Hollowell was awarded the 2010 Equity & Social Justice Advocacy Award from the National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME), on the nomination by fellow Clayton State faculty member, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education Dr. Mari Roberts. In her nomination of Hollowell, Roberts wrote:

"Hollowell's successful advocacy efforts against an egregious human rights viola-

tion include blogging against solitary confinement on her publisher's website, the distribution of flyers urging constituents to lobby legislators to support The Preventing Harmful Restraint and Seclusion in Schools Act, and presentations of her powerful cell photographs at Georgia NAME conferences, National Youth At-Risk conferences, and the National Archives at Atlanta. She created a personal website at [www.theforgottenroom.com](http://www.theforgottenroom.com), and her advocacy efforts have been broadcasted in university press releases and Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) newsletters." ■

**Consul of Greece, cont'd. from p. 8**

rent financial crisis in Europe," said Parkerson in a follow-up email to Gouloussis. "You prompted us to think and to examine the subject critically. I believe that all appreciated your special perspective about Greece's place in the crisis and the explanations behind many of the EU-member states' criticisms of Greece's responses. It is educational to benefit from hearing first-hand Greece's views on the subject."

Born and raised in Athens, Gouloussis attended the Classical Lyceum Anavyrton

and afterwards studied Law at the National and Capodistrian University of Athens. He completed his postgraduate studies (LL.M.) at the University of Tuebingen in Germany, where he also obtained his Ph.D. specializing in International Law of the Sea. From 1997 until 2001 he practiced Law as a member of the Athens Bar Association.

After the fulfillment of his military obligations, he entered the Special Legal Service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the rank of Rapporteur, where he

remained until 2004, when he was also admitted to the Diplomatic Service. He served at the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2004 - 2005), at the Information and Public Diplomacy (MFA Spokesman's Office) Department from 2005 to 2006, and at the Embassy of Greece in Berlin from 2006 to October 2008. ■



Thank you, student workers! National Student Employment Week photos. See story on p. 4

# Clayton State Holds 2012 Athletic Awards Banquet

The Clayton State athletic department held its 2012 Athletics Banquet on Apr. 27, at the Student Athletics Center on the campus of Clayton State University. Individual team and academic awards were presented, as well as a highlight slide presentation of the 2011/12 athletic season at Clayton State.

The highlight of the night was the presentation of the Laker and Lady Laker Awards. Senior cross country and track and field runner Albert Mong'ony was honored as the Laker Award winner, while senior Division II first team All-American

basketball player Tanisha Woodard was selected as the Lady Laker award winner.

In addition, the top academic awards were also presented. Winning the H. Mason Barfield Award as the top male academic student-athlete for a second straight year was track and field athlete Robert Spezzacatena, while cross country/track and field athlete Paige Galvin won the Dotty H. Bumbalough Award for the top female academic student-athlete.

The top academic team award went to women's tennis. ■

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"I'm very proud of Stephen. He's been working as a performer almost continually ever since graduation; this is his third long-term contract and that doesn't happen for every singing actor," says Zeller. "I've always loved what the director Mark

Lamos said, that the first responsibility of having talent is to figure out how it works, and Stephen really took that injunction seriously; it's good to see it paying off for him." ■



photos by Kevin Liles

## Trivia Time

# Not Proven

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Only Arlen Specter, a true maverick of American politics (at the time he was a Republican, but that was both after and before he was a Democrat), could have voted in such a manner during the Clinton impeachment.

Although his vote was recorded as "not guilty," then-Senator Specter, the former Philadelphia DA (in other words, he's a Philadelphia Lawyer) clearly stated that he thought the allegations against Bill Clinton were "not proven." Well, a former DA ought to know...

Also in the know for the second straight Arlen Specter question were; David Messer, Scott McElroy, Brett Reichert, Jill Ellington, David Ludley, Rob Taylor, Kurt-Alexander Zeller and Cassandra Boger-Jones.

Although Clinton may have had a difficult presidency, at least he didn't have to undergo a secret operation on a yacht off of Long Island... but one president did. Who was he? Send your answers to johnshiffert@clayton.edu. ■

## Athlete Grads, cont'd. from p. 15

### Bachelor of Business Administration:

- Marie Cercelletti (Women's Tennis) - Marketing
- Dannelle Douglas (Women's Soccer) - Accounting
- Leighton Fredericks (Men's Soccer) - Supply Chain Management
- Brett Neilsen (Men's Soccer) - Supply Chain Management
- Adam Novakowski (Men's Golf) - Marketing
- Robert Spezzacatena (Men's Track and Field) - General Business ■

## Sports

# Nationally-ranked JUCO Duo Signs with Tennis

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

Following a frustrating 2012 season, Clayton State Laker women's tennis head coach Le'Trone Mason is already gearing up for the 2013 campaign. On Thursday, Mason announced the signings of junior college standouts Sadietou Mayou and Zinnia Leamana to the Laker program for the 2012/13 season.

Mayou joins the Clayton State program from neighboring Georgia Perimeter College, while Leamana comes to the Lakers from Collin College in Plano, Tex. This duo will bring some key experience to Clayton State as the Lakers aim for a turnaround next season after finishing 7-13 overall and 6-6 in the Peach Belt Conference this season.

"I couldn't be more excited with the addition of Sadie and Zinnia," says Mason, who will be entering his third season at the Clayton State helm. "These are two great players that are coming from two highly ranked junior college programs.

Their experience will extremely helpful in hopefully putting Clayton State back into the Final Four."

Mayou is a strong-hitting left-hander from Lome, Togo. This season, she is currently ranked 18th in the nation in singles and 27th in the nation in doubles with Jaguar teammate Asia Boyd at the ITA junior college level. Mayou has paced Georgia Perimeter to a 5-5 mark so far this season, and the 10th-ranked Jaguars have earned a berth in next week's NJCAA National Championships in Tyler, Tex.

She was also an NJCAA All-Region selection this season in doubles.

At the ITA level, Mayou has advanced to the Regional championship each of the last two seasons, losing both times to Georgia Perimeter teammate Salma Dahbi. In addition, she won the 2010 ITA Regional in doubles with teammate Marie-Claire Slade.

Leamana, who is from the Soloman Islands in the south Pacific, has been a standout for the last two seasons for head coach Martin Berryman's JUCO power at Collin. She is currently ranked 30th in the nation in singles and 20th in the nation in doubles with teammate Kristina Kinarkina at the ITA junior college level.

Like Georgia Perimeter, Collin is also advancing to next week's NJCAA National Championships in Tyler. The Express is ranked fourth in the nation in NJCAA.

Prior to joining the Collin program last season, Leamana trained at the International Tennis Federation (ITF) Regional Training Center in Lautoka, Fiji for five years.

Mason hopes to sign at least two more players for the upcoming season. The Lakers return five players from this season. ■

## Clayton State Athletes Participate In 2012 Commencement Ceremonies

Clayton State University held its annual spring commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 5, and the Clayton State athletic department had good representation for the event.

Overall, 17 current and former Laker student-athletes were awarded with bachelor degrees. Below is the complete list of graduates who were student-athletes at Clayton State.

### Bachelor of Arts:

Verinique Cooper (Women's Soccer)  
- Middle School Education

Jennifer Dreasler (Women's Soccer)  
- Media and Communication Studies

Armon Jones (Men's Basketball)  
- Liberal Studies

Shelby Russell (Men's Track and Field) - Media and Communication Studies

Vincent Smith (Men's Basketball)  
- Liberal Studies

### Bachelor of Science:

Omotayo Adeshigbin (Women's Soccer) - Mathematics

Kourtney Aylor (Women's Cross Country/Track and Field) - Biology

Cherie Sayon (Women's Soccer)  
- Health Care Management

Edlin Veras (Men's Track and Field)  
- Criminal Justice

James Waldon (Men's Basketball)  
- Psychology and Human Services

Katie White (Women's Tennis)  
- Health and Fitness Management

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