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# Leadership Message



One of the great joys of serving as dean is the opportunity I have to meet so many of our talented graduates.

On a recent trip to Jacksonville, Fla., for the annual conference of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, I enjoyed a visit with Dr. Melissa Wilmarth, a "Double Dawg" who received both her master's and Ph.D. degrees from FACS in our department of financial planning, housing and consumer economics.

She was at the conference to receive the Family and Consumer Sciences Research Journal Emerging Scholar Award, recognizing her outstanding scholarship.

Dr. Wilmarth, who earned her Ph.D. in 2012 under the direction of her major professor Dr. Robb Nielsen, is now an assistant professor at the University of Alabama College of Human Environmental Sciences, researching family economics, financial wellness and economic hardship.

Wilmarth, like dozens of graduates of our graduate program, has gone from being mentored in preparation for a career to being a mentor herself. It is a huge transition, one we strive to prepare all of our students for as they embark on a changing world.

In this issue, we take a closer look at the FACS graduate program (see pages 20-25), including a map showing where our graduate school graduates from the last 25 years are located. It's safe to say you don't have to travel too far to find a recipient of a FACS graduate degree, from the classroom to the lab to hospitals and clinics and just about every other field you can imagine.

A FACS graduate degree is relevant and meaningful, and we're proud that our graduates are prepared to address any number of pressing issues facing the world today, including poverty, sustainability, obesity, relationships and more, as seen in the profiles of recent graduates in our cover story.

If you think we might have missed you, please contact Vicky Dorsey, our director of alumni and corporate engagement, at [vidorsey@uga.edu](mailto:vidorsey@uga.edu) and let us know what you're up to these days. We also encourage you to send us your news via our website at [www.fcs.uga.edu/alumni/stay-connected](http://www.fcs.uga.edu/alumni/stay-connected)

Another fun way you can engage with us is by participating in the inaugural **FACS Week**, an entire week of events designed to celebrate the FACS family and build a sense of community among our alumni and friends.

This signature event kicks off Oct. 17 with a homecoming tailgate behind Dawson Hall prior to the football game against Missouri. All alumni and friends are invited to party with us under the big tartan tent before heading to the game.

For more information on this unique event and to see a full list of all the activities planned, please visit [www.fcs.uga.edu/facsweek](http://www.fcs.uga.edu/facsweek)

We can't wait!

We hope you'll also engage with us on social media, where our audience is growing daily. We're active on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube, Flickr (photo galleries) and now LinkedIn (look for us there at UGA FACS Alumni). Check the little icons in the lower left of this page for details.

It's an exciting time in the history of our college, and we have much to celebrate, as you'll see in the pages to follow.

Thank you for your continued support of FACS, and we hope you enjoy this issue.



*Linda Kirk Fox*

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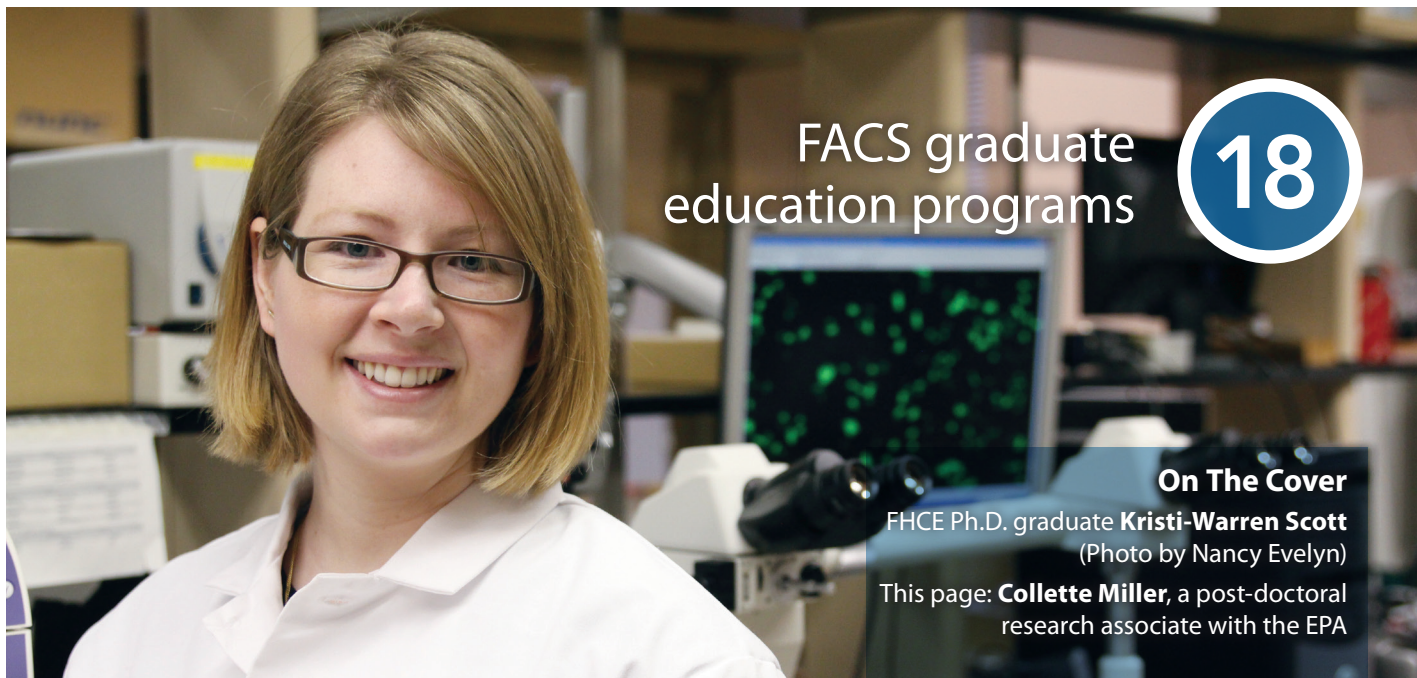
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# CARA WINSTON SIMMONS

## P r o m o t i n g   a   F a m i l y   A f f a i r

By Cal Powell



ara Winston Simmons never envisioned herself as a Bulldog.

Growing up in Quitman, the tiny county seat of Brooks County way down in Georgia's red clay country bordering the Florida line, she saw herself in Atlanta or maybe out of the state.

One trip to Athens on a cold, rainy weekend in the fall of her senior year of high school changed it all.

"It was probably one of the most miserable days you could imagine, but the people and their experience at UGA sold me that day," she said. "The more they talked, the more I knew this was the place I wanted to be. I applied the next week and luckily was accepted."

Simmons, director of the FACS Student Success and Advising Center, has been here ever since, graduating with a bachelor's degree in history in 2003, a master's of education in 2007 and will soon earn her doctorate in college student affairs administration through the UGA College of Education.

Athens is also where she met and married her husband, Andre, where her two little girls, Olivia and Amelia, were born, and where she has worked in various roles on campus since her days as a wide-eyed undergrad.

"I think Athens is a good representation of who I am," she said. "It's just a unique place with that small-town feel but you also have access to these bigger city happenings."

Simmons was hired as the director in August 2014. Simmons and the SSAC staff – Jennifer Eberhart, Kelly King and Kassie Suggs – provide a range of services for prospective and current students, including recruitment, advising, career development and coordinating experiential learning and leadership opportunities, among others.

It's that holistic approach to learning that attracts Simmons to the job.

"To me, our office is unique in that the student affairs

component and the academic affairs component have a perfect relationship here," she said. "Sometimes we try to separate those experiences, but for students, college is college. We shouldn't compartmentalize students' experiences because that's not how they're going through their time at UGA."

One of Simmons' major initiatives in her first year was the launching of a program for first-year and transfer students called "The Bridge." Students new to FACS attended these four-part sessions to hear first-hand from FACS faculty and alumni in an informal, small-group setting.

The program gave students a peek into the inner workings of FACS and introduced them to the seemingly endless opportunities available to them as future graduates.

"That first year can be a really big time of transition," Simmons said. "We want our office and college to be a place where students know they will be supported throughout their entire career and that it's OK to make mistakes; there's going to be someone here to help you and you'll always have someone you can turn to if you're struggling with something or if you want to share an accomplishment, too."

It's Simmons' unrelenting optimism and enthusiasm that FACS senior Ivy Odom said makes her an ideal fit for the college.

"The number one thing I can count on her to ask is 'What can I do for you?'" Odom said. "Or 'Is there anything you need from me?'" She's very reliable and so personable."

Talking to Simmons, her love for what she does is evident. She routinely mentions the "FACS family" and talks of the college and her colleagues with an almost gleeful reverence.

"It's just the sincere love that people have for being in this college," she said. "People sincerely love being here, and I love that about FACS. It's a privilege for me to be able to work with them every day."

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## CARA SIMMONS

**Title:** Director of the FACS Student Success and Advising Center

**Hometown:** Quitman, Ga.

**Personal:** Married to Andre Simmons, UGA Accounts Payable Manager. Two daughters: Olivia (6) and Amelia (5)

**Education:** B.A., History, UGA, 2003; M. Ed., UGA, 2007; working on Ph.D., UGA College of Education (expected graduation date spring 2016). Her research focuses on students' transitions through graduate programs, particularly the role of peer relationships during that transition.

**Prior to FACS:** Worked as a program coordinator for graduate and dual degree programs with the College of Veterinary Medicine.





# AROUND DAWSON



## The Bridge program

The FACS Student Success and Advising Center launched “The Bridge,” a four-part series designed to help new FACS students transition into the college, last fall.

The fourth and final installment of the semester was held on April 9 and featured a question-and-answer session with a five-person FACS alumni panel, followed by a time of networking.

“All the freshmen and transfer students I talked to and transfer students who participated in The Bridge got so much out of it and said they don’t know what they would’ve done if they didn’t have that program,” FACS senior Ivy Odom said.

The SSAC later received a \$1,500 grant from the UGA Parents and Families Association Leadership Council in recognition of the program’s impact and success.

An additional \$1,500 is being matched by FACS Seniors who have donated to the FACS Fund for Excellence through the University of Georgia Senior Signature giving campaign.

“The financial support will help our efforts to better prepare FACS first-year and transfer students to build their own bridge to success,” said Cara Simmons, SSAC director.

## Mary Ann Johnson named to top post with American Society for Nutrition

Mary Ann Johnson, the Bill and June Flatt Professor in Foods and Nutrition, has been voted vice-president elect of the American Society for Nutrition.

Johnson’s four-year term includes serving as vice-president elect, vice-president, president (2017-18) and past-president. She began serving a two-year term as vice-president on June 1.

Among the American Society for Nutrition’s more than 5,000 members are some of the world’s top researchers, clinical nutritionists and industry scientists.

Johnson said her top priorities are to embrace the mission of ASN to support the development,





dissemination and application of nutrition science research to improve public health, clinical practice and policy as well as to promote graduate education and training of physicians, dietitians and other health professionals.

"ASN's strength lies with the diverse expertise among our membership in basic and applied sciences that we can apply to address complex

domestic and international nutrition concerns," Johnson said. "In this new role, I plan to help ASN members meet the changing needs of society and to generate and apply the best nutrition science available to improve health and well-being."

In addition to her role as professor, Johnson also serves as an adjunct professor in kinesiology and as the interim director of the Institute of Gerontology within the UGA College of Public Health.

## Recipe for antibacterial plastic: crack a few eggs

Bioplastics made from protein sources such as albumin and whey have shown significant antibacterial properties, findings that could eventually lead to their use in plastics used in medical applications such as wound healing dressings, sutures, catheter tubes and drug delivery, according to a FACS study.

Researchers tested three nontraditional bioplastic materials — albumin, whey and soy proteins — as alternatives to conventional petroleum-based plastics that pose risks of contamination.

In particular, albumin, a protein found in egg whites, demonstrated tremendous antibacterial properties when blended with a traditional plasticizer such as

glycerol.

"It was found that it had complete inhibition, as in no bacteria would grow on the plastic once applied," said Alex Jones, a doctoral student in the department of textiles, merchandising and interiors. "The bacteria wouldn't be able to live on it."

The study appears in the online version of the *Journal of Applied Polymer Science*.

One of the researchers' aims is to find ways to reduce the amount of petroleum used in traditional plastic production; another is to find a fully biodegradable bioplastic.

The albumin-glycerol blended bioplastic met both



standards, Jones said.

"If you put it in a landfill, this being pure protein, it will break down," he said. "If you put it in soil for a month — at most two months — these plastics

will disappear."

The next step in the research involves a deeper analysis of the albumin-based bioplastic's potential for use in the biomedical and food packaging fields.



## FACS financial planning program named best in country

The FACS financial planning program is the best in the country, according to Investopedia, an online resource that provides financial information and analysis.

The program has surged in popularity since it was launched 10 years ago, owing partly to the "unparalleled hands-on experience for future financial planners," Investopedia noted.

The program also launched an online master's degree in financial planning last fall to address the growing demand for financial planners.

"At the university's own financial planning clinic, called ASPIRE, students have the opportunity to work under the

supervision of faculty in providing financial advice to clients from the community," Investopedia noted in its analysis. "Required community service hours, where students can practice their tax knowledge while preparing returns for low-income families, provide the kind of practical experience that financial institutions ultimately seek in new hires."

"This number one ranking of the UGA financial planning program is a testament to the commitment of our faculty, especially in the area of experiential learning," said Sheri Worthy, head of the FACS department of financial planning, housing and consumer economics. "Financial planning students get plenty of hands-on experience with income tax preparation in the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program, with financial therapy at the ASPIRE Clinic, through internships and with many other activities such as the Financial Planning Challenge."

## Jung Sun Lee leads team seeking to improve nutrition among Georgians

A team of UGA researchers, led by FACS faculty member Dr. Jung Sun Lee, has received a \$2.8 million grant from the USDA to improve nutrition for low-income Georgians.

The researchers' goal is to help Georgians eligible for SNAP benefits — the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program — establish healthy eating habits and a physically active lifestyle through evidence-based, behaviorally focused and culturally appropriate nutrition education and obesity prevention interventions.

"We have a great need for this type of program in the state of Georgia, and we have a capacity to meet that need," said Lee, an associate professor in the department of foods and nutrition who serves as principal investigator on the grant.

With so many Georgia residents facing persistent poverty and the associated health risks, Lee said she's optimistic about the potential for the SNAP-Education program to affect real change.

"Food insecurity, people having



problems getting the type and amount of food they need, exists in this nation, but it's hidden and not many people think it's actually happening," Lee said. "In all indicators, Georgia always ranks poorly (in obesity and chronic



disease statistics). We definitely need to think about what are the barriers that prevent Georgians from healthy eating. We hope we can change these issues."

Faculty and students from four colleges and five departments within UGA will be involved in the grant, including FACS, the College of Education, the Grady College of Journalism and the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, as well as UGA Extension.

## Georgia's First Lady visits McPhaul students

Georgia's First Lady, Sandra Deal, read to PreK students in the University of Georgia's Child Development Lab at the McPhaul Center in March as part of the Read Across Georgia campaign.

Deal, a former sixth grade teacher and daughter of educators, went all out with facial expressions and sound effects to engage the group of 4 and 5-year-olds who gathered to hear her read "T.J.'s Discovery," a new book written by teachers at the Rollins Center for Language and Literacy at the Atlanta Speech School.

To date, Deal has spoken to students in all 159 Georgia counties and more than 430 schools as part of the campaign to promote literacy. She spent more than an hour visiting and reading to the PreK students at the Child Development Lab.

"I feel like the key to (being successful) is getting a good education when you're young," Deal said. "That's why I took the opportunity to read to young children rather than work with the older children since I've been First Lady. I feel like the foundation is just so very, very important. PreK is where we start."



Georgia First Lady Sandra Deal reads to PreK students at the McPhaul Center



## Money talk: FACS researchers studying couples' communication

Disagreements about money use in the household is cited as one of the most common contributors to couple stress and conflict.

FACS researchers are seeking to learn more about couples' financial communication through an innovating, interdisciplinary study based out of the FACS ASPIRE Clinic.

The study is designed to better understand how couples seeking financial counseling services experience and respond to questions, conflicts and shared goals about money and finances.

The research team is working to identify the complexities and precise moments of divergence by measuring stress responses in an exploratory study involving local couples that began this week.

Using equipment that measures physiological responses — skin temperature, heart rate and sweat response — researchers will be able to record individual responses during three moderated sessions to collect data that will provide both financial and therapy service providers new information on the complexities of couples' relationship and communication dynamics.

"The end takeaway for the financial planning community is enormous," said John Grable, an Athletic Association Endowed Professor in the college's department of financial planning, housing and consumer economics. "If we can identify triggers or cues or even questions that prompt a different physiological response in a couple, that allows financial planners, educators and therapists to actually deliver information and treatments more effectively."

## FACS' diversity of discipline on display at CURO symposium

FACS undergraduates presented research displaying the college's depth of study at the UGA Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities Symposium in March.

Foods and nutrition student Whitney Okie was one of several FACS undergrads who delivered oral presentations.

Okie, who was awarded a CURO Undergraduate Research Assistantship, presented her research, "Genetic determination of obesity induced inflammation and blood brain barrier alterations," under the guidance of faculty mentor Dr. Rob Pazdro.

"After working for months on a project you are so passionate

about, it feels good to be able to share your work and why it is important with others," Okie said. "I am thankful for the Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities for encouraging me to stay in research and for Dr. Pazdro for helping me find my passion."

Textiles, merchandising and interiors student Molly Dodd delivered an oral presentation on her research project entitled "Hollywood's risqué years: Female body exposure in pre-code film." Her faculty mentor was TMI department head Patti Hunt-Hurst.

"I'd say the greatest benefit from participating in CURO over the

last two years has definitely been learning directly from my research mentor, Dr. Hunt-Hurst," Dodd said.

"Our project was a continuation of a project she has been working on for years, and being able to learn through specific research has given me a much more holistic perspective on the history of Western dress. Overall, I find that it has been so beneficial to me as a student that I plan to continue participating in CURO research next year."

In addition to oral presentations, several FACS students displayed their research as part of the poster presentations, accompanied by their faculty mentors.

## Thomas Davis named NFL Man of the Year

Thomas Davis, a 2011 consumer economics graduate and former All-American linebacker for the Dawgs, was named the 2014 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year in February.

The award recognizes a player's community service efforts as well as his playing excellence.

"I am honored to be selected as the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year," Davis said. "This award means a great deal to me, as it symbolizes the valued work that the NFL, its players and its 32 teams do in the community."

Davis started all 15 games for the Panthers last season, finishing with 129 tackles and helping the team claim another NFC South title. He is now second on the Panthers' all-time tackles list with 831.

Off the field, Davis and his wife Kelly have founded the Thomas Davis Defending Dreams Foundation ([www.defendingdreams.org](http://www.defendingdreams.org)), a non-profit dedicated to providing and promoting free programs that enhance the quality of life for more than 2,000 underprivileged children and their families each year. Since its founding, the foundation has distributed more than \$500,000 in aid.

The cornerstone of the program is the Youth Leadership Academy, a 14-week after-school mentoring program for low-income middle school students.



Thomas Davis receiving the 2014 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award in Phoenix.

Davis also provides two college scholarships for graduating seniors who complete the program each year.

Through TDDDF, Davis also hosts annual programs including a back-to-school supply giveaway, a Thanksgiving meal for members of a local women's shelter and a Christmas gift giveaway for underprivileged children, in Charlotte, N.C., parts of South Carolina and in Davis's hometown of Shellman, Ga.



# SHOUTOUTS

FHCE assistant professor **Kim Skobba** was selected as the 2014 Educator of the Year by the Georgia Apartment Industry Education Foundation and won the 2014 Early Career Housing Award from the Housing Education and Research Association.

The Child Development Lab at the **McPhaul Center** has been named a model Early Care and Learning Program in Nutrition and Physical Activity by Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal's Childhood Obesity Initiative, Georgia Shape.



HDFS professor and Extension specialist **Ted Futris** received the Best Paper award in Human Development and Family Studies published in the 2014 Family and Consumer Sciences Research Journal.

**Joan Fischer**, associate professor in FDN, received the Distinguished Service by a Researcher Award from the Georgia Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

**Michael Rupured**, a UGA Extension Consumer Economics Specialist and Senior Public Service Associate, has been named the Postsecondary Teacher of the Year by the Georgia Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences.

**K.A.S. Wickrama**, the Georgia Athletic Association Endowed Professor in HDFS, received a \$2.5 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to study baby boomers' marital relationships and health during their transition to later adulthood.

FHCE assistant professor **Sophia Anong** was selected as the College of Family and Consumer Sciences 2015 faculty Outstanding Undergraduate Advisor of the Year.



FDN associate professor **Art Grider** received the UGA Student Career Development Award.

An article co-authored by FHCE faculty members **Andy Carswell** and **Kim Skobba**, "Community Land Trust Homeowners: Past and Present Housing Experiences," was named the Best Paper in Housing that was published in the Family and Consumer

Sciences Research Journal during 2014.

Extension faculty member **Judy Harrison** received the Food Safety Award from the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

TMI faculty members **Sarah Zenti**, **Lilia Gomez-Lanier** and **Patti Hunt-Hurst** were awarded a grant from Cotton Incorporated for their proposal "Cotton for Healthy Living."

FHCE associate professor **Swarn Chatterjee** was awarded the

2015 American Council on Consumer Interests Mid Career Award.

Extension specialist and professor emeritus **Don Bower** accepted the Community Program Award at the National Health Outreach Conference in Atlanta in May for the **Georgia Traffic Injury Prevention Institute**, which uses evidence-based educational interventions to reduce injuries and deaths from highway travel across Georgia.

FDN faculty member **Barbara Grossman** received the Outstanding Educator Award for a Dietetic Internship Program from the Association of Nutrition and Dietetics.

HDFS department head **Emilie Smith** serves as a guest editor for the top journal, *Child Development*, which is producing a special section on positive youth development in diverse and global contexts.

FHCE assistant professor **Ann Woodyard** received the first Sweaney Innovation Fund award for \$5,000 for 2015. Her proposal was to refresh and invigorate FACS 2000E.



TMI faculty members **Suraj Sharma**, **Ian Hardin** and **Sergiy Minko** were awarded a grant from the Walmart U.S. Manufacturing Innovation Fund in support of their work on an environmentally friendly fabric dyeing technique.

## STUDENTS

HDFS graduate student and research assistant **Shaquinta Richardson** was selected as a scholar for the Frances Degen Horowitz Millennium Scholars Program by the Society for Research in Child Development.

**Zach Grunewald**, foods and nutrition doctoral student, received the Kappa Omicron Nu Eileen C. Maddex Research Fellowship.

**Lorien Jordan**, a graduate student in HDFS, was named the recipient of the Feldman Outstanding Research Proposal for Research in Family Policy Award for her paper "The Policy Participation of Marriage and Family Therapists: A Modified Replication Study."

**Laura Eckhardt**, a May 2015 foods and nutrition graduate, has been named to the Student Advisory Committee of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

**Samantha Manning**, a fashion merchandising major from Lexington, received a \$5,000 scholarship from the YMA Fashion Scholarship Fund.

**Megan Hicks**, a graduate research assistant in HDFS, has been awarded the C. Everett Koop HIV/AIDS Research Grant from the Rural Center for AIDS/STD Prevention.



# NEW FACULTY

## Foods and Nutrition (FDN)



**Dr. Jamie Cooper** has been hired as associate professor in sports nutrition.

Cooper holds two degrees from Michigan State University and her Ph.D. from University of Wisconsin-Madison and comes to FACS from Texas Tech University.

She has published 23 journal articles with a list of exceptional colleagues and

has published one book, "The Complete Nutrition Guide for Triathletes" (2012).

In addition to studying metabolism and hunger/satiety in humans as it relates to obesity and chronic disease, she carries outreach in the area of sports nutrition.

**Dr. Chad Paton** joins the FACS faculty as assistant professor in a new joint, interdisciplinary position in FDN and the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Department of Food Science and Technology.

His bachelor's and master's degrees are from Michigan State University and he received his Ph.D. from the University of Maryland.

His current funded research in the area of metabolic health is supported by Cotton, Inc., and he has 20 referred journal articles.

Paton, husband of Dr. Jamie Cooper, also comes to FACS from Texas Tech University.



**Dr. Hea Jin Park** has accepted the position of assistant professor, tenure track. Dr. Park earned her Ph.D. in 2005 from Ewha Woman's University in Seoul, South Korea.

Her research focus is on



bioactive food compounds, particularly folic acid and polyphenols, and their mechanisms of action on obesity and obesity-related diseases such as non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.



**Dr. Alison Berg**, RD, LD, has been appointed assistant professor and Extension specialist in the area of human nutrition and health promotion.

She is president of the Northeast Georgia Dietetic Association and serves on the FACS Alumni Board. She received her B.S. in dietetics from FACS in 2007, her M.S.

in 2009 and her Ph.D. in 2015.

## Human Development and Family Science

**Dr. Kimberlee Spencer** has been hired as a clinical assistant professor and will serve as Child Life Coordinator under the leadership of director Dr. Laura McKee.

Spencer received her Ph.D. in child development from Texas Women's University, her master's in early childhood education from Concordia University in St. Paul, Minn., and her bachelor's in education from Columbia College in Missouri.

She most recently served as the director of the Early Learning Programs at Nova Southeastern University.

## Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors (TMI)

**Mr. Greg Vessels** has been named the associate clinical professor, non-tenure track, in the position Georgia Soft Goods Distinguished Professor.

Vessels comes to UGA after a strong career in international sourcing in the apparel industry. He has degrees from the University of Georgia (B.A.) and Georgia State University (Management), and has served





as the International Sourcing Executive responsible for developing sourcing strategies for companies to optimize product cycle from product development, through supply chain management and logistics, to customer satisfaction.

**Laura McAndrews** has been hired as assistant professor in the new position of product design and development. She received her Ph.D. at the University of Missouri, researching supply chain management.

Her degrees are from Missouri, Kansas State University and Parson's School of Design, N.Y., and she previously spent nine years in the industry with brands such as Ralph Lauren, The Gap, Urban Outfitters and Anthropologie in product development.



**Dr. Leonid Ionov** joins the department as an interdisciplinary hire with the College of Engineering.

Ionov comes to FACS from Dresden, Germany, where he has served as group leader at the Leibniz Institute of Polymer Research. He received his diploma from Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia, in 1999 and a Ph.D. in Chemistry at TU-Dresden in 2005.



He joins the strong team we are building in textiles, fiber and polymer science with collaborating faculty in chemistry and engineering.

His spouse, Dr. Alla Synytska has been hired as a professor in the department of chemistry.

## New Extension Faculty: Program Development Coordinators

The role of UGA Extension family and consumer sciences agents has evolved to help Georgia families and communities be healthier, more financially stable and better at building strong relationships.

"Our counties are requesting assistance with wellness programs and asking Extension agents to support programs that improve their residents' quality of life," said Deborah Murray, FACS associate dean for Extension and outreach.

In Georgia, 46 Extension agents are assigned to accomplish this task.

Some of the most popular programs FACS agents deliver are fitness and nutrition programs, like Walk Georgia and the Zero Weight Gain Challenge, and food safety training, like ServSafe® for food service employees.

FACS agents also work with Georgia youth through 4-H in consumer judging, health projects, Relationship Smarts programs and financial management.

To better meet this need for programming, the Georgia Extension leadership team recently added FACS program development coordinators (PDCs) to work with campus faculty, agents and communities to plan programs that address local needs.

"They help agents get access to resources not only in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and the College of Family and Consumer Sciences, but in other colleges at UGA as well," Murray said. "They also work with the colleges to leverage grant dollars and other external dollars needed for county programming."

The new FACS PDCs are **Denise Everson** in the Northeast District; **Kisha Faulk**, Northwest District; **Janet Hollingsworth**, Southeast District; and **Andrea Scarrow**, Southwest District.

These new coordinators were all working as Extension agents when they were selected for their PDC positions — Everson in Clarke and Oconee counties, Faulk in Fulton County, Hollingsworth in Appling and Wayne counties and Scarrow in Colquitt County.

— Sharon Dowdy



**Denise Everson**



**Kisha Faulk**



**Janet Hollingsworth**



**Andrea Scarrow**





# GICH helps communities thrive

By Cal Powell



**T**hirteen of them piled into a rental van for the hour or so ride down to Macon.

The passengers represented just about the entire spectrum of economic diversity in little Madison, Ga., population 3,979.

They were male and female, white and black, wealthy and not, all a part of the same team, all headed to the same destination, the Georgia Initiative for Community Housing bi-annual retreat, with the same purpose: to make Madison a better place to live.

"We talked about housing all the way down there and all the way back," said Monica Callahan, planning director for the city of Madison.

GICH, launched in 2004, helps Georgia communities like Madison – and those much larger – improve their quality of life and economic vitality through the development of locally-based housing and revitalization strategies.

Communities selected for the program commit to a three-year term that involves attending bi-annual retreats, where they identify needs, learn about best practices in housing and community development and then produce a community housing action plan.

At any given time, there are 15 communities in the program, known as freshmen, sophomores and juniors, appropriately enough.

The group from Madison, located about 30 minutes south of Athens, is in the freshman group along with Cedartown, Liberty County, Pine Mountain and Trion.

Madison is growing at a rate of 1 percent a year, Callahan said, and the city is in dire need of a comprehensive housing plan.

At the GICH retreat in Macon, the team heard from leaders of other GICH communities, attended workshops on a range of housing, legal and tax issues and met as a group with a facilitator to begin sketching out a comprehensive plan.

"I think it really invigorated the team," Callahan said of the retreat, the group's first as GICH members. "They talked about housing all the way home, and usually after a two and a half day retreat that's the last thing you want to talk about. But they immediately got back and started planning work sessions. It was a catalyst for them to really get busy."

The community teams are the centerpiece of the GICH program, said **Karen Tinsley**,

a faculty member within the FACS department of financial planning, housing and consumer economics who also serves as GICH coordinator.

The program was launched 10 years ago by Tinsley and retired FACS faculty member Tom Rodgers as an offshoot of the National League of Cities' Affordable Housing Program.

In addition to the UGA Public Service and Outreach office, the program's main partners include the Georgia Municipal Association and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

To be chosen for GICH, communities must form a team representing a broad cross-section of citizens, including elected officials, builders, business owners and non-profit groups, among others, who are interested in addressing various housing needs.

After a selection committee makes site visits, finalists are chosen and five communities are selected to participate in the program. Since the program began, 55 communities or cities in Georgia have benefited from the program.

"I've seen a lot of success over the years with the communities participating in GICH," said Malisa

// They talked about housing all the way home, and usually after a two and a half day retreat that's the last thing you want to talk about."

– *Monica Callahan*

## By the numbers:

(all numbers from 2014)

**346 community members served on 15 community teams**

**GICH cities provided housing counseling to 564 clients**

### Amount of tax credits awarded to developers:

**Warner Robins - \$692,668**

**Greensboro - \$923,148**

**Perry - \$974,775**

**Pembroke - \$785,867**

**Total - \$3,376,458**

**Two GICH cities attracted funding for housing activities from private foundations:**

**Pembroke - \$5,000 from The Home Depot Foundation for Veteran Porch Repair and ADA Housing Rehabilitation**

**Dalton - \$100,000 Lowe's Foundation for Community Building Renovation**

### GICH Partners

**Georgia Municipal Association**

**Georgia Department of Community Affairs**

**UGA Public Service and Outreach**

**Georgia Power**

**The UGA Archway Partnership**

**UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government**

**UGA Extension**

**Georgia EMC**

**USDA Rural Development**

Thompson, a 2002 FACS grad who now works as housing outreach coordinator for the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and as a GICH facilitator.

"The type of assistance GICH provides is very valuable, especially to smaller communities who may not know where to start. GICH has been that key."

One of the main benefits of a program like GICH, Tinsley said, is it allows communities that are "real go-getters" with abundant resources and experience in community development to share information with towns just beginning to formulate a revitalization plan.

Officials from tiny Greensboro, for example, learned about a program that provided additional points on a low-income housing tax credit development that proved valuable, said Rick Zeier, the town's city planner.

"Some of the (communities) have little local capacity," Tinsley said. "They don't have a community development director, they don't have any experience getting grant funds and have never applied for any state funding for housing."

For the team from Madison, the reputation of the GICH program for assisting with housing plans proved to be well earned. Partly as a result of participating in GICH, Madison now has a standing housing committee that meets weekly to discuss and address ongoing housing needs in the town, Callahan said.

"We were overwhelmed at the (February) retreat at the amazing opportunities to be able to engage with other communities and look at how they went about problem solving," Callahan said. "That in and of itself was inspiring."

Thompson, who worked with the group from Greensboro as a facilitator at February's retreat, has seen these sorts of benefits firsthand in her nine years as a GICH facilitator.

"They unify together on the housing issue and by doing so that makes the biggest impact," Thompson said. "By coming together and unifying, everyone has the same vision and is trying to reach the same goal. When they come to these retreats and discuss it, they set out to do it as a group versus as individuals and that's what makes it so powerful."



## Students lead focus groups and learn about community challenges in FHCE service-learning course

Lessons about housing issues go beyond the classroom for FACS students.

More than 50 students in the FACS Housing and Community Development class co-taught by Kim Skobba and Karen Tinsley participated in a service-learning project involving residents of nearby Lithonia, a first-year member of the GICH program.

The students led focus groups with Lithonia residents over the course of four days, seeking to learn more about community needs and barriers to home ownership in the small town in eastern DeKalb County.

Prior to the sessions, Lithonia mayor Deborah Jackson and city manager Eddie Moody visited Skobba's class to talk to students about the town and some of the challenges it faces in increasing home ownership. Lithonia has a very high rental rate, Skobba noted.

For the focus groups with Lithonia residents, students came up with questions and appointed a group facilitator while others took notes.

"When students get out into the community and talk with residents, it tends to change some pre-existing notions they have," Skobba said. "For example, we had a student who commented that they'd never had a real conversation with someone who is struggling to pay rent before (the class). He realized there are a lot of hard-working people who are not able to get to that point."

Sarah Persinger, who graduated in May with a degree in consumer journalism with an emphasis in housing, served as a facilitator for one of the focus group sessions.

"I had never done anything like that before so I was pretty excited to have the opportunity to work so closely

with residents," Persinger said of the focus groups. "I love serving people and learning from people. Working with them to make changes and enhance the parts of the community they enjoy was pretty cool. They had this dream of what their city could be and we were just a stepping stone to that."

Jackson came back to Skobba's class to hear a presentation of student findings on the last day of class, and a final report will be sent to the mayor and city leaders later this year.

"I think having the mayor come to speak at both the beginning and end of class made a big impact on the students," Skobba said. "The fact that the mayor would take time to talk to them and listen to what they had to say gave the project a level of importance to them. I think they took it very seriously."



**Students in the FHCE Housing and Community Development service-learning class lead a focus group with residents of Lithonia.**

*- Cal Powell*

# FACS GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Addressing some of the world's most pressing issues

By Cal Powell

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**obb Nielsen and his colleagues may have more** in common with Mark Richt, Georgia's high-profile football coach, than it might seem, salary and endorsement deals notwithstanding.

Like Richt and his staff, Nielsen, the graduate coordinator in the FACS department of financial planning, housing and consumer economics, and his fellow faculty and staff members are responsible for recruiting talent to Athens.

He looks at GREs and GPAs, pores over statements of purpose and attends recruitment fairs and poster sessions to meet prospective FACS graduate students.

When he encounters that special student, he uses phrases like "put the presses on" to describe the recruitment process.

"Once someone has been identified as that great Ph.D. student, you have to give them a lot of attention," Nielsen said.

For Nielsen and his colleagues, those efforts continue to pay off. In the FHCE department alone, applications to graduate school have more than tripled in the last two years, from 16 in 2013-14 to more than 60 (and counting) this year.

"It's been a determined effort by staff, current students and faculty that has brought us our most professionally accomplished and academically capable incoming class yet," Nielsen said.

Across all four departments, the FACS graduate education programs are known for launching careers, be it in industry, academia, government or entrepreneurship.

Where are they working? All over the U.S., it turns out, from a food lab in California's San Joaquin Valley to a college classroom in Storrs, Conn., and seemingly everywhere in between.

A graduate degree from FACS can lead to a career as a museum curator, a financial planning professional, a marriage therapist or, in the case of foods and nutrition graduate program grad, Dr. Chip Ogburn, a successful career as an orthopedic surgeon (see page 23).

"Professional fields require a greater volume of information to know," FACS dean Linda Kirk Fox said. "The complexity of issues our graduates will address requires additional study and mentoring by scholars, all of which students in our graduate program receive in addition to a challenging, though nurturing, learning environment. We're proud that students who complete a graduate degree in FACS go on to any number of diverse fields where they work directly to address the world's most pressing needs."

Here's a closer look at just a handful of graduates, as well as a couple of current students, of the FACS graduate education program:



## DIPESH GANGOPADHYAY

*Ph.D., 2015, Financial Planning, Housing and Consumer Economics*

Gangopadhyay came to Athens from India, where he worked for the National Sample Survey Organization, the world's largest sample survey operation.

While dealing with a vast pool of socioeconomic and demographic data, the seeds for a dissertation on poverty measurements in the U.S. were sown.

Gangopadhyay's dissertation proposes an alternative methodology for measurement of poverty. Currently, the U.S. uses an income-based methodology that many consider to be lacking.

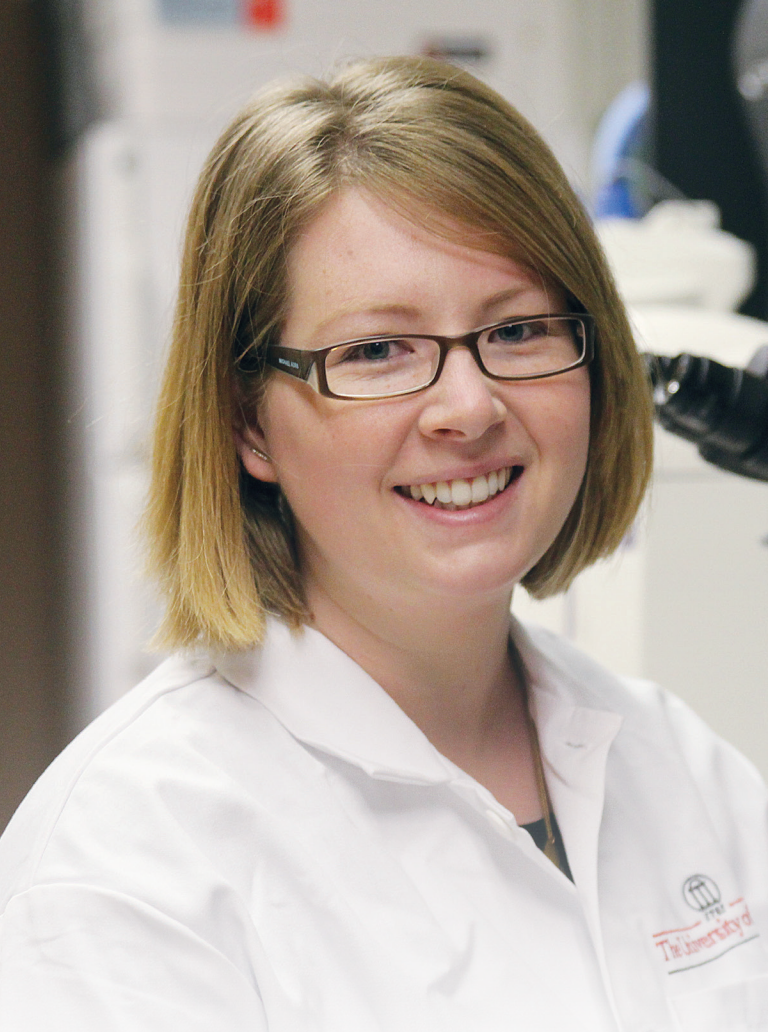
"Academics and policy makers have longed for a better measure of poverty that more fully captures people's circumstances," said Nielsen, Gangopadhyay's major professor.

Gangopadhyay's did exactly that, Nielsen said, incorporating different types of measurements such as hardships involving food, housing, education, for example, that potentially could have significant policy ramifications if adopted.

Since graduation, he has moved back to India and has taken a position within the NSSO.

"He's technically very sound, so his understanding of data and how to extract the appropriate information out of very large, complex data sets is more advanced than anyone I've seen before," Nielsen said. "What comes through with Dipesh is he has both personal and professional experiences that brought him to a place where he can write about poverty measurement better than anyone I've read."





## COLETTE MILLER

*Ph.D., 2014, Foods and Nutrition*

Miller, now a post-doctoral research associate with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, was originally attracted to FACS largely because of the research of the late Dr. Clifton Baile, a widely respected researcher who headed up the UGA Obesity Initiative.

Miller received her master's degree in nutrition from UNC-Greensboro and was interested in continuing her research of menopause. Miller's dissertation looked at the prevalence and effects of fatty liver disease.

At the EPA, she studies the effects of air pollution on obesity and metabolic disease and performs basic molecular research.

She credited the department's multidisciplinary approach and the freedom she was granted to perform exploratory research for preparing her for her current position.

"They gave me my own space and opportunity to find myself as a researcher," Miller said of Baile and other mentors. "I had the freedom and independence to take ownership of my research."

## KRISTI-WARREN SCOTT

*Ph.D., 2015, Financial Planning, Housing and Consumer Economics*

Scott, a native of Chicago, enrolled at UGA having received her undergraduate degree in agricultural business and applied economics from Ohio State and her MBA from Benedictine University.

Scott's research on the relationship between obesity and food access was born out of a personal interest in addressing issues within the African-American community.

Around the time she began researching graduate programs that addressed some of these health-related issues, several parents of friends of hers began dying of chronic illnesses.

"I wanted to figure out what that relationship was (between diet and health) and how our behavior as consumers affected our health," she said. "It was purely personal. I was fed up with seeing so many young people of color in my neighborhood falling ill."

The FHCE department, she said, turned out to be the perfect home for her to conduct this research. During the course of her studies, Scott said she decided to "live my research."

"I came up with this motto: 'Don't write about it, be about it,'" she said.

As a result, Scott drastically altered her own diet, becoming a vegan and developing different habits as a consumer, which had a profound effect on her parents' lifestyles as well.

Since defending her dissertation, she has accepted a position as a prevention effectiveness fellow at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, working with the National Center for Environmental Health conducting research on the effectiveness of food safety interventions in restaurants.

"Being a researcher is a lot like being in sales," Scott said. "You have to believe in what you're doing because that's how you end up connecting with other people."



Photo by Nancy Evelyn

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*"In my time at FACS,  
I was able to find a  
balance of gaining extensive  
knowledge and presenting that  
information in a simple, concise  
way. Combining that with the  
warm family environment of FACS  
professors & staff makes for a very  
special experience that I would hope  
for all students!"*



**MARTIN SEAY**

*Assistant Professor of Personal Financial Planning, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS*

*BSFCS in Housing and Consumer Economics. Major: Housing, 2007*

*Ph.D. in Housing and Consumer Economics - Emphasis: Family Financial Planning, 2012*

*"I came into (FHCE) an unmotivated slacker, content with sliding by. The faculty challenged me, demanded my best and refused to settle for anything less. They molded me into the person I am today, and for that I will be eternally grateful."*



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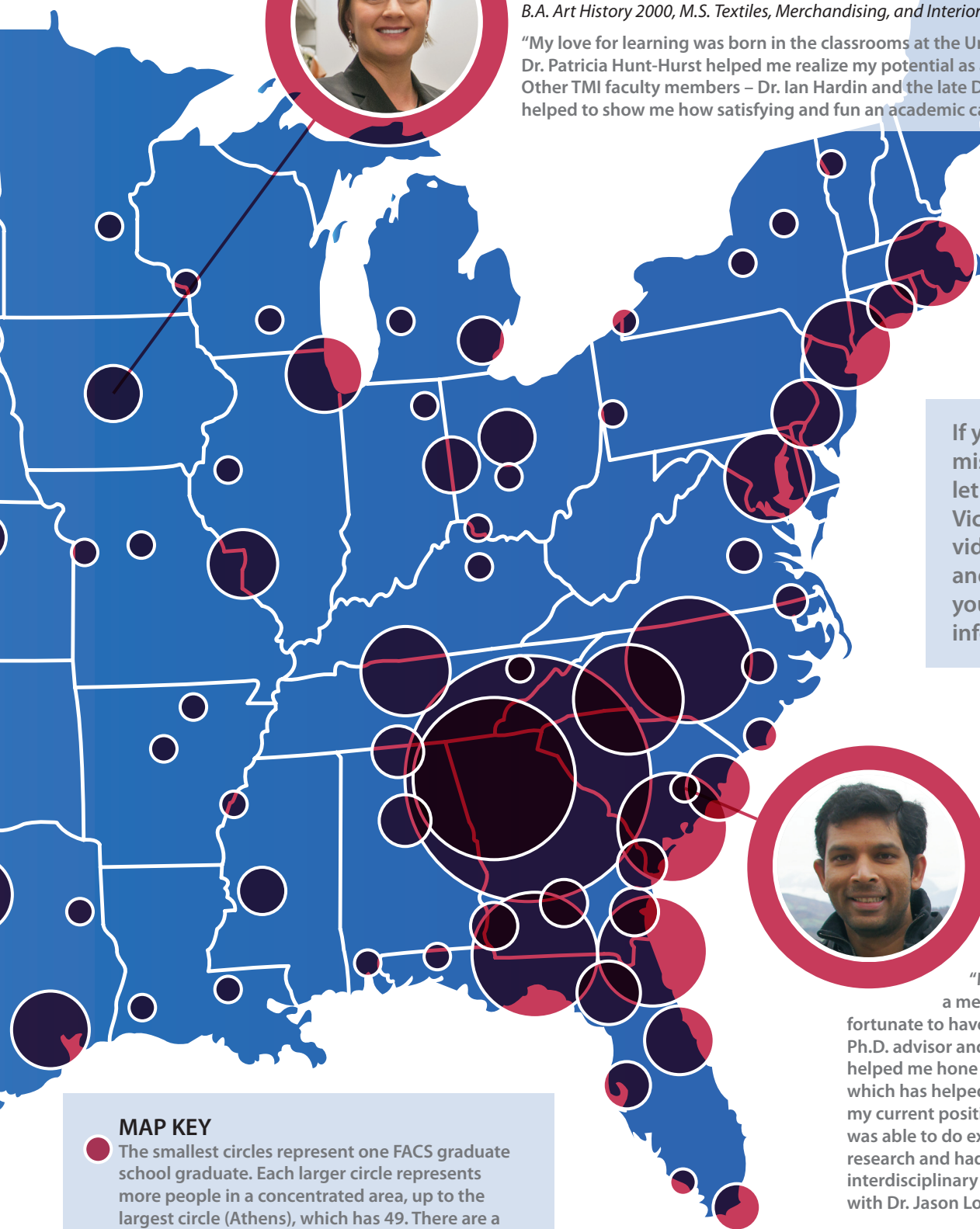


## SARA MARCKETTI

*Associate Director, Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching and Associate Professor, AESHM Department, Iowa State University*

*B.A. Art History 2000, M.S. Textiles, Merchandising, and Interiors 2002*

*"My love for learning was born in the classrooms at the University of Georgia. Dr. Patricia Hunt-Hurst helped me realize my potential as a university professor. Other TMI faculty members – Dr. Ian Hardin and the late Dr. Nolan Etters – helped to show me how satisfying and fun an academic career could be."*



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## VIKRAM DHENDE

*Polymer Scientist, Voith Paper, Summerville, S.C.*

*Ph.D., Textile Science, 2011*

*"My stay in TMI was a memorable one. I was fortunate to have Dr. Ian Hardin as my Ph.D. advisor and mentor. The department helped me hone my skills as a researcher, which has helped me immensely in my current position in the industry. I was able to do exciting and fulfilling research and had the opportunity to do interdisciplinary research in chemistry with Dr. Jason Locklin, my co-advisor."*

## MAP KEY

- The smallest circles represent one FACS graduate school graduate. Each larger circle represents more people in a concentrated area, up to the largest circle (Athens), which has 49. There are a total of 550 graduate school graduates since 1990.

## APURBA BANERJEE

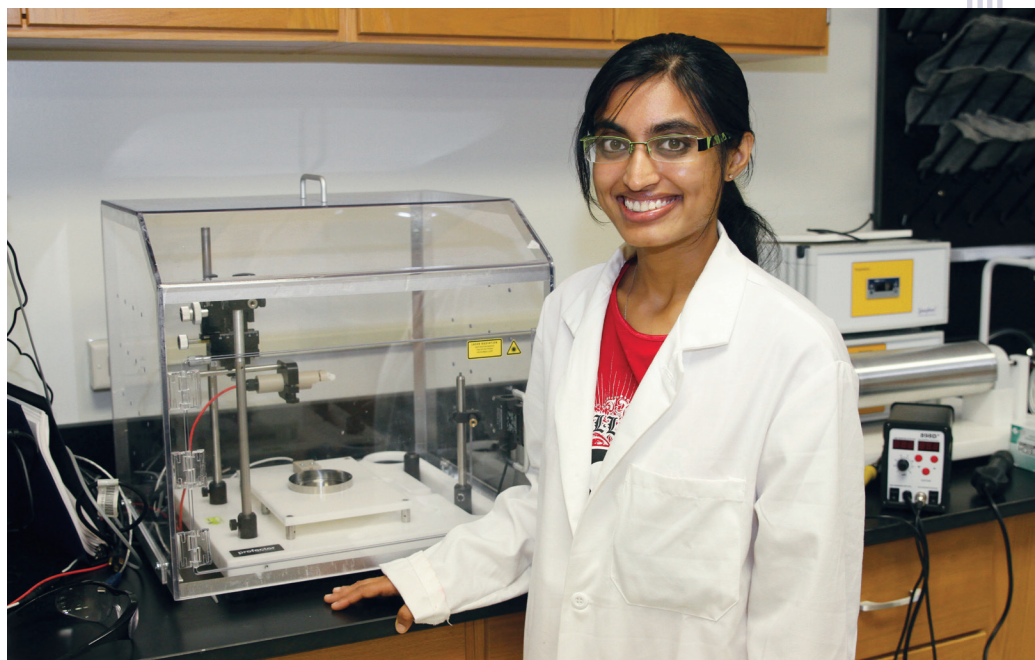
*Ph.D. candidate, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors, 2017*

It's often the so-called little things that factor into big decisions like where to attend graduate school.

When Apurba Banerjee inquired about the doctoral program in the FACS department of textiles, merchandising and interiors during her days as a grad student at Colorado State University, she got immediate responses from the department head.

After a quick visit to the college website, she found a professor, Dr. Suraj Sharma, whose research interests and background closely matched her own. Soon after being accepted, she was able to secure an assistantship as well as pursue her passion of teaching.

Banerjee hasn't regretted it, becoming an integral part of Sharma's lab, which



conducts research aimed at creating environmentally friendly bioplastics made from algae that ultimately may reduce the world's consumption of crude oil, one of the key ingredients of traditional plastics.

This research has a variety of potential applications, including biomedical devices such as sutures and

cardiovascular patches through a process called electrospinning.

"Textiles is more about how it can complement human life and make it better," Banerjee said. "The whole of the college of FACS is basically that: trying to understand how we can make things better."

## MATT CARLSON

*Ph.D. candidate, Human Development and Family Science, 2017*

Carlson, whose research involves childhood and inter-familial sexual abuse, has an interest in both clinical work as well as continued research on the academic side. At FACS, he is able to pursue both.

"Parent-child abuse isn't new, but it's under-studied and I think a lot of studies show that it's drastically under-reported,"



he said. "It's an area where there's still a lot of work to be done."

Carlson's passion for clinical work was born during his days at the University of Kentucky, where he received both his bachelor's and master's degrees.

He has continued that work through his involvement as a marriage and family therapist with the ASPIRE Clinic, a resource within FACS that provides holistic counseling and education services to the UGA and Athens community.

"I've found that I was more effective with clients who had seen traumatic scenarios and had lived through them, but it was still something that was impairing their life," he said. "That process of repairing that trauma was really where I felt there was a home for me."

On the research end, Carlson said investigating childhood trauma and attempting to find early intervention points remains a chief pursuit.

He said he tells his peers who are shopping for Ph.D. programs to give FACS a serious look.

"I tell them basically everyone here is a master in their field," he said. "We have amazing things on the qualitative end and amazing things on the quantitative end. If you want to get into something, there's a likelihood that someone's doing it or has already done it and is really good at it, and you can come here and pursue it."



**C**hip Ogburn was living sort of a dream life for himself in a Colorado ski resort.

He was in his early 20s, a recent Stanford graduate, working odd jobs and enjoying the view and amenities of the idyllic valley nicknamed Ski Town USA.

But something was missing.

"We had a really good friend who was just about to turn 40 and had saved up enough money to buy his first condo," Ogburn recalled. "I remember thinking 'I don't want to be 40 years old and buying my very first condo.' That was not what I wanted out of life."

At the time, Ogburn was managing a health food store, which meshed nicely with a lifelong interest in fitness and nutrition. Feeling a pull toward higher education, he eventually discovered Dr. Rick Lewis' lab within the FACS department of foods and nutrition, moved back to his native Georgia and completed the program in 1999.

After attending medical school and an orthopedic residency in Augusta, followed by a trauma fellowship in St. Louis, Ogburn and his wife Kjirsten moved back to Athens in 2010, where he now works as an orthopedic surgeon specializing in trauma and reconstruction with Athens Orthopedic Clinic, performing an average of 25 surgeries a week.

#### **Tell us a little about some of the jobs you had in Colorado.**

"I worked every facet of the service industry. Waiting and bussing tables, cook line – I can cook a mean crepe – tending bar, bar manager, painting, construction. I worked in a grocery store deli for probably a year. You name it, I've done it."

#### **How would you describe your experience as a graduate student with Dr. Lewis?**

"More than anything he was just a great life mentor in terms of how to try and balance your activities. I think that's what health and wellness is about mostly: not just the determination and the food you eat, but the balance you bring to your life. The years I spent with him were wonderful."

#### **How did the grad school process prepare you for your career?**

"From an academic standpoint, pushing through the stress of thesis work and grant proposals is harder than doing anything else really in terms of studies and testing and all that. It's a significant trial to put yourself through. Going through that academically prepares you to do anything you want to do ... if you can push through a thesis in that amount of time, you can pretty much tackle anything."

#### **How do you describe your job?**

"I mostly fix broken stuff as a trauma guy and take care of all



### **CHIP OGBURN**

Board certified orthopedic surgeon specializing in trauma and reconstruction, Athens Orthopedic Clinic, chief of orthopedic surgery, Athens Regional Medical Center

**Hometown:** Macon, Ga.

**Education:** Stanford, B.A., Clinical Psychology, 1994; UGA, M.S., Foods and Nutrition, 1999; Medical College of Georgia, M.D., 2004; Residency, Medical College of Georgia, Orthopedic Surgery, 2009; Fellowship, St. Louis University, Orthopedic Trauma, 2010

**Personal:** Wife: Kjirsten. Son: Lawton, 8. Daughter: Selah, 6

**Hobbies:** Trail running, road running, cycling, ultimate Frisbee, yoga.

kinds of urgent problems: lots of infections, lots of urgent fracture work, car wrecks, hip fractures, you name it."

#### **Any misconceptions about the life of a trauma surgeon?**

"Most people think trauma (is) you just show up and whatever comes in the door you just kind of fly by the seat of your pants. The reality is I spend a significant amount of time preparing for all these cases we do and the forethought is what brings success to the actual surgery, not whether you've got good hands or the right tools or you're good on the fly."

#### **What is one of the highlights of your work?**

"You do have those handful of patients who are so grateful and gracious and it seems like the timing is just right (that) when you're kind of getting beat down and you're getting tired and you have the salt of the earth that's not being too kind to you, that you'll find that one person who says just the right thing to kind of brighten up your day and make you feel better. That helps."

# JOSEPHINE MARTIN

## Honor Hall of Recognition inductee

By Ivy Odom, FACS senior

Coming from a small town in north Georgia, Josephine Martin always dreamed of going to college to study journalism.

Her father, however, had other plans.

"When I came to the University, the most respectable thing was home economics," Martin said.

Four years and only one journalism elective later, Martin graduated from the University of Georgia School of Home Economics in 1947 with a degree in foods, nutrition and institutional management.

She then went on to Duke University to complete one year as a dietetic intern, where her first rotation was on the pediatrics floor. The experience changed the course of her life.

"I met a little boy named Jimmy who had leukemia, and we knew he was not going to get well," Martin said. "I became very much touched by Jimmy and at that

point I realized I wanted to work with children."

That little boy in North Carolina sparked an idea in Martin, one that carried her into positions of influence within the highest halls of state and federal government. Martin ended up playing major roles in the passing of legislation that improved and expanded access to nutrition for Georgia's schoolchildren, starting as a 22-year-old within the Georgia Department of Education.

In February, Martin was inducted into the FACS Honor Hall of Recognition due to her outstanding contributions to the school nutrition programs in Georgia and throughout the country.

"It is so important to me," Martin said of the honor. "You can be recognized by people outside of your home state, but to be recognized by your own university has to be the most meaningful of them all."

Martin's passion for child nutrition was renewed at every turn in her career, even after legislation was passed to expand the school nutrition program to include preschool children in the 1960s.

"I heard this story that a school teacher was telling her children at the end of the year to have a good summer and she'd see them next fall, and a child looked up at her and said, 'But where will I get my something to eat?'" Martin said. "It was at that moment that I think I really and truly decided I was going to dedicate my career to working in child nutrition."

Following her time with the Georgia DOE, a role that involved serving as an area consultant and training cafeteria staff of more than 400 schools in north Georgia, Martin went on to hold positions within the United States Department of Agriculture, including state director.

Her many roles also brought her into





## 2016 FACS Alumni Awards

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contact with some of the most influential politicians of her time.

Martin accompanied Sen. Herman Talmadge on a tour of hunger in Georgia in the 1960s; as president of the American School Food Service Association, she lobbied U.S. Congressman Richard B. Russell, author of the National School Lunch Act, that eventually led to the passing of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966.

After a career full of successes, Martin does not like to take credit for her accomplishments.

"Everything has been a collaborative, cooperative, team effort of many, many people," she said. "I don't feel that I have personally accomplished anything; we work together wherever I have been, and it is all a result of a lot of support and a lot of help."

Of all of her achievements, Martin is most proud of the people who work in school nutrition in the state of Georgia.

"They are honest, trained, compassionate, and they believe in what they're doing," she said. "They really have a vision for children. The most wonderful thing is that the school nutrition program in Georgia is recognized above all in the nation. We are one of the few states that require certified, professionally trained foodservice directors. To me, that means that Georgia, my home state, is doing things for our children, and these children are going to be our leaders of tomorrow."

Martin knows that the school nutrition battle is not yet won.

"Every generation has to learn again," she said. "You can't do it one time. It has to be an ongoing program that is built into the real psyche of our political leaders, parents and others if we are going to one day eliminate hunger and obesity. If we're going to be able to meet the nutrition needs of people in America, we have to have strong public policy at every level."

*Along with Martin's induction in the FACS Honor Hall of Recognition, several FACS alumni and friends of the college were recognized for their career achievements at the Alumni Awards ceremony this year. They are listed here:*

**Dr. Emily Tomayko**, Pacesetter Award: Tomayko received her undergraduate degree in dietetics from FACS in 2005 and now serves as a post-doctoral trainee at the University of Wisconsin in the molecular and applied nutrition training program. The Pacesetter Award recognizes a recent FACS grad who actively promotes the beliefs and values of the college.



**Dr. Patricia Annis**, Creswell Award: Named for the first dean of the college, the Creswell Award is given to a faculty member who has provided leadership in motivating and guiding students. Annis has served as a faculty member in the textiles, merchandising and interiors department for 27 years.

**Dr. Cliff Baile**, FACS Appreciation Award: This award is given to an individual who has contributed significantly to the support of the college. Baile, who passed away in May 2014, was the tireless, passionate leader of the campus-wide UGA Obesity Initiative who had a highly decorated career in both industry and academia.



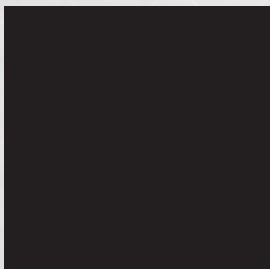
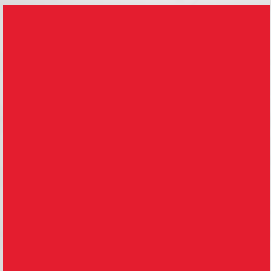
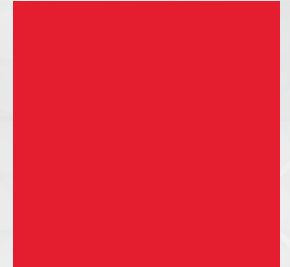
**Dr. Greg Lang**, Outstanding Service Award: Lang, who received his doctorate in human development and family science, has been recognized for his outstanding community service and humanitarian efforts in Gwinnett County, serves as executive director of the Good Samaritan Health Center of Gwinnett.

**Dr. Debbie Phillips**, Emily Quinn Pou Professional Achievement Award: Phillips, who earned a bachelor's degree in consumer journalism and a master's in housing and consumer economics before receiving a doctorate from Georgia Tech, has taught at both UGA and Georgia Tech and is founder of The Quadrillion, an international consulting firm.



**Dr. Barbara Grossman**, Distinguished Alumni Award: Grossman, a four-time recipient of the FACS Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award, has two degrees from FACS and currently serves as clinical associate professor and director of the dietetic internship program in the foods and nutrition department.





# FACS

## 2014-2015

# Annual Report



**2014-2015**

# **At A Glance**

**16,715** Living alumni

**\$8,623,279** in grants awarded

**83** faculty members

**370** faculty books, chapters,  
journal publications

**1,497** undergraduate enrollment

**309** faculty presentations

**425** undergraduate degrees  
conferred (academic year 2013-14)

**82** grant proposals submitted

**147** graduate degrees conferred

## Donor Spotlight

# Sharon Price and David Coker give to FACS in many ways

**Sharon Price enjoyed conducting research.**  
She enjoyed writing and collaborating with colleagues across the country.

But she loved working with students. Throughout her distinguished career, the last 27 years of which were spent in what is now the human development and family science department within FACS, she mentored more than 50 graduate students.

As she reflects on her career, it's those students, and the bonds she formed with them, that inspire the greatest emotion, even 15 years after her retirement.

"I really love seeing students grow," Price said. "You get students in grad school and for lack of a better phrase, they're like small children, babies. Their eyes are wide, they're scared to death and you just watch them grow in knowledge and maturity and professionally. My major goal was that they would achieve more in their careers than I achieved in mine. It's a lot like parenting, really."

Price joined FACS as a member of what was then called the department of child and family development in 1973 and retired in 2000. She helped establish the department's doctoral program in the early 1970s and presided over its development into one of the nation's most prestigious.

"We had a faculty that was really active professionally," she said. "This department was really on the map."

Price's husband, David Coker, also enjoyed a long and distinguished career at UGA, retiring in 2000 as executive director and associate provost of international affairs.

As the couple reflected on their time at UGA, they began talking about ways to give back. It had to be something they could afford, of course, but also something that would directly benefit students.

In 2012, they established the Sharon Price and David Coker Excellence in Research Award, intended to help fund dissertation research for HDFS doctoral students.

"We always knew we wanted to do something, and we always knew it would be focused on students," Price said. "We both have other schools in our background, but Georgia was where our heart was."

This spring semester at the inaugural HDFS

Undergraduate and Graduate Research Symposium, Price and Coker were able to witness the first fruits of their generosity as two students, Andrea Farnham and Savannah Spivey, were named the inaugural recipients of the award.

"That was so neat to see it come to fruition," Price said. "It made it real. You know, you write out this check and give away this money, and all of a sudden it's real. That was really a high point, and we felt privileged to see it."

Spivey, a doctoral candidate in HDFS, conducts research that focuses on the global health and well-being of refugee families and policies that impact refugees.

Last summer, she conducted research in Israel, studying issues surrounding healthcare provided to Syrian refugees by Israeli hospitals.

"This award allows me to return to Israel this summer to complete my project by presenting the ongoing research to healthcare providers and collecting more data," Spivey said. "I could not have returned to complete this work without this award."

For Price, attending the symposium and getting to know the beneficiaries was reward enough, another reminder of what attracted her to education all those years ago.

"Doctoral students, you work elbow to shoulder with them," she said. "They get to know you and you get to know them. Sometimes you can't stand each other, sometimes you adore each other, but it ... was just a great relationship and I loved them."

**— Cal Powell**



► HDFS department head Emilie Smith with Sharon Price and David Coker.





## Sharon Price

Professor emerita, FACS human development and family science department (previously child and family development), 1973-2000

**Education** – B.S., MacMurry College for Women, Jacksonville, Ill., M.S. and Ph.D., Iowa State University

**Career highlights** – Served as president of the National Council on Family Relations; recipient of the Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professorship; recipient of the Osborne Award from the NCFR, co-author or co-editor of seven books, including “Families and Change,” a top seller in the family science field; helped establish the doctoral program in HDFs in the early 1970s; Price previously served on the faculties of the University of Tulsa and Iowa State University.

## David Coker

**Education** – B.S., Western Illinois University, M.S., University of Iowa, Ph.D., Indiana University, post-doctoral work at Harvard Graduate Schools of Business and Education

**Career highlights** – Came to UGA in 1988 as executive assistant to the president; also held a faculty appointment in counseling psychology; appointed to serve as executive director and associate provost for international affairs. Coker, who retired in 2000, previously held several positions at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and served as assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs in North Carolina.

## Sharon Price and David Coker Excellence in Research Award

**Purpose** – To provide support to Ph.D. students in the FACS human development and family science department for dissertation research.



# HONOR ROLL

We proudly present to you the College of Family and Consumer Sciences Honor Roll of Donors. Here we honor donations of \$1,000 and up made between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015. All donations of \$50 and above during the same period are honored on the FACS website at [fcs.uga.edu/giving-back/those-who-give](http://fcs.uga.edu/giving-back/those-who-give). Gifts of all sizes are important to us and we remain dedicated to using them wisely as we invest in our students, faculty and alumni. If you prefer anonymity or an alternative name format in future publications, we welcome your requests.

*Thank you!*

## 1785 Society

*The 1785 Society, recognizing cumulative gifts of \$1 million and above, is named for the year that the University of Georgia was chartered by the Georgia General Assembly, pays homage to our impressive history and tradition of achievement as the first state-chartered university in the nation.*

The Coca-Cola Foundation  
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## \$10,000 and Up

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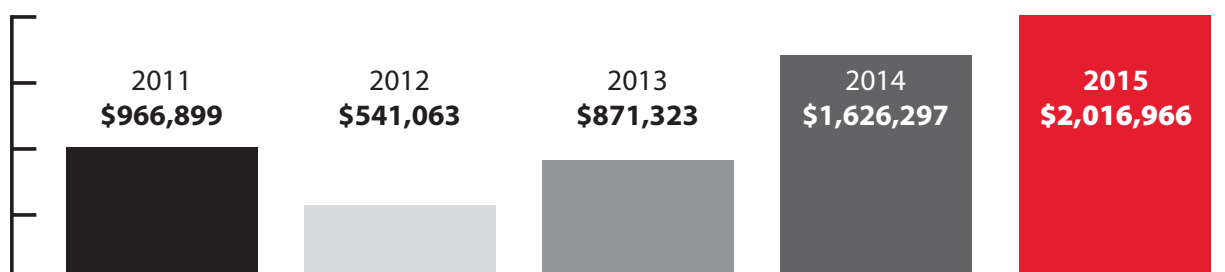
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## \$5,000 to \$9,999

### *President's Club Fellows*

Drs. Carolyn D. and C. Reese Berdanier  
Dr. Sarah (Stanley) and Tim Fallaw  
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Dr. Wen F. Williams  
Dr. Charles Q. Yang

## FACS five-year giving history







## \$2,500 and Up FACS Dean's Circle

*The Dean's Circle recognizes those who have made a minimum \$2,500 investment in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015. Dean's Circle society members enjoy special recognition for their level of support, including invitations to college events and special communications from Dean Linda Kirk Fox.*

*To our Dean's Circle members  
– Thank you!*

Anonymous

Dr. Renita (Jones) and Rob D. Anderson  
Drs. Lynn B. Bailey and Gary E. Rodrick  
Wanda (Taylor) and Earl D. Barrs  
Jean (Griffeth) Bauerband  
Dan and Laura-Dee Dubay  
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Betty (Sewell) Ragland  
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Gerald T. Willis  
Kitty (Trussell) and H. Grady Wilson Jr.

## \$1,000 to \$2,499 President's Club Associates

Dr. Donald W. and Julie (Wilson) Bower  
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## Senior Signature

**The Senior Signature program** provides graduating seniors with the opportunity to donate to UGA.

In a highly successful year, 77 generous students from the Class of 2015 designated gifts to FACS with a total of \$2,310 raised.

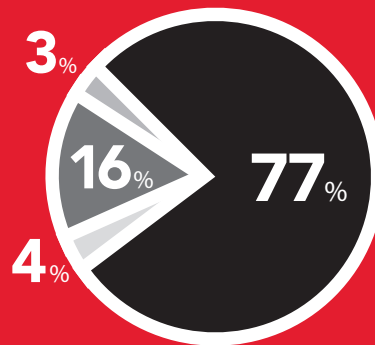
Of those funds, \$1,500 of gifts designated to the FACS Fund for Excellence were used to support "The Bridge," a series developed by the FACS Student Success and Advising Center to help new students transition into the college.

Thank you to those 77 first-time donors for giving back to FACS and supporting the success of future FACS graduates for years to come!

For more information regarding the UGA Senior Signature program, visit the UGA Alumni Association page at [www.alumni.uga.edu](http://www.alumni.uga.edu) and click on Student Alumni Association.

# FACS Facts

## FACS Annual Giving Contributors FY2015

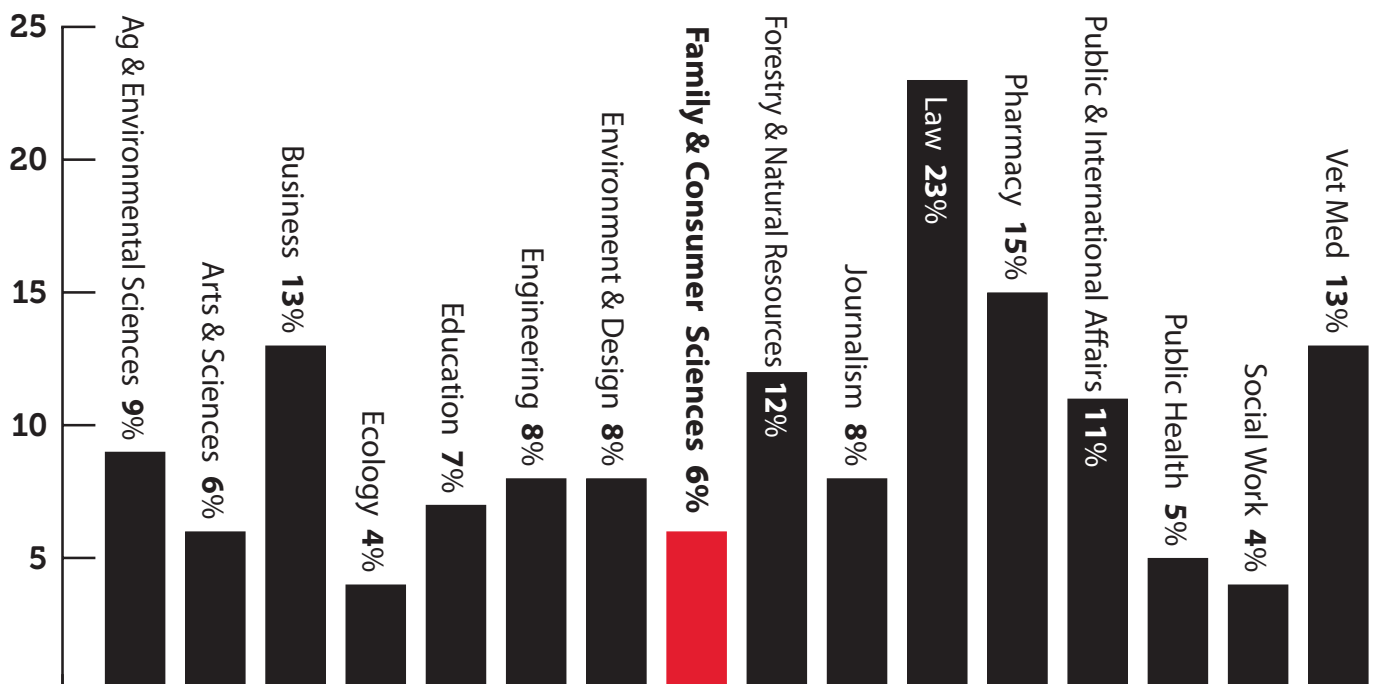


"Our momentum has propelled us into the top 20 public research universities according to U.S. News & World Report rankings. Yet, in that same report, we are ranked 114th in our alumni giving—one of the factors affecting that placement."

- President Jere W. Morehead (JD '80)



## Comparison of UGA Alumni Participation





# FACS Study Abroad

**More than 2,000 UGA students – almost 6 percent of the student body – study abroad each year, selecting from more than 100 programs led by UGA faculty.**

UGA has three year-round residential sites for study abroad in Costa Rica, Oxford, England and Cortona, Italy, and one in four graduating seniors has studied abroad for academic credit during their time at UGA.

Where in the world is FACS?

We have programs in **China, Ghana, London, Cortona, Italy, Australia/New Zealand** and **Costa Rica**, as well as study tours of **New York** and **Washington, D.C.**

Because of costs, study abroad trips are not an option for a majority of students. The London trip, for example, can cost almost \$10,000.

Last year, all 34 students who applied for assistance with study abroad programs received some aid. The total amount we awarded was \$23,450, with the average award around \$1,000.

"The FACS study abroad program was my first window into the world outside of the U.S.," said FACS grad Tosha Hays, founder of Brrr!, an Atlanta-based startup that makes accessories, home goods and clothing made of fabric designed to stay cool. "It opened my eyes to different cultures and different ways of life and led me into the dream job I have today. It was the pivotal moment for me as I moved from student to professional."



**Thanks to the generous support of our alumni and friends, FACS has 12 International Study Awards:**

**Zena Costa Brown International Study Award**

**Glenn Burton International Study Award**

**McGill and Dean Family International Study Award**

**Marihope Troutman Flatt International Study Award**

**Betty Davison Garcia International Study Award**

**Anne Montgomery Haltiwanger International Study Award**

**Sarah L. Huff International Study Award**

**Sharon Y. Nickols International Study Award**

**Claudia Stowers Noell International Study Award**

**Betty Sewell Ragland International Study Award**

**Sally Schley Stith International Study Award**

**Betty Carico Williams International Study Award**

Endowments for international study awards can be established for \$25,000, payable over five years. For information on how you can help, contact Victoria Prevatt at (706) 542-4946 or [vprevatt@uga.edu](mailto:vprevatt@uga.edu)



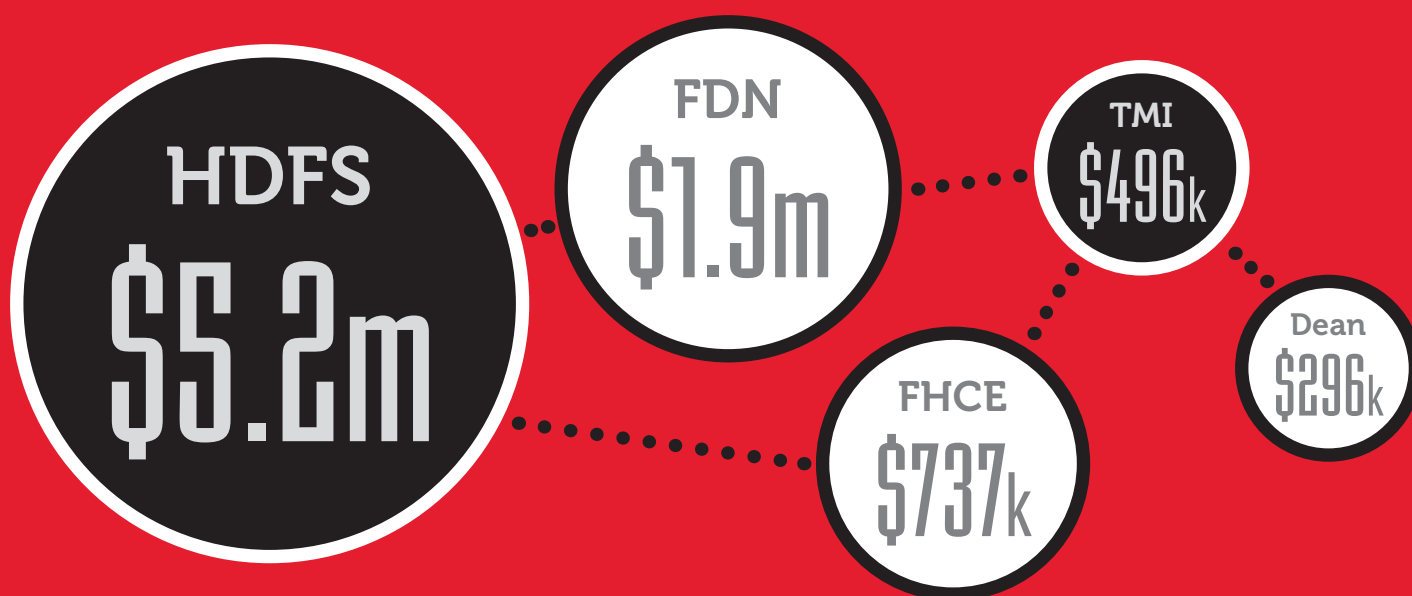
**FHCE students with Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas during the Washington, D.C. study tour this summer**



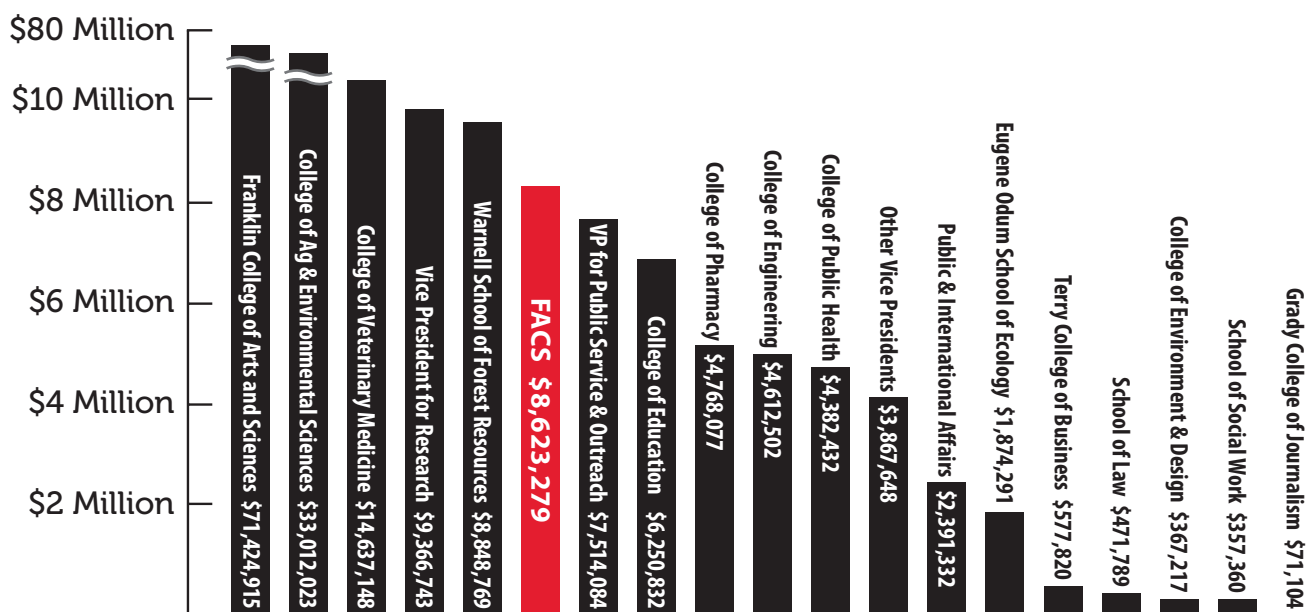
# FY2015 External Project Funding



## Distribution among departments



## Awards by college






# FY2015 External Funders

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| U.S. Department of Health and Human Services | \$4,377,470 |
| U.S. Department of Agriculture               | \$2,465,848 |
| Georgia State Agencies                       | \$957,198   |
| U.S. Department of Defense                   | \$224,901   |
| Industry*                                    | \$189,351   |
| Foundations & Nonprofits**                   | \$165,842   |
| National Science Foundation                  | \$133,472   |
| U.S. Environmental Protection Agency         | \$109,198   |

\*Corning, Procter & Gamble, Cotton Incorporated, American Egg Board, International Association of Assessing Officers

\*\*American Cancer Society, Templeton Foundation, Spencer Foundation, Northeast Georgia Area Agency on Aging, Georgia Family Connection Partnership, Community Initiatives



39 graduate students  
received assistantships  
through external grants

# FACS Alumni Association Board



How would you describe the College of Family and Consumer Sciences?

One phrase that quickly comes to my mind is "tradition of excellence."

On a daily basis, FACS students, faculty, staff and alumni strive to fulfill the FACS mission statement, which is to "advance the well-being of individuals and families over their life span and strengthen communities through the generation and dissemination of knowledge, education of professionals and

provision of research-based programs."

This year, the FACS Alumni Association is excited to start a new Homecoming tradition.

Homecoming is a wonderful time to welcome back alumni to campus. What's more exciting than attending a tailgate at Dawson Hall and bumping into your favorite professors and seeing old friends, then enjoying a Bulldog victory?

I hope to see all of you on Saturday, October 17, behind Dawson. Look for the big tartan tent.

Homecoming kicks off the start of FACS Week 2015.

On Oct. 20, the FACS Alumni Association will host Dogs with the Dean on the front patio.

On October 23, alumni, students, donors and faculty come

together to celebrate excellence in academics and philanthropy. Be sure to review the entire list of activities on the FACS website at [www.fcs.uga.edu](http://www.fcs.uga.edu).

## Other FACS alumni events

Brrr ... its cold! The FACS Chilly Dawg 5K is always a fun (and appropriately named) event! Join us for a fun run and maybe some hot chocolate after. A date will be announced soon.

Lastly, the FACS Alumni Association hosts a wonderful annual awards luncheon, which is a great opportunity to see our highlighted alumni awards recipients. We urge you to submit your nominations for the 2016 Alumni Awards. Online registration is now open on our website (see page 25 for details). This event is set for Feb. 20, 2016 at the Georgia Center.

The FACS Alumni Board represents an impressive array of education and careers. Connecting with them is a wonderful starting point for your professional networking. We are so proud of our Alumni Board members and encourage you to make a connection with our members, listed below.

This year we hope you join us in continuing a tradition of excellence for the College of Family and Consumer Sciences by participating in one or more of our FACS alumni events.

— Lauren Coheley,  
FACS Alumni Board president

## Executive Committee

**Lauren Coheley, President:** Ph.D. Candidate, Foods & Nutrition, NutriFit LLC. *BSFCS Dietetics*, 2012

**Theresa Glasheen, Past President:** Program Coordinator, National SafeCare Training & Research Center, Georgia State University School of Public Health. *BSFCS Family & Consumer Sciences*, 2006; *M.S. Child & Family Development*, 2008

## Board Members

**Alison Clune Berg:** Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist at FACS. *BSFCS Dietetics*, 2007; *M.S. Foods and Nutrition*, 2009; *Ph.D., Nutrition*, 2015

**Camille Blair:** Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher, Commerce High School. *BSFCS Family & Consumer Sciences*, 2012

**Megan Bodie:** Clinical Dietitian, WellStar Health System. *BSFCS Dietetics*, 2010; *M.S. Foods and Nutrition*, 2012

**Michelle Blue:** Co-owner of Bene Scarves. BBA – Marketing with a Minor in Fashion Merchandising, 2013

**Tracey Brigman:** Clinical Assistant Professor, Registered Dietitian, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Georgia. *M.S. Foods & Nutrition*, 1992

**Carter Broun:** Co-owner of Milworks Holdings, LLC. *BSFCS Housing*, 2008

**Ashley Carter:** Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher, Oglethorpe County High School. *BSFCS Child & Family Development*, 1998; *MEd Family & Consumer Science Education*, 2000

**Antavious Coates:** Account Executive, CWC Business Solutions. *BSFCS Child & Family Development*, 2009; *M.S. Kinesiology*, 2011

**Deretta Cole:** VP – Human Resources, YMCA of Metro Atlanta. *BSFCS Hotel & Restaurant Management*, 1992; *Ph.D. Adult Education*, 2010

**Denise Everson:** Program Development Coordinator, Northeast District, FACS Extension. *BSFCS Child & Family Development*, 1997; *M.S. Adult Education*, 2004

**Tom Greene:** Executive Vice President, Alliant Employee Benefits. *BSFCS Hotel & Restaurant Management*, 1991

**Patti Hunt-Hurst:** Department Head, Professor, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors, University of Georgia. *BSHE Home Economics Education*, 1977; *M.S. Clothing Textiles Interiors & Furnishings*, 1983

**Dorothy James:** Sales Coordinator, Lafayette 148 New York. *BSFCS Fashion Merchandising*, 2013

**Erica Kennon:** Merchandiser, K&G Fashion Superstore. *BSFCS Consumer Journalism*, 2013

**Camille Kesler:** President, Atlanta Symphony Associates. *BSFCS Consumer Economics*, 1994

**Gwen Lucas:** CEO of Tires and Logistics. *BSFCS Child & Family Development*, 1999

**Chase Lawrence:** Founder of CollegeTown Properties. *BSFCS Housing*, 2005

**Kelly T. Preston:** President, Preston Farm and Garden. *BSFCS Housing*, 2008

**Danny Stevens:** Program Coordinator, Family Dependency Treatment Court, Athens-Clarke County Juvenile Court, Instructor, University of Georgia. *M.S. Child & Family Development*, 1995



# CLASS NOTES

## ALUMNI

### 1960s

**Judith Darby** (BSHE '63) is a retired FACS educator and Polk County, Florida school board member.

**Millie Coleman** (BSHE '65) published a new book: "Scotch-Irish Life in the South Carolina Piedmont: Why They Wore Five Petticoats on Sunday."

### 1970s

**Louise Hill** (BSHE '79), a public service and outreach faculty member of UGA's J.W. Fanning Institute for Leadership Development, serves on the Georgia vocational rehabilitation services board.

**Ann Marie Moraitakis** (BSHE '79) is Director of Operations Chick-fil-A Foundation & Senior Manager of Community Affairs for Chick-fil-A.

### 1980s

**Janet Hollingsworth** (BSHE '82) is the SE District FACS Program Development Coordinator (PDC) for the Georgia Extension Service.

**Patricia McLean** (BSHE '83) owner of Patricia McLean Interiors, was a featured designer at the 2015 Atlanta Symphony Associates Decorators Show house and Gardens at Chateau Soleil.

**Cathi Chambley** (BSHE '82, MS '84) graduated from the Charleston School of Law in 2009 and opened the Law Office of Cathi V. Chambley, PC in Augusta, Georgia in 2011, focusing primarily on domestic relations law, particularly divorce, child custody and visitation and related matters.

**Marisa Reynolds** (BSHE '89) of Watkinsville, Georgia received the 2014 Jerry Keenan Award for leadership in the implementation, advancement or expanded awareness/utilization of electronic payments long-standing support and contributions to the PaymentsFirst mission. Mrs. Reynolds was presented the award in September 2014 at the PaymentsFirst Annual Conference. She is a Group Vice President with Oconee State Bank.

**Sherri Stephens** (BSHE '89) is the Assistant to the Dean at UGA College of Family and Consumer Science.

### 1990s

**Melanie Sigler** (BSFCS '90) was named Georgia Middle School Principal of the Year.

**Catherine Nourse** (BSFCS '91) recently received funding from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics for a Future of Food grant for ways to address food security in the U.S. She is adjunct Faculty and Community Nutritionist at Dean College.

**Kristin Skelly** (HDFS '91) is the head of school at The Heritage School in Newnan.

**April Lavender** (BSFCS '92) is a full-time mom and owns a home-based cookie business, April's Cookies.

**Deretta Cole** (BSFCS '92) is VP/Chief Human Resources Officer of the YMCA of Metro Atlanta.

**Camille Kesler** (BSFCS '94) is President of the Atlanta Symphony Associates and Chair of the 2015 Atlanta Symphony Decorators Show house and Gardens at Chateau Soleil.

**Jeffrey Mitchell** (BSFCS '96) is the owner of CareAway Cakes, LLC.

**Hope Spivey** (BSFCS '96) was inducted into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in September 2014.

**Denise Everson** (BSFCS '97) is the NE District FACS Program Development Coordinator (PDC) with the Georgia Extension Service.

**Sarah Fishburne** (BSFCS '97) is Director of Trend and Design for The Home Depot.

### 2000s

**Jennifer Cronin** (MS '00) is a nutrition consultant and Iowa Dietetics in Health Care Communities Event Coordinator.

**Meredith Gurley Johnson** (BSFCS '00) is Executive Director of the University of Georgia Alumni Association.

**Megan Palmer** (BSFCS '04) was named the Georgia FACS Teacher of the Year for 2015.

**Cassie Johnson** (BSFCS '05) is a sales professional with the University of Georgia Hotel and Conference Center.

**Carolyn Lewis** (BSFCS '05) is a recruiting manager for Gables Residential.

**Alison Berg** (BSFCS '07) is an Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist in the area of human nutrition and health promotion in the FACS Department of Foods and Nutrition.

**Leslie Buchanan** (BSFCS '09) is the owner of Buchanan, a sustainable, contemporary clothing brand for the everyday woman.

**Chanda Dunn** (BSFCS '09) is a therapist for Greenbriar Children's Center in Savannah.

**Lauren Goodman** (BSFCS '09) is the District Human Relations Manager for Nordstrom Rack in Atlanta.

**Amelia Ostenson** (BSFCS '09) is an associate with Homrich Berg Wealth Management.

**Cherish Pinson** (BSFCS '09) opened the Pink Flamingo in Macon in February. The boutique serves Lilly Pulitzer shoppers in middle Georgia.

### 2010s

**Ross Allen** (BSFCS '10) is a wealth manager with Redwood Wealth Management, LLC.

**Beth Kindamo** (BSFCS '10) was awarded the Georgia Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics 2015 Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year.

**Courtney Kupets** (BSFCS '10) was inducted into the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame in August 2014.

**Daniel Mosseri** (BSFCS '10) is a registered client associate with Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC.

**Abigail Soren** (BSFCS '10) is a financial planner with Redwood Wealth Management, LLC.

**Christopher Thompson** (BSFCS '10) is a pilot with Compass Airlines.

**Geno Atkins** (BSFCS '11) is a defensive tackle with the Cincinnati Bengals.

**Thomas A. Davis** (BSFCS '11) is the 2015 NFL Walter Payton Man of the Year Award winner. Thomas is a linebacker with the Carolina Panthers.

**Russ Henley** (BSFCS '11) participated in the 2015 Masters tournament at Augusta National.

**Jeffrey Rosengarten** (BSFCS '11) is an associate at Homrich Berg Wealth Management.

**Win Blair** (BSFCS '12) is a Marketing Research and Support Analyst at Southern Company.

**Joanna Brown** (BFCS '12) received her master's from Seton Hill University.

**Miranda Cornelius** (BSFCS '12) is the owner of Cotton and Twine Boutique locations in Dalton and Calhoun, Ga.

**Brett Nobles** (BSFCS '12) is an advisor at Lighthouse Financial Advisors, which is a branch of Peachtree Planning Corporation based out of Atlanta.

**Ashley Long** (BSFCS '13) is a product assistant at Macy's in New York City.

**Madison Moskowitz** (BSFCS '13) is employed by with K&G Fashion Superstore.

**Jonathan Payne** (BSFCS '13) is a student at Vanderbilt University.

**Priya Patel** (BSFCS '13) is a WIC Nutritionist and Crisis Intervention Specialist with Northeast Health District and Peace Place.

**Pamela Pettus** (BSFCS '13) is a client care coordinator with Anthony Smith Advisors, Inc.

**Johnathan Taylor** (BSFCS '13) was appointed to the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Services Board.

**Ally Urquhart** (BSFCS '13) is employed by The Cloister Collection.

**Courtney Vickery** (MS '14) is a registered dietitian at St. Mary's Wellness Center.

**Sara Ranney** (BSFCS '14) is the Store Director of The Cloister Collection of Athens.

# IN MEMORIAM

## 1930s

**Carolyn Latimer Harvley**  
BSHE '36  
October 11, 2014

**Mary C. Tindel Smith**  
BSHE '39  
May 23, 2015

## 1940s

**Nell Bryant Hardeman Baldwin**  
BSHE '44  
November 07, 2014

**Lois Hendry Jackson Brooks**  
BSHE '44  
October 19, 2014

**Bobbie Kimball Buchman**  
BSHE '42  
September 21, 2014

**Laura E. Simmons Clonts**  
BSHE '47  
April 24, 2015

**Edna F. (Flossie) Huff Davis**  
BSHE '43  
September 08, 2014

**Catheryn Louise Davis Green**  
BSHE '46  
April 08, 2015

**Rebecca (Becky) E. Willis Grose**  
BSHE '48  
April 03, 2015

**Frances Thompson Hagood**  
BSHE '44  
May 27, 2015

**Juanita (Nita) A. Tidwell Jones**  
BSHE '47  
July 20, 2014

**E. Jean Burns LeGrand**  
BSHE '43  
October 18, 2014

**Evangeline (Bannie) Adams Thomas Lundy**  
BSHE '49  
January 16, 2015

**Amy Newton Barron Reid**  
BSHE '45  
April 07, 2015

**Jean Wright Vaughan**  
BSHE '43  
December 20, 2014

**Shirley Koger Mason**  
BSHE '438  
June 6, 2015

## 1950s

**Virginia (Ginger) McGowan Burns Gunnells**  
BSHE '56  
October 26, 2014

**B. Jean Morton Head**  
BSHE '52  
June 02, 2015

**R. Oweida Rowan Ivemeyer**  
BSHE '52  
April 20, 2015

**Agnes M. Blitch Kennedy**  
BSHE '50  
March 10, 2015

**Mary V. Thomas Sewell**  
BSHE '52  
August 25, 2014

**Kathleen M. E. Lagarde Virden**  
BSHE '55  
November 24, 2014

## 1960s

**Ava D. Rodgers**  
MS '61  
July 7, 2015

**Georgia A. Little Davis**  
BSHE '67  
February 12, 2015

**Lesley K. Conway Maggiore**  
BSHE '69  
February 24, 2015

**Eunice Crawford Spooner**  
BSHE '61  
July 25, 2015

## 1970s

**Donna L. Howland Harmatuck**  
BSHE '70  
July 26, 2014

**Elizabeth Butler Ingram**  
BSHE '74  
March 27, 2015

**Jan Jones Marsh**  
BSHE '77  
March 08, 2015

**Elizabeth Williams Turner**  
MHE '70  
March 13, 2015

**Janis Dalton Wiggins**  
BSHE '72  
May 16, 2015

## 1980s

**Sandra (Sandy) Coleman Brazil**  
MHE '80  
May 29, 2015

**Cindy L. McKinney Smigelsky**  
BSHE '81  
February 20, 2015

## 1990s

**Alexander (Alec) Giles Lawson**  
BSFCS '93  
March 17, 2015

## 2000s

**Robert J. Eberhart**  
BSFCS '09  
July 10, 2014

**Pleas Kelley**  
BSFCS '04  
November 23, 2014

**Joseph McDavid (David) Miller**  
BSFCS '10  
March 18, 2015





## The Georgia Tartan®

The Georgia Tartan® is a retail learning experience in the Department of Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors.

This exclusive red and black plaid is officially recognized by the Scottish Register of Tartans. Purchases for your favorite Bulldog benefit UGA FACS students. Learn more and purchase official UGA Tartan® merchandise at [www.fcs.uga.edu/tartan](http://www.fcs.uga.edu/tartan)

## Three FACS alumni make the 40 Under 40 list for 2015

*FHCE graduates chosen from pool of over 500 nominations*



**Laura Bland**



**Brad Bohannon**



**Bubba Watson**

The UGA Alumni Association announced the 40 Under 40 list in recognition of graduates who have made significant impacts in business, leadership, community, educational and/or philanthropic endeavors.

The College of Family and Consumer Sciences is proud to recognize three of our graduates who made the list for 2015: **Laura Bland** (2006), executive director of Stratus Healthcare; **Brad Bohannon** ('01), Chief of Staff for U.S. Congressman Lynn Westmoreland; and **Bubba Watson** ('08), who has enjoyed a wildly successful career on the PGA Tour.

In 2011, the UGA Alumni Association launched the 40 Under 40 program. This campus-wide collaboration is supported by the Division of Development and Alumni Relations, Division of Student Affairs and all academic departments.

Nominations open each spring and honorees are announced mid-summer. Then, in early fall each year, the campus community gathers for the 40 Under 40 Awards Luncheon to celebrate these individuals' leadership in business, research, the arts, philanthropy and education.

**The 2015 40 Under 40 Awards Luncheon will be held at the InterContinental Buckhead Atlanta on Sept. 10.**

**You can see the entire list of the 2015 honorees at [alumni.uga.edu](http://alumni.uga.edu)**

## *Save the Date*

**Middle Georgia Area FACS Alumni Gathering  
Thursday, October 8th, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**

**The Library Ballroom**

**652 Mulberry Street, Macon, GA 31201 | [www.LibraryBallroom.com](http://www.LibraryBallroom.com)**

Free parking next to building and across the street.

Cost for the event is \$10 per person.

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