LAW LETTER

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

SPRING 2001

Eighth Annual Ben F. Johnson Jr. Award to Clifford Oxford

The College of Law presented Clifford Oxford with its Ben F. Johnson Jr. Public Service Award at a ceremony on April 12, 2001. This award is presented to a Georgia lawyer whose life and career reflects the high tradition of public service exemplified by founding dean Ben F. Johnson Jr. Guest speakers honoring Mr. Oxford included former Atlanta mayor Sam Massell; Howard Hunter, dean of Emory University Law School; Donald Lee Hollowell, counsel to hundreds of people during the civil rights struggles era, including the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.; and Paul Cadenhead, the 1999 recipient of the Ben F. Johnson Jr. award; and Ben F. Johnson Jr., founding dean and dean emeritus of the College of Law.

"Three words describe Clifford Oxford and they are: courageous, determined and energetic." stated Dean Janice Griffith at the start of the eighth annual awards ceremony. "He took on causes that he thought were right even though he faced personal losses as a result." In 1949, Mr. Oxford sought the adoption of a city ordinance to unmask the Ku Klux Klan. He was told that he could be frozen out of the practice of law as a result of this action, but he persisted. Years later, he showed similar determination and energy in

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Miller Lecturer Explores Relationship of Commerce to the Environment

Carol M. Rose, Yale Law School's Gordon Bradford Tweedy Professor of Law and Organization, was the guest speaker at the Spring 2001 lecture in the Henry J. Miller Distinguished Lecture Series. Presented each year in the spring and fall, this series is supported by the Loridans Foundation and named for the late Henry J. Miller, a partner in the law firm of Alston & Bird for more than 50 years.

Dean Janice Griffith and Professor Carol M. Rose

Professor Rose has a degree in philosophy from Antioch College, a masters in political science and a J.D. from the University of Chicago and a Ph.D. in history from Cornell University. She has taught at the law schools at Stanford, Berkeley and Northwestern, has had visiting appointments at the University of Chicago and Harvard and has been a visiting professor at the law schools of the University of Cologne in Germany, the University of Adelaide in Australia, the University

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DEAN'S MESSAGE

The College of Law's Hooding Ceremony, on May 11, 2001, ended another successful year. We were honored that Governor Roy Barnes accepted our invitation to speak at the ceremony. By sharing his experiences as a young lawyer who represented an indigent criminal defendant, he inspired our graduates to undertake activities throughout their legal careers that will advance our legal profession and improve the administration of justice.

College of Law faculty members pride themselves on their attention to teaching and have been at the forefront in the use of technology in legal education. The *National Jurist Magazine* recently ranked Georgia State as the 11th "most wired" law school in the country, a move up from our 20th ranking in 1998. Over the summer the college will wire classroom 230 to add 55 more work stations that give students Internet and network connectivity. We have already wired our two large classrooms on the first floor.

Legal scholarship constitutes an important part of the college's mission to provide new insights on molding the law to better serve our society. A number of our faculty members engage in original and influential scholarly inquiry. This year the faculty published over 30 law review articles, a book review, and a number of books. In addition, faculty members supplemented fifteen existing books by adding materials on new legal developments. We are very proud of our faculty's scholarship productivity.

It's been a busy year as well for law student competitions. Our team placed 5th out of 24 at the National Trial Advocacy Competition, in which one of our students received a Best Advocate award. At the William Daniel National Mock Trial Competition, Georgia State University was a national semi-finalist, finishing 3rd out of 26 teams. Two of our teams advanced to the semi-final rounds at the southeastern regional competition of the American Bar Association's Appellate Advocacy Competition. Our Association of Trial Lawyers of America team won the regional championship and advanced to the national competition. Our Frederick Douglass team was one of three southeastern teams that advanced to the national competition.

Further fulfilling our goal to be a resource to the community, *Georgia State Law Review* students, in February, sponsored a symposium on urban sprawl that attracted journalists, academicians, and members of the bench and bar. Speakers included Joel Cowan, former chairman of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, President Carl Patton, and faculty members from metropolitan Atlanta universities, the University of British Columbia, and the University of Warsaw. Next fall the *Law Review* will publish papers presented at the symposium.

These developments provide only a snapshot of the many exciting events that took place throughout the academic year. Each class of students helps the college to grow and further define itself. We have great hopes and expectations for the class of 2001 as they join the ranks of the college's graduates.

Janice C. Griffith

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Ben F. Johnson Jr. Award

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Clifford and Helen Oxford are joined by their son and his wife, Clifford Allen and Ruby Oxford. (left to right)

canvassing local and state public officials to approve the creation of the Georgia State University College of Law. He strongly believed that Atlanta needed an affordable law school that could serve the needs of part-time students.

His lengthy and enterprising campaign resulted in the opening of the College of Law in the fall of 1982, almost 8 years after the Board of Regents initially approved it.

Clifford Oxford has established a tremendous legacy of public service to Atlanta where he was born, raised, and educated and has practiced law for 59 years.

He is with the firm of McGee & Oxford and concentrates in the areas of zoning law, condemnation law, real property law, family law, and will and estate planning.

Miller Lecture

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of Hawaii and the University of Arizona.

Professor Rose began her talk with a review of some of her earlier work on the cost of environmental controls, which escalates depending upon the method used. The property rights method may be the most expensive way to control the prevention of environmental harm, and also the most efficient if resources come under extreme pressure.

Professor Rose proceeded to discuss the concept of commerce and that many national laws and international treaties protect free commerce. She noted that the self-protection strategies of small groups, such as keeping newcomers out, were the best methods for protecting natural resources from depletion, and that the costs of such control were small. International practices toward commerce may not always be the most economically efficient means of protecting resources, and even in times of extreme resource pressure, "keep-out" strategies should be embraced as one tool in resource protection.

Three Classes Celebrate Reunion

left to right Kenneth ('95) and Nancy Grim, L. Kent Webb ('95) and Alleen Deutsch, director of development and alumni relations.

Graduates from classes of 1985, 1990 and 1995 reconnected with classmates at their reunion held at the Georgia State University Student Center Ballroom on Saturday, March 31, 2001.

Cheryl Jackson, director of admissions, meets and greets alumni.

Amy ('95) and Brad Wolverton get a caricature done by artist Anthony Steward of Artboy Graphics.

Challenge Grant Contributions Total $42,837

Due to the strong response of many of our graduates, the college's total annual giving for this year, as of May 15, 2001, is at $42,837. Our goal is to raise $50,000 in gifts from graduates by June 30, in order to receive a matching grant of $50,000 from a 1989 graduate. We also seek to increase our percentage of graduate donors to 20%, which is the national average for law schools. We are well on our way! It is not too late for your gift to count and put us over the top! Here is the information on the dollars contributed and percentage of alumni donors by class year.

Class year	Percent donors	Total dollars
1984	28%	$1,000
1985	18%	2,191
1986	16%	5,710
1987	9%	6,820
1988	9%	1,885
1989	13%	2,555
1990	8%	1,775
1991	4%	555
1992	10%	2,660
1993	8%	2,165
1994	14%	1,980
1995	8%	2,149
1996	4%	335
1997	14%	2,347
1998	15%	4,490
1999	12%	1,325
2000	24%	2,895
Totals	11.3%	$42,837

Please make your check out to the G.S.U. Foundation/College of Law and mail it to Christine Hill, development assistant, College of Law, P.O. Box 4037, Atlanta, Ga 30302-4037. Thank you!

Law Week 2001 Reaches Out to Community

Law Week 2001 began on Sunday, March 18 and culminated on Saturday, March 24 with the Barristers' Ball held at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. Each year this event brings well-known and experienced attorneys, judges and non-legal professionals to campus and allows for increased interaction and communication among students, faculty and the surrounding community.

Penny Brown Reynolds, a state judge in the Fulton County court system, was the keynote speaker. Judge Reynolds is a Georgia State University graduate who received the Georgia State Outstanding Student Award, which is the highest honor for a student to receive. She later went on to receive a J.D. from the College of Law.

A fashion show, a blood drive and the planting of 50 oak trees in Grant Park to one day replace its aging canopy were some of the events sponsored by student organizations. Featured guests spoke on a variety of subjects including the role of religion and the law, the death penalty, the *Dales v. Boy Scouts of America* case and affirmative action.

In addition, Professor Carol M. Rose of Yale Law School delivered the 28th Miller lecture during Law Week. She spoke on the relationship of commerce to the environment.

Auction Funds Fellowships

The Public Interest Law Association (P.I.L.A.) sponsored its ninth annual auction on January 27 at the James H. Sloppy Floyd Building in downtown Atlanta. Students and faculty, as well as individual and business members of the community, donated items to help raise money to fund P.I.L.A. fellowships. The approximately 250 people in attendance raised more than $13,000, which allowed P.I.L.A. to award seven fellowships to students who will work this summer in public interest positions. Bill Christman, Laurel David, David Dorsey, Emily Gilbert and Tamara McDowell were awarded full-time fellowships of $2,100 each and Mark Lane and Brad Legare were each awarded part-time fellowships of $1,050.

Faculty cheer on alumni phonathon volunteers. Standing (left to right) is: Professor Anne Emanuel, Professor Charity Scott, Rose Goff '90 and Dean Janice Griffith. Seated are Amy Wolverton '95, and Elizabeth Baer '95. Students and alumni volunteers have been working hard to meet the challenge grant.

Smart Growth and Urban Sprawl Symposium Topics

On February 1, 2001, the Georgia State University *Law Review* and the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies co-sponsored a symposium entitled "Spr'all Come On In." This event featured nine renowned experts on growth management, two of whom traveled from outside the United States to offer an international perspective on the subject.

The morning session began with Professor Julian Juergensmeyer, Ben F. Johnson Jr. Chair in Law at Georgia State University College of Law, who gave a brief introduction on the issues of smart growth. He then introduced Georgia State University President Carl Patton who spoke about the role the university must play in the revitalization of downtown Atlanta. Next to speak was Georgia Tech Professor Chris Nelson who noted the irony in the fact that reliance on the courts is now necessary to implement many growth-management plans when, originally, zoning and planning ordinances were intended to avoid court involvement. Joel Cowan, former chairman of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, explained the role the authority plays in helping Atlanta cope with its urban sprawl problem.

Symposium panelists Ray Young and William Buzbee

After a short break, Professor Robert Bullard of Clark Atlanta University spoke about the effect of Atlanta's rapid outward growth upon the city's African-American population, who experience increased discrimination due to racial geographic divisions. Janice Griffith, dean of the College of Law, followed with a discussion on how metropolitan-wide control must be instituted to maintain the Atlanta region's expansion effectively.

Law Review staff

The afternoon session began with city planner, lawyer and University of British Columbia adjunct law professor Ray Young who spoke about the accomplishments the city of Vancouver has achieved in dealing with urban sprawl. He said that Vancouver has used the failure of large American cities like Los Angeles as an example of what not to do. Professor Michal Kulesza of the University of Warsaw related the problems facing Warsaw in its battle with outward development.

Next to speak was Emory University law professor William Buzbee with a discussion of incentives for smart growth. The final speaker was Professor Amy Helling of Georgia State University's Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, who offered some words in defense of urban sprawl. Closing remarks were made by Dean Janice Griffith and Roy Bahl, dean of the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies.

Articles generated by this event will be available in the symposium edition of the *Law Review* scheduled for publication in the fall.

Graduate Leadership Council Seeks Members

The Graduate Leadership Council is the organization that represents all law school graduates and provides service to the college by assisting with the coordination of a wide range of activities. Each class is represented by two or more active members. The term of office lasts for two years, following nomination and acceptance of the invitation to serve on the council. We are currently seeking new or additional class representatives for the following classes in particular: 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1996 and 1998. You may nominate an individual to serve, or nominate yourself! Representatives are expected to attend four meetings each year; staff and enlist the support of classmates for the annual phonathons and selected events; bring peer concerns to the quarterly meetings; enlist the support of classmates to organize a class reunion at five-year intervals; and chair or staff ad hoc committees or task forces when requested.

If you wish to serve, please contact Alleen Deutsch, development director, at 404-651-2142 or email adeutsch@gsu.edu. We look forward to hearing from you!

FACULTYBRIEFS

Mark Budnitz was a panelist on "What Price Privacy?"at the annual Fisher Memorial Program of the Conference on Consumer Finance Law. He also participated as a panelist on "2 B or Not 2 B: Consumer Payments on the Internet" at the spring meeting of the American Bar Association's Business Law Section

Anne Emmanuel has been commissioned by "American National Biography," published by *Oxford University Press*, to write a biographical entry on Judge Tuttle.

Victor Flatt worked on the newly passed Atlanta human rights ordinance. His article entitled "He should at his peril keep it there . . . " was the lead article in *Notre Dame Law Review*, Vol. 76 (2001).

Marjorie Girth lectured on the subject of "Using Empirical Research in Analyzing Bankruptcy Issues" at the Association of American Law Schools' national bankruptcy workshop in May. In the Georgia General Assembly's 2001 session, Professor Girth participated with a group of legislators and lawyers who achieved enactment of HB 373, increasing Georgia's exemptions in bankruptcy proceedings from levels established in 1980. She is also a member of the American Law Institute's consultative group for the preparation of the restatement (3rd) of restitution and unjust enrichment.

Janice Griffith made a presentation on "Smart Governance for Smart Growth: Will It Happen?" at the Symposium on "Spr'all Come On In" sponsored by the *Georgia State University Law Review* and the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies in February.

Nancy Johnson, has compiled, with Susan Phillips, the Seventh Edition of *Legal Research Exercises* (West, 2001). Professor and law librarian Johnson was co-chair of local arrangements for the Southeastern Association of Law Libraries' annual meeting in April. She attended a colloquium of law librarians and legal publishers in Oak Brook, Illinois, in May.

Julian Juergensmeyer spoke about "Sprawl and the Law" at the College of Law's alumni breakfast at the Georgia State Bar meeting in January and moderated the "Spr'all Come On In" symposium co-sponsored by the *Georgia State University Law Review* and the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies. In February, he lectured on "Recent Land Use Planning and Control Law Judicial Decisions" at Georgia Tech's American Institute of Certified Planners preparation workshop. During this academic year he has served as a member of Georgia's Tech's College of Architecture Harry West Chair search committee.

Mark Kadish was a guest on *National Public Radio*, discussing juvenile justice. He has been quoted in the *Daily Report* and the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* in connection with the Gold Club prosecution.

Steven Kaminshine has been named chair of the Labor and Employment Law section of the Atlanta Bar Association for 2001-02.

Marjorie Knowles spoke at Stanford Law School's Fiduciary College on fund governance and has been asked to serve on the Subcommittee on International Developments of the Corporate Law Committee of the Section on Business Law of the American Bar Association.

Paul Milich presented extended programs on Georgia evidence to the Superior Court judges in January and the State Court judges in May as part of the Institute of Continuing Judicial Education. Professor Milich also spoke on evidence for programs sponsored by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education and the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association.

Charles Marvin, under a Fulbright Teaching Grant, taught three courses in comparative constitutional and administrative law at the Riga Graduate School of Law in Latvia during this past academic year. He has been awarded a renewal grant to teach at R.G.S.L. after each semester at Georgia State University in 2001-2002. Professor Marvin was a panelist at conferences in Riga on "Developing Constitutional Law in Transitional Democracies" and "Administrative Law Aspects Concerning Patients' Rights Under National Health Care Systems."

Ellen S. Podgor presented a paper at Notre Dame University School of Law in March at a symposium on law teaching. In addition, she authored the following essay "Do We Need A 'Beanie Baby' Fraud Statute?, 49 *American University Law Review* (2000). Podgor, and Professor Barry Sullivan, co-authored "Respect, Responsibility, and the Virtue of Introspection: An Essay on Professionalism in the Law School Environment," 15 *Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy* 117 (2001).

Mary Radford shared the "Professor of the Year" award given by the Class of 2001 with Corneill Stephens. Professor Radford gave presentations this spring on recent developments in Georgia fiduciary law for the Atlanta Bar Association Estate Planning Section and the Decatur-DeKalb Estate Planning Council.

Natsu Saito published "From Slavery and Seminoles to AIDS in South Africa: An Essay on Race and Property in International Law" 45 *Villanova Law Review* 1135 (2000). Professor Saito made the following presentations: "Davis v. United States: Are the Rights of Black Seminoles Still Determined by the Laws of Slavery? " at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Summit, in Atlanta; "Beyond Reparations" James Thomas Lecture, at Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut and "Reparations and the Quest for Social Justice: What We Can Learn from Redress Movements in the United States and South Africa," at the Conference on Reconstruction and Reparations, Cape Town, South Africa, January 2001.

Charity Scott recently published an article entitled, "Is Too Much Privacy Bad for Your Health? An Introduction to the Law and Ethics of Medical Privacy," in a symposium issue of *Biomedical Ethics Reviews* devoted to the topic of privacy and health care. This article was revised and reprinted in the *Georgia State University Law Review*, incorporating the controversial new federal health care privacy regulations issued by the Department of Health and Human Services. In May, at the annual meeting of the Georgia Academy of Healthcare Attorneys, Scott gave a presentation on medical errors and the new patient safety standards recently issued by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

Roy Sobelson coached the College of Law's mock trial team for the American Bar Association's National Criminal Justice Competition in Chicago in March and Paideia High School's mock trial team in February. This past semester, Professor Sobelson taught civil procedure at both Emory Law School and the College of Law and taught for his 10th year at Emory's Trial Techniques Program in May.

Corneill Stephens shared the "Professor of the Year" award given by the Class of 2001 with Mary Radford.

Jack Williams was recently named the inaugural American Bankruptcy Institute (A.B.I.) Robert M. Zinman Distinguished Scholar in Residence for 2001, in addition to being named to the A.B.I. Endowment Fund Commit-

tee. Professor Williams spoke at the Southeastern Bankruptcy Law Institute in Atlanta on "Hot Topics in Avoidable Preferences" and "Liability of Directors and Officers of an Insolvent Corporation to Creditors." Williams presented "Who Owns the Back of a Baseball Card?: A Player's Rights in His Performance Statistics." at a symposium on baseball and the law at Yeshiva University's Cardozo School of Law in New York City.

Patrick Wiseman was invited to give a keynote speech at the Syllabus 2000 Conference in Boston last November after receiving the 2000 Tom Creed Memorial Pioneer Award for his work on teaching and learning with technology. His speech, entitled "Lessons Virtually Learned — The Evolution of an Online Course" described pedagogical lessons learned from teaching his course on law and the Internet. In January, Professor Wiseman participated in an online conference on creating community in online courses.

Doug Yarn made presentations on the Ethics 2000 Recommendations for Model Rules on ADR at the University of Arkansas Law Review Symposium in February and at the American Bar Association's Dispute Resolution Section annual meeting in Washington, D.C., in April. His recent article on the subject was published as "Lawyer Ethics in ADR and the Recommendations of Ethics 2000 to Revise the Model Rules of Professional Conduct: Considerations for Adoption and State Application," in 54 *Arkansas Law Review* 190 (2001). As Research Fellow for the Gruter Institute on Law and Human Behavior, Professor Yarn made presentations on the "Development of a Sense of Justice" at the University of Munich and on "Problems in the Development of Court-Connected Mediation under German Civil Procedure" at the University of Tubingen, Germany.

CLASSACTIONS

1993

Scott Hilsen has recently moved from Nelson Mullins to Alston & Bird where he will be counsel in the securities litigation section.

Scott M. Kaye has formed the new firm of Manchel Wiggins & Kaye in Atlanta.

1994

Glenn Baker of King & Spalding is the prosecution team's top assistant in the ongoing federal racketeering trial involving the Gold Club.

1995

Shaheen I. Imami has joined the law firm of Willmarth Tanoury Ramar Corbet Garves & Shaw in Detroit, Michigan.

Mimi McCain is now a real estate closing attorney at the law office of Trey Inman and will soon be running his Cobb County office. She is also currently the president of the Stonewall Bar Association of Georgia.

Joseph Randazzo has opened a new firm called Step & Randazzo in Lawrenceville.

1997

Vincent Davis is teaching mass communication law on a part-time basis in Georgia State University's communications department.

1998

Jeremy Citron has left Holland & Knight to join his mother's matchmaking company, Traditional Matchmakers, Inc. as an attorney and marketing specialist.

1999

Matthew Kim has left his position of patent advisor at the technology transfer office at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, He is now intellectual property counsel at SpectRx, Inc. in Norcross. SpectRx is a public biomedical device company specializing in point-of-care for non-invasive and minimally-invasive diagnostics utilizing optical energy.

Graham Stieglitz, an expert on bankruptcy taxation, has taken a position with Kilpatrick Stockton. His thesis on the treatment of straddle-year income taxes in corporate Chapter 11 reorganizations will be published early next year.

2000

Matt Striecker is a senior researcher, which will grow into a fellowship position, at the University of Minnesota Law School's Institute on Race and Poverty.

Allison K. Whitley is an associate at Richelo Morrissey & Toler. *This is a correction. The firm name was spelled incorrectly in the last issue.*

In Memorium

A. Jean Tolman-Hanke, an honors graduate of the class of 1987, died on June 3 as a result of an automobile accident. She was a partner at the law firm of Arnall Golden Gregory, where she chaired the firm's environmental practice group.

Attention 1986, 1991 and 1996 Graduates!

We have begun planning your reunion event scheduled for Saturday, September 8, 2001.

For more information about the event and how you can help, contact Delita Ashby, at 404-651-2040 or lawdma@langate.gsu.edu or visit the college's website @ http//law.gsu.edu.

Class of 1986 Host Committee Chair
Deborah Wolf
Class of 1991 Host Committee Chair
Lori Winkleman
Class of 1996 Host Committee Chair
Vicki Bell

We have a dream in the development department.

It is to have email addresses for all our graduates by the end of this year. Please help us achieve that dream.

Send your email information to lawcmh@langate.gsu.edu Attn: Christine Hill

UPCOMING EVENTS

GRADUATE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL QUARTERLY MEETING

Thursday, September 6, 2001
6:30 p.m.
Location: tba

REUNION FOR CLASSES 1986, 1991 AND 1996

Saturday, September 8, 2001
7 p.m.
University campus location tba

HENRY J. MILLER DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES

Speaker: A. E. Dick Howard, White Burkett Miller Professor of Law & Public Affairs at the University of Virginia Law School

Thursday, October 4, 2001
6 p.m.
Location: tba
This event is free and open to all graduates and the public.

BOARD OF VISITORS MEETING

Thursday, October 25, 2001
8 a.m.
Faculty Conference Room

LEADERSHIP-LEVEL DONOR RECOGNITION APPRECIATION EVENT

Date, Time and Location: tba

Nominations Sought for Graduate Award

The College of Law's Graduate Leadership Council has resurrected its service award to honor a graduate who has made an outstanding contribution of time or financial resources to the College of Law. It will be presented at the college's alumni breakfast at the 2002 State Bar of Georgia's Mid-year Meeting scheduled for Friday, January 11, 2002, at the Swissôtel, Atlanta.

Georgia State University College of Law graduates, faculty, students and others within the legal community will receive nomination forms in the mail. The nomination form. may also be downloaded from http://law.gsu.edu The deadline for nominations is Friday, September 14, 2001.

For more information about this award please visit the College of Law's website at http://law.gsu.edu or contact Delita Ashby, alumni relations coordinator, at 404-651-2040 or lawdma@langate.gsu.edu.

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Enhanced Website Launched at College of Law

Georgia State University's College of Law launched a new version of its website on June 1, 2001. In development since August of 2000, the site boasts a new look as well as updated content and newer technology. A completely new home page, developed around the main types of visitors to the site, is a key feature.

We welcome your comments after you have visited the new site. Contact Peter E. Thorsett, Coordinator, Web & Instructional Technologies at the at 404-651-4424 or pthorsett@gsu.edu.

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