The Franklin College of Arts and Science educates our state, national, and world leaders, exposing students to ideas and experiences crossing academic and cultural boundaries and offering the best preparation for enlightened citizenship, effective leadership and lives of service in the 21st century. Our educational and research programs encompass the entire spectrum of disciplines in the arts, humanities, physical, mathematical, biological and social sciences. Although divided into five divisions (Fine Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Physical & Mathematical Sciences, and Biological Sciences), disciplinary lines are increasingly permeable, with interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary collaborations becoming typical rather than exceptional in many areas of the college. Our departments, centers, programs, and research laboratories generate knowledge that is theoretical and applied, providing hope that we can achieve the best for humanity by facilitating the creation of a global environment that is physically and mentally healthy and at peace. We provide the foundations of the liberal arts education and foster critical thinking skills that will endure throughout the lifetime of those individuals who take advantage of the opportunities for discovery.
A. Major Achievements:

1. Research: Strategic Direction III

In FY 2011 units in the Franklin College secured $52,465,800 in external funding. This was the best record in external funding of any school or college at the University. Projects were funded by NASA, the Department of Energy, the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, and other agencies. This is the same amount of funding as Franklin College received in FY 2009, FY 2008, and FY 2007. It is less than that received in FY 2011 and FY 2010, where the totals for those years were both increased by the one-time ARRA funding from the Federal Government. The FY 2012 funding is a good performance by Franklin College faculty, considering the gradual decrease in federal funding availability, and the decrease in total number of science faculty in the College due to lower hiring rates over the last 4 years.

Research Awards (Strategic Direction V):

- **Creative Research Awards**
  - Albert Christ-Janer Award, William Kretzschmar, English
  - Lamar Dodd Award, Rick Tarleton, Cellular Biology

- **Creative Research Medals**
  - Robin Shelton, Physics and Astronomy
  - John Lynch, Hugh Hodgson School of Music
  - Michael Hahn, Plant Biology
  - William Kazez and Gordana Matic, Mathematics

- **Distinguished Research Professor**
  - Edward Halper, Philosophy
  - Michael Terns, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and Genetics
  - Michael Arnold, Genetics

- **Inventor’s Award**
  - Geert-Jan Boons, Chemistry

- **M. G. Michael Award**
  - Martin Kagel, Germanic and Slavic Languages
  - Roy Legette, Hugh Hodgson School of Music

- **Postdoctoral Research Award**
  - Jonathan Gent, Plant Biology

Five UGA faculty members from the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences were named as Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, an honor bestowed for "scientifically or socially distinguished efforts to advance science or its applications." They are Elizabeth Reitz, professor of anthropology, Lisa Alayne Donovan, professor of plant biology, Nancy Manley, professor of genetics, Allen Moore, professor and head of genetics, and Sally Walker, professor of geology.

Michael Adang, professor of entomology in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and of biochemistry and molecular biology in the Franklin College, was recognized by the Association of University Technology Managers in its most recent Better World Report for

Georgia Cancer Coalition Distinguished Scholar Natarajan Kannan, whose work traces the origins of a protein family that plays a key role in communicating environmental signals in the cell, has been recognized by the National Science Foundation with a NSF CAREER Award. Kannan will use $969,822 provided by the award over the next five years to gain an in-depth understanding of the evolution of kinases, a protein that controls cellular signaling pathways.

Assistant research scientist Karen Abbott and Distinguished Research Professor Michael Pierce of the UGA Cancer Center received a $4.1 million grant from the NIH to support their work exploring new detection methods for ovarian and pancreatic cancers.

Associate professor of biochemistry and molecular biology Lance Wells has been named a Lars G. Ljungdahl Distinguished Investigator by the Georgia Research Alliance. [http://chronicles.franklin.uga.edu/posts/wells-named-ljungdahl-investigator](http://chronicles.franklin.uga.edu/posts/wells-named-ljungdahl-investigator).


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**Douglas Anderson is the Sterling-Goodman Professor of English at UGA. He has taught and written about Benjamin Franklin throughout his career, including most recently *The Unfinished Life of Benjamin Franklin*, published by Johns Hopkins in spring 2012. To hear Dr. Anderson talk about Franklin the man, his ideas about education and his connection to the Franklin College, as well the college’s central role at UGA, click the video.**


English professor Judith Ortiz Cofer, a poet and novelist, is the subject of a new book edited by two graduate alumni, Lorraine Lopez (Ph.D., creative writing) and Molly Crumpton (Ph.D., English). The new monograph, *Rituals of Movement in the Writing of Judith Ortiz Cofer*, is the first book-length collection of scholarship on Cofer's writing.
The Age of Auden: Postwar Poetry and the American Scene (Princeton University Press, 2010), by associate professor of English Aidan Wasley has won the 2012 SMLA Studies Book Award from the South Atlantic MLA. The award "honors the author of an outstanding scholarly book published during the previous calendar year" that "reflects the highest standards of scholarship and criticism and offers a significant contribution to its field."

Steve Dalton, Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar of Molecular Biology and professor of cellular biology, was lead author of a study published in the journal Cell Stem Cell that presents the first blueprint of how stem cells are wired to respond to the external signaling molecules to which they are constantly exposed. The finding, which reconciles years of conflicting results from labs across the world, gives scientists the ability to precisely control the development, or differentiation, of stem cells into specific cell types.

Thanks in part to a five-year, $1.8-million grant from the National Institutes of Health, University of Georgia researcher Silvia Moreno, professor of cellular biology in the UGA Center for Tropical and Emerging Global Diseases, has identified a potential target for new therapies against toxoplasma infection, which may help to protect people with compromised immune systems, developing fetuses and other sensitive populations from serious harm.

Fritz Schaefer III, Graham Purdue Professor of Chemistry in the department of chemistry, has received the 2012 SURA Distinguished Scientist Award, the Southeastern Universities Research Association. The annual honor goes to a research scientist whose extraordinary work fulfills the SURA mission of "fostering excellence in scientific research." In more than 30 years of academic service, Schaefer has focused his field of study on using theoretical and computational methods to better understand the movement and function of electrons in molecules and the application of insights gained to areas of broad chemical interest, including atmospheric chemistry, combustion and organic chemistry.

Tina Salguero and Gary Douberly, assistant professors of chemistry in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, have each received $750,000 for five years from the US Department of Energy Office of Science’s Early Career Research Program for potentially groundbreaking, energy-related projects involving approaches to more efficient methods of energy transmission and storage that involve maneuvering microscopic particles.
Two chemistry professors, Gregory H. Robinson and Fritz Schaefer, were among the awardees of the 2012 Humboldt Research Award. The award, which is presented to up to 100 scientists worldwide annually, is granted in recognition of a researcher's entire achievements to date and is presented to academics whose fundamental discoveries, new theories or insights have had a significant impact on their own discipline and who are expected to continue producing cutting-edge achievements in the future.

Professor Robinson was also honored with the F. Albert Cotton award from the American Chemical Society, the world’s largest scientific society. The award is given to one person annually and recognizes lifetime achievements and distinguished work in synthetic inorganic chemistry with a particular emphasis on creativity and imagination.

Judy I-Chia Wu, a recent doctoral graduate from the department of chemistry, was one of six young chemists recently honored by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry. Wu, who earned her doctorate in 2011, was awarded the IUPAC Prize for her Ph.D. thesis.

Franklin College researchers have used nanoparticles and alternating magnetic current to kill cancer cells in mice without harming healthy cells.

Geography professor and department head Thomas Mote was cited in more than 850 articles for his observation of extreme melting of Greenland’s ice sheet in the summer of 2012. Coverage appeared in New York Times, NBC News, the U.K. Guardian, National Geographic and NPR, among others.

Marshall Shepherd (Geography) was elected president of the American Meteorological Society. Shepherd, who directs the university’s Atmospheric Sciences Program, began a one-year term as president-elect on Jan. 22 at the annual meeting of the society in New Orleans. In 2013, he assumes the presidency of the society, which was founded in 1919 and has a membership of more than 14,000 professionals, students and weather enthusiasts.

Steve Holland was elected president of the Paleontological Society at the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America. Founded in 1908, the Paleontological Society is an international professional organization devoted exclusively to the advancement of the science of paleontology. Within its professional purview, the society fosters research, provides outreach and aids education. Holland will serve a two-year term as president-elect, followed by two years as president and two as past president.
A newly published genetic sequence and map of foxtail millet, a close relative of switchgrass and an important food crop in Asia, is a powerful new tool for scientists working to increase biofuel and crop yields. Jeffrey Benetzen, Giles Professor and Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar of Genetics in the Franklin College, led the study.

Andrew Paterson and Chung-Jui Tsai, who hold joint appointments in genetics and the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources and the College of Environmental and Agricultural Sciences, respectively, received $2 million in grants from U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Energy to speed biofuel development.

University of Georgia geneticists determined that artist Vincent Van Gogh accurately portrayed genetic mutations in his 1887 painting Sunflowers.

John Inscoe, Albert B. Saye Professor of History and University Professor, has been honored by the Georgia Historical Society, which named his book Writing the South through the Self Georgia History Book of the Year.

Bethany Moreton, a University of Georgia associate professor of history and women's studies, was one of 25 professors nationwide selected this year to join the speaker's bureau of the Organization of American Historians, the largest professional society dedicated to the teaching and study of American history. Her book, To Serve God and Wal-Mart: The Making of Christian Free Enterprise (Harvard University Press, 2009), has received accolades and awards, including the OAH Frederick Jackson Turner Prize for the best first book in U.S. history.

Franklin College researchers Daniel Krashen and Roberto Perdisci received National Science Foundation CAREER Awards to create nimble ways to analyze mathematical problems and combat computer viruses in data-heavy environments. The two will also conduct workshops and lead mentoring activities to develop student interest and skills in these fields.  
http://chronicles.franklin.uga.edu/posts/nsf-career-awards-two-franklin-faculty-members

A new mural by art professor emeritus Art Rosenbaum depicting the political history of Georgia was officially dedicated in its new home inside the Richard B. Russell Special Collections Library. To view the mural, entitled “Doors,” click the video.

Five Franklin College faculty--Valery Alexeev, James Cantrell, Jon Carlson, Henry Edwards and Daniel Nakano--are among mathematical scientists from around the world named Fellows of the American Mathematical Society for 2013, the program's initial year. The
inaugural class of 1,119 Fellows represents more than 600 institutions, with the number of AMS Fellows targeted at 5 percent of the total membership.

Dan Colley, professor of microbiology and director of the Center for Tropical and Emerging Global Diseases, was awarded the 2012 Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation Distinguished Life Sciences Scientist Award for his research in tropical medicine and parasitology. http://chronicles.franklin.uga.edu/posts/colley-awarded-christopher-columbus-fellowship

UGA microbiologist Harry Dailey has received a $1.5 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to study a class of previously unidentified anemias. http://chronicles.franklin.uga.edu/posts/dailey-receives-15-million-nih-grant

Laura Simons, who earned her PhD in psychology from UGA in 2006 and is now an assistant professor at Harvard Medical School, received the Routh Early-Career Award in Pediatric Psychology for her significant contributions to the field of pediatric psychology in research, clinical training, and service. Ric Steele, who earned his PhD in psychology from UGA in 1998 and is now a professor at the University of Kansas, received the Martin P. Levin Mentorship Award for his work with students.

A monograph by professor of romance languages and associate dean in the Franklin College Noel Fallows has been selected for the prestigious La corónica International Book Award. Fallows' book, Jousting in Medieval and Renaissance Iberia is, according to The Medieval Review "a handsomely produced and beautifully illustrated book" that "through a thoughtful deployment of texts and images, takes us into the complex social and cultural world of late medieval and early modern chivalry." Associate dean Fallows was also recently elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London.

David Saltz’s work with a robotic interpretation of commedia del’arte was featured in the New York Times: http://theater.nytimes.com/2012/07/08/theater/robot-and-human-actors-take-bows-together.html?pagewanted=2&_r=2&hpw&. In December 2012 the department presented “Commedia Robotica,” which displayed this new technology aimed towards creating expressive robots. "It's interesting for both theater and computer science," said Saltz. "In theater, film and animation, our job is to create simulated humanity. To be expressive, to create characters—you're taking something that isn't real and making it understandable on a human level. Here's this chunk of metal. Let's make it a good actor and see what we have to put into it to make it really act." The project involved collaboration with faculty in Theatre and Film Studies and with Dr. Chi Thai in the College of Engineering.

“Soul Searching: Black-Themed Cinema from the March on Washington to the Rise of Blaxploitation,” (Wesleyan University Press, 2012), a book by Theatre and Film Studies assistant professor Chris Sieving, won the Richard Wall Memorial Award presented by the
Theatre Library Association. The award honors “exceptional scholarship in the field of recorded performance.” His book was also selected in 2012 as one of Choice’s Top 25 Academic Books.

Theatre and film studies master of fine arts candidate Angela Hall’s short play “Greenlight” will be produced as part of the Rising Sun Theatre Company’s Hotel Suite series in New York City. The theatre company describes Hotel Suite as an “immersive and site specific 21-day theatrical event featuring the work of 8 directors, 8 playwrights and 20 actors. . . . All plays take place in a hotel room.”

Selected Research Achievements:

- Anthropology faculty engaged in externally funded research obtained $2,841,412 on submissions of $4,733,837 for a success ratio of 60%.
- Sixteen anthropology faculty collectively published five academic books, 29 peer-reviewed articles, 24 book chapters, seven technical reports, 10 newsletter articles, and three working papers.
- Five graduate students in anthropology received NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grants
- Led by AI faculty member Prashant Doshi, faculty from three colleges and seven departments came together to establish the Faculty of Robotics at the University of Georgia.
- A new Center for Molecular Medicine was established, with Stephen Dalton, professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, as director.
- Biochemistry and molecular biology continued to be the best funded research department at UGA.
- Extramural funding increased to $3,482,737 for the fifteen research faculty in cellular biology.
- Roberto Docampo (cellular biology) was elected to the Academy of Microbiology and named AAAS fellow.
- Boris Striepen (cellular biology) established the Coverdell Microscopy Center with support of over $1,000,000 from the Georgia Research Alliance to purchase two new instruments.
- Two Department of Energy Early Career Awards ($750,000 each) were made to Gary Douberly and Tina Salguero in chemistry.
- External funding to chemistry reached $5.4M for AY 2012, second among units in the Franklin College, and a record high for the department.
- Mike Duncan (chemistry) received the inaugural American Chemical Society Award in Experimental Physical Chemistry
- Jared Klein (classics and linguistics) was invited to deliver a “Blockseminar” for the Indo-European Studies Program at UCLA, perhaps the premier linguistics program in the U.S.; only one scholar a year is invited to give a seminar.
• Cody Marrs (English) received the Hennig Cohen Prize for the Best Essay or Chapter published in *Melville Studies*, 2012.

• Barbara McCaskill (English) was Fulbright Visiting Research Chair in Society and Culture, Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia.

• Ed Pavlic (English) won the National Poetry Series Open Competition for *Visiting Hours at the Color Line*; Sheila Biddle Ford Foundation Residential Fellowship, WEB Du Bois Institute, Harvard University.

• Kelly Dyer and Doug Menke in genetics received NSF Career Awards.

• Marguerite Madden (geography) was elected Second Vice President of the International Society forPhotogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS).

• Paul Schroeder (geology) was elected president of the Georgia Geological Society.

• Ari Levine (history) received a research fellowship for the Cluster of Excellence Asia and Europe in a Global Context from the Karl Jaspers Institute for Advanced Transcultural Studies at Heidelberg University, Germany.

• Juanita Johnson-Bailey (women’s studies) was chosen by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) as a Regional Expert representative for CONFINTA VI.

• Junichi Satoh (LDSOA) received an international Fashion Award in Tokyo in 2013. His retail company, Utility Canvas has store locations in Tokyo and New York City.

• Marni Shindelman (LDSOA) received a Robert Rauschenberg Foundation Artist Residency for May 2013 (awarded in 2012); a Light Work Artist Residency, July 2012; an Atlanta Celebrates Photography Public Commission, 2012, and was featured on the New York *Times Lens Blog; Wired.com* Raw File; Fast to Create; PetaPixel; Gizmodo; and the NPR Picture Show.

• Jon Swindler (LDSOA) was awarded Residency to Scuola di Grafica Internazionale; honorable mention at National Juried Exhibition “Inked Surfaces,” third prize at “Print Next” Print Houston National Juried Exhibition, 4411 Gallery, Houston TX; and the Materials Award at “Oso Bay North American Printmaking Exhibition,” Islanders Art Gallery, Corpus Christi TX

• Mark Abbe (LDSOA) was named Head Researcher, Greek and Roman Sculpture, North Carolina Museum of Art, 2012-Present. Research in preparation for the systematic scholarly catalogue of the Classical Collection, funded by A. W. Mellon Foundation.

• Tracie Costantino (LDSOA) was an invited keynote speaker at the “Aesthetics and the Embodied Mind” summer school, Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg, Institute for Advanced Study Delmenhorst (Germany) (2013)

• Marine sciences faculty were awarded 33 new externally funded grants in 2012 for a total of $3.7 million.
• The NSF-Funded Georgia Coastal Ecosystem LTER was renewed (PI: Merryl Alber, Marine Sciences). This cross-disciplinary/multi-institution project will bring in more than $6 million over the next 6 years.

• Marine Sciences faculty published 51 peer-reviewed scientific works in 2012, including two in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

• Women’s studies faculty (seven core faculty members) had five journal articles, eight book chapters, and one co-edited book.

• Ben Wyser (graduate student, math) was awarded an NSF Post-Doctoral International Research Fellowship.

• Leopold Matamba-Messi (graduate student, math) was awarded a Mathematical BioSciences Institute Post-doctoral fellowship.

• The department of microbiology received $3,426,053 in extramural grant funding.

• Microbiology faculty published 36 papers in peer-reviewed journals.

• Chris Abin (graduate student, microbiology) was awarded a NSF Graduate Research Fellowship.

• Katherine Miller (graduate student, microbiology) was awarded an AFRI (Agriculture and Food Research Initiative) NIFA (National Institute of Food and Agriculture) Predoctoral Fellowship Grant (from USDA).

• Hugh Hodgson School of Music faculty and students gave more than 300 performances on the UGA campus.

• Mary Leglar, chair of the music education area and Associate Director for Academic Programs, was honored with the Distinguished Career Award, presented at the Georgia Music Educators Association.

• Martha Thomas was awarded the 2012 Teacher of the Year Award by the Georgia Music Teachers Association.

• Director of Bands John P. Lynch received the American Prize for Excellence in the Arts, the National Leadership in the Arts Award from the Big Apple Corps of NYC. He also conducted the US Army Field Band and West Point Band.

• Ed Halper (philosophy) was invited to speak at the Société Internationale pour L’Étude de la PhilosophieMédiévale, XIII International Congress of Medieval Philosophy, in Munich, Germany, which meets once every five years.

• Phillip Stancil (physics and astronomy) was elected to Fellowship of the APS.

• Yiping Zhao (physics and astronomy) received the Nano-Engineering Pioneer Award, SPIE Defense.

• James MacKillop (psychology) received the G. Alan Marlatt Award for Distinguished Scientific Early Career Contributions, Society for Addiction Psychology (Division 50), American Psychological Association.

• Cynthia Krafft and David Schaeffer (psychology) received NSF Graduate Fellowships.
• Jace Weaver (religion) serves as Associate Editor of the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, holds a national Research Fellowship from the Sequoyah National Research Center, a research grant from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, and is Vice Chair of the Georgia Council on American Indian Concerns.

• Sociology faculty generated $2.6 million in grants, published one book (edited), five chapters, 25 peer-reviewed articles, and four book reviews.

• Twelve of the eighteen statistics faculty were PI or co-PI on grants or contracts for extramural research funding during 2012. In addition, two received funding from NSF and NSA for participant support for a research conference held in 2012 at UGA.

• Statistics faculty published 53 refereed articles in 2012. Thirteen faculty served on one or more editorial boards for professional journals.

• Ivan Ingermann won the Suzi Bass Award, the equivalent of the regional Tony Award, for Outstanding Costume Design for a Play for his work on the Alliance Theatre production of 'Fairytale Lives of Russian Girls'.

• John Bray's play "Eleanor’s Passing" was included in *The Best American Short Plays of 2010-2011*. (Mr. Bray also had plays published in other collections, and numerous plays produced around the country in both full productions and staged readings.)

2. Teaching: Strategic Directions I, II, V

The number of tenured and tenure-track faculty in the Franklin College increased slightly during the past year: 613 in fall 2012 compared to 600 in fall 2011. Franklin College courses produced a total (graduate + undergraduate) of 485,899 credit hours in calendar year 2012, which nearly matches the 486,344 hours in 2011. This substantial credit hour production over the past two years reflects the 500 additional students who matriculated in fall 2011. Total enrollment in fall 2012 remained steady at 15,675 degree-seeking students compared to 15,709 students in fall 2011. In addition to relying on tenured and tenure-track faculty, the Franklin College continued its support for Lecturers in departments with a high demand for lower and upper division seats in undergraduate courses. Providing instruction by full-time Lecturers rather than by part-time instructors hired on a per-course basis enhances the quality of the educational experience for our students and facilitates long-range curricular planning. The Franklin College continued to offer its undergraduate degree-completion program in microbiology at the Griffin campus and began planning for additional degree offerings in the social sciences beginning in fall 2013. It also provided instruction via distance education technology to UGA students at the Tifton campus. In collaboration with UGA’s Office of Online Learning, the Franklin College developed the Online Learning Fellows program, designed to support faculty members in developing online summer course offerings.

Franklin College Teaching and Mentoring Awards

• **Sandy Beaver Teaching Professorship**
  Shelley Zuraw (Lamar Dodd School of Art)
**Sandy Beaver Teaching Award**  
Dana Bultman (Romance Languages)  
Shu-Mei Chang (Plant Biology)  
Andrew Grundstein (Geography)  
Neil Lyall (Mathematics)  
Stephen Valdez (Hugh Hodgson School of Music)

**Faculty Excellence in Diversity Leadership Award**  
Barbara McCaskill (English)  
Marshall Shepherd (Geography)

**Inaugural International Diversity Award**  
Tina Harris (Communication Studies)

**Franklin College Academic Advising Award**  
Ted Shifrin (Mathematics)

**UGA Teaching and Mentoring Awards**

- **Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professor**  
  William Finlay (Sociology)  
  Jean Martin-Williams (Hugh Hodgson School of Music)

- **University Professor**  
  Marcus Fechheimer (Cellular Biology)

- **Lilly Teaching Fellows**  
  Peter O’Neill (Comparative Literature)  
  Amy Pollard (Hugh Hodgson School of Music)  
  Tina Salguero (Chemistry)

- **Senior Teaching Fellows**  
  Mary Bedell (Genetics)  
  Deloris Wenzel (Cellular Biology)

- **Lothar Tresp Outstanding Honors Professor Award**  
  Alan Darvill (Biochemistry & MB; CCRC)  
  Al Parker (Geography)

- **Master Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Mentoring (CURO)**  
  Lawrence Shimkets (Microbiology)

- **Graduate School Outstanding Mentoring Award**  
  Jennifer McDowell (Psychology)

William Finlay, professor and department head in sociology, and Jean Martin-Williams, professor of horn in the Hugh Hodgson School of Music and director of the Lilly Teaching Fellows program at UGA, were both named 2012 Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professors. The Meigs Awards are the university's highest recognition for superior instruction at the undergraduate and graduate levels. The professorships are named for the man who in 1801
became the second president-and sole professor-of Georgia's fledgling state university. [link]

Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professor of Mathematics Sybilla Beckmann Kazez received a Teaching Excellence Award from the University System of Georgia Board of Regents. Beckmann Kazez is nationally recognized for her innovative approach to preparing elementary school mathematics teachers. [link]

The English Department First-year Composition Program was co-winner of the 2012 University System of Georgia Regents’ Award for Excellence in Teaching. The award committee cited the program’s innovative use of electronic portfolios; the development of <emma> as an electronic writing space; and the high quality of the program’s teacher-training and support. Christy Desmet (director of the program and professor of English) and Deborah Miller (associate director) of the First-year Composition Program received the award at the final spring meeting of the Regents in Atlanta. Senior Academic Professional Ron Balthazor is lead developer of the <emma> project.

University of Georgia Honors student Juliet Elizabeth Allan of Atlanta has been awarded a 2013 Rhodes Scholarship to attend England's Oxford University, where she plans to pursue a master's degree in Modern Middle Eastern Studies. She is one of 32 Rhodes recipients in the United States. She holds degrees from the Franklin College, Terry College of Business and the School of Public and International Affairs.

Matthew Sellers, Foundation Fellow and English major, received one of 36 Marshall Scholarships awarded nationally. He is pursuing a graduate study at Oxford University. [link]

John Knox, an associate professor of geography and Charles Kutal, a chemistry professor and associate dean of the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, are listed among The Best 300 Professors, according to the Princeton Review and RateMyProfessors.com. [link]

Franklin College alumnus Pat Mitchell, president and chief executive officer of the Paley Center for Media and a magna cum laude graduate of UGA, was the speaker for the 2012 summer commencement ceremony. Mitchell holds bachelor's (1965) and master's (1967) degrees in English from UGA.

Three School of Music graduate students took home top honors at the
Southeastern Composers Forum Phillip Slates Memorial Competition. For first place, there was a tie between MM candidate John Hennecken’s Brass Quintet, and MM candidate Brian Kelly’s Sonata for Cello. DMA candidate Ashley Floyd’s *L’esprit de l’escalier*, written for bass clarinet, bassoon, and cello was awarded honorable mention.

Hugh Hodgson School of Music DMA student Simon Wildman won First Prize in the Artist Tuba Solo Competition at the International Tuba Euphonium Conference in Linz, Austria. Simon was also recently awarded Second Prize at the International Instrumental Competition in Markneukirchen, Germany. He studies under David Zerkel, professor of tuba in the School of Music. [http://chronicles.franklin.uga.edu/posts/school-music-student-places-second-international-competition](http://chronicles.franklin.uga.edu/posts/school-music-student-places-second-international-competition). David McLemore was a finalist in the competition.

Mitos Andaya, associate professor in the Hugh Hodgson School of Music, was honored at the UGA Student Government Association Annual Professor Recognition Ceremony and presented with an award for “outstanding commitment to students and academic excellence at the University of Georgia.”

Marcus Fechheimer, Professor of Microbiology, was named 2012 University Professor, a title bestowed selectively on UGA faculty who have had a significant impact on the university in addition to fulfilling their normal academic responsibilities. The University Professorship is the latest recognition for Fechheimer, who was named a Josiah Meigs Teaching Professor—the university's highest teaching honor—in 2005. [http://news.uga.edu/releases/article/fechheimer-named-university-professor](http://news.uga.edu/releases/article/fechheimer-named-university-professor).

The University of North Carolina-Asheville’s Center for Craft, Creativity and Design has awarded $15,000 in the form of a Windgate Fellowship to Rachel Columb from the Lamar Dodd School of Art.

Franklin College alumnus Judson C. Mitcham (AB ’69, MS ’71) was named the new poet laureate of Georgia by Governor Nathan Deal. Mitcham succeeds David Bottoms in the post. [http://chronicles.franklin.uga.edu/posts/franklin-alum-mitcham-named-georgias-poet-laureate](http://chronicles.franklin.uga.edu/posts/franklin-alum-mitcham-named-georgias-poet-laureate).

Franklin alumna and 2007 Pulitzer Prize winner Natasha Trethewey has been named the 19th Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry, the Library of Congress announced. [http://chronicles.franklin.uga.edu/posts/trethewey-named-us-poet-laureate](http://chronicles.franklin.uga.edu/posts/trethewey-named-us-poet-laureate).

Two Franklin College faculty members were recently accepted as Administrative Fellows in the Academic Leadership Development Program of the SECU, the academic unit of the Southeastern Conference: Susan Thomas, associate professor of Music, and Jeffrey Dean, associate director of the
Institute for Bioinformatics and professor of biochemistry and molecular biology.
http://chronicles.franklin.uga.edu/posts/two-franklin-faculty-among-four-uga-profs-accepted-sec-leadership-program

Five UGA undergraduates were named 2012-13 NSEP Boren Scholars for study abroad--three of them from the Franklin College. http://chronicles.franklin.uga.edu/posts/boren-scholars-earn-study-abroad-opportunities.

Sixteen Franklin College were offered international travel-study grants from the Fulbright U.S. Student Program for the 2012-2013 academic year. Fourteen of these accepted the scholarships. This exceeds UGA's previous record of 11 Fulbright offers in each of the previous two years.

http://news.uga.edu/releases/article/fulbright-scholarships-awarded-to-uga-students-2012/

Selected Achievements in Instruction:

- Judy I-Chia Wu was one of six young chemists, selected from an international pool, honored by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry with an award for her Ph.D. dissertation.
- Emmanuel Obi received a Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) Doctoral Award, which provides a $20,000 stipend for each of three years.
- Walter Turner received a Sloan Foundation Scholarship, $18,000.
- Rachelle Arnold received an Achievement Award for College Students (ARCS) of $7000 from the Atlanta Chapter of ARCS.
- Eric Gale received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award from the Northeast Georgia Section of the American Chemical Society.
- Devondra MacMillan (classics major) received a Fulbright Grant and Hahn Grant to attend the American School of Classical Studies in Athens Greece summer program.
- The Georgia Debate Union was ranked 14th nationally and 1st in the Southeast.
• The genetics department reports two NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grants: Cheryl Pinzone, under the direction of Kelly Dyer, and Sarah Sander, under the direction of David Hall.

• Genevieve Holdridge (geography graduate student) received a Fulbright award to work and study in Mexico during 2012-13.

• Camille Gregory (geography major) received the Merle C. Prunty Award at the Southeast Division of the Association of American Geographers.

• These graduate students in geography received awards: Danielle Haskett, Geologic Society of America Graduate Student Research Award; Theresa Andersen and Sergio Bernardes, NASA Earth and Space Science Fellowships (NESSF); Kyle Mattingly, the Meteorological Satellite Applications Award from the National Weather Association; Wook S. (Woo) Jang, best dissertation award from the 2013 AAG Transportation specialty group; Michael Husebo, AAG Economic Geography Specialty Group 2012 Best Student Paper Award Competition; Ujjaini Das, Student Research Enhancement Grant from the AAG Qualitative Research Specialty Group; Catarina Passidomo, NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant; Stanley Underwood, NSF Graduate Research Fellowship; Marcus Williams, accepted to the 2011-2013 Minorities Striving and Pursuing Higher Degrees of Success in Earth System Science Professional Development Program (MS PhD PDP) Cohort.

• Undergraduate geology students received four Newmont Gold Corporation Summer Field School scholarships; a GSA/ExxonMobil Field Camp Scholar Award; AIPG National Scholarship Award; AIPG Regional Scholarship Award.

• Graduate students in geology received a NASA Scholarship; Bates Scholarship; Sigma Xi grants; GSARF research grants; and Paleontological Society Research grants.

• The department of Germanic and Slavic Studies reported credit hour production of 5,419, the highest number of credit hours the department has yet produced.

• Undergraduates in Germanic and Slavic languages received a Fulbright Teaching Fellowship; Teaching Fellowship in Austria; a Halle Fellowship for summer study in Germany; German-American Chamber of Commerce Scholarships for Internships in Atlanta; AmCham/Bridgehouse Law Internships in Germany; and a U. S. Department of State Student Internship at the U. S. Embassy in Berlin.

• History graduate student Tore Olsen was awarded a $30,000 SSRC fellowship for dissertation research in Mexico City.

• Plant Biology faculty member Kathrin Stanger-Hall continues to lead the SE Regional National Academies Summer Institute on Undergraduate Education, a workshop for improving biology education: http://www.academiessummerinstitute.org/southeast/index.html. She was recognized as the National Academies Education Mentor in Life Sciences.

• Stephanie Pearl (graduate student, Plant Biology) received a NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant.

• Alex Knoblock (B.A. Spanish, 2012) won a Fulbright to study in Brazil.
• Louise Goodman (M.A. in Romance Languages, Spanish and Portuguese, 2012) won a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Abroad.

• Karlo Lei and Mary Edmond (sociology) received the best graduate student paper award from the American Sociological Association's section on Evolution, Biology, and Society.

• David Johnson (sociology) received the 2012 Dissertation of the Year Award from the Association for the Study of Higher Education.

• Karlo Lei (sociology) was awarded first place in the Gene Carte graduate student paper competition at the American Society of Criminology meetings.

**Academic Advising**

The Franklin College Office of Student Academic Services (OSAS) oversees retention services, the Academic Standards Committee, Student Fee Allocation, and a host of related services. OSAS includes the Office of Transfer Academic Services (OTAS), the Graduation Certification Office (GCO), and the Office of Academic Advising (OAA).

The **Office of Transfer Academic Services** provides information for new admits and current transfer students on orientation, advising, graduation, and UGA policies and procedures, provides pre-admissions information for external transfer students, and offers retention services/academic support for transfer students. Innovations during 2012 include:

- OTAS Open House during Spring semester orientations
- Creation and distribution of a Transfer Planning Guide for distribution to students considering transferring to UGA and into Franklin College, Spring and Summer 2012.

The **Graduation Certification** Office offers advising and “graduation checks” to all 5,000+ Juniors and Seniors within the Franklin College. The graduation advisors evaluate the records of every student the semester prior to their graduation, as well as the semester they graduate.

- In 2012, the Franklin College graduated 1,515 students at the end of Spring semester, 331 at the end of Summer, and 612 at the conclusion of Fall semester.

- Over 95% of students rated GCO as either “above average” or “very good” on
  - the level of customer service provided
  - the advisor’s ability to communicate graduation requirements
  - the readability of the graduation check form
  - their overall experience with the Graduation Certification Office

The **Office of Academic Advising (OAA)** is responsible for serving all non-honors, lower-division students in the Franklin College. OAA provides students with an initial orientation to the Franklin College, the University of Georgia, and the University System of Georgia and to academic resources at UGA. Students receive academic advisement each semester before registering for classes, and they are offered numerous walk-in opportunities. Academic advisors also hold orientation sessions throughout the summer as well as in January, May, and December for entering first-year and transfer Franklin College students. The OAA “On Call” service also
provides any University student (or potential student) the opportunity to “drop in” to ask questions of the advisor on call. The OAA provides On Call services in Memorial Hall as well as in all three residence hall satellite offices (Creswell, Brumby, and Russell Halls).

During the calendar year 2012, the Office of Academic Advising:

- advised 610 students during January Orientation
- advised 5,181 students during Spring Orientation
- advised a record number of students (4,135) during Summer Orientation
- advised 6,735 students during Fall Orientation
- offered over 1200 hours of "On Call" advising
- answered over 2400 email to "Ask Advice"

Activities/Awards during the 2012 included:

- Amber Fetner was selected as the Franklin College Outstanding Advisor of the year in the staff category
- Ashley King was awarded a Career Center Certificate of Contribution for sending so many students to the Career Center
- Karen Sichler was selected as a Certificate of Merit winner from NACADA in the New Advisor Category
- Parent Meetings added to Freshman sessions during Summer Orientation, conducted by Associate Dean Eileen Kraemer
- "Summer Start" Part I and II, professional development meetings held in April and May
- Wanda Wilcox attended the Oxford Study Abroad Program in July
- Mike Merva and Kathy Mengak attended the Costa Rica Study Abroad Program in September
- Fall Advisors Workshop for all UGA Advisors – August
- 10 New Dawg receptions in Spring for newly admitted students (approx. 450 students attended)
- Dual Enrollment presentation in May for prospective dual enrolled high school students
- 6 Explore Georgia receptions in Summer and 4 in Fall for prospective high school students
- 15 Summer Majors Fairs for incoming freshmen
- Certificate of Academic Advising Classes taught by advisors at Training and Development

3. International Programs: Strategic Directions I and II
**International Programs:** Franklin College continues to play a key role in UGA’s efforts to internationalize the undergraduate experience and prepare students to compete and succeed in a global society. Many of the College’s studies abroad programs focus on the study of world languages, literature and culture; others place emphasis on area studies. An increasing number of exchange programs provide students with an opportunity to immerse themselves in the intellectual cultures of universities throughout the world. The current list of studies abroad programs housed in whole or in part in Franklin College is as follows:

**Africa**
- Summer in Ghana – African Studies, Art, Education, Social Work
- Islam, Islamic Culture, Arabic, and Intercultural Dialogue in Morocco Maymester – Religion, Arabic
- Maymester in Tanzania – African Studies, Plant Biology, Biology
- UGA GLOBIS Program in Stellenbosch, South Africa – Sociology and International Affairs

**Antarctica**
- Antarctica Fall Semester – Anthropology, Marine Science, Forestry, and Natural Resources

**Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific**
- Australia Maymester – Anthropology, Ecology, Geography, Biology
- Sydney Short Summer Session – Anthropology, Geography
- Australia and New Zealand Spring Semester – Anthropology, Geography
- Fiji Short Summer Session – Anthropology, Geography
- New Zealand Maymester – Anthropology, Ecology, Geography

**Europe**
- UGA Studies Abroad in Europe (locations vary) – Anthropology and Religion
- Millenial Landscapes of Southwestern France Maymester – Anthropology
- UGA à Paris – Geography, Communication Studies, International Affairs, Sociology
- UGA en France-Montpellier, Summer and Fall – French
- Advanced Music Performance Alessandra and Venice – Music
- Classics Study Abroad in Rome – Classics
- Study Abroad Cortona – Art, English, Italian, Biology, History
- UGA en España, Cádiz and Valencia, Spring and Summer – Spanish
- UGA en España, Seville Maymester – Business Spanish
- Drama and Theatre in London – Drama
- Cambridge University and Travels in the United Kingdom, Summer – Anthropology, Education
- UGA at Oxford – Anthropology, Biology, Chinese, Classics, English, French, Genetics, Geography, German, History, Italian, Latin, Linguistics, Music, Philosophy, Psychology, Religion, Sociology, Spanish, and others
India

Experience India: North and South – Drama and Theatre, Film Studies, Comparative Literature

South America

UGA Costa Rica – Art, Biology, Dance, Geology, Spanish, Theatre & Film Studies
UGA en Buenos Aires, summer and fall--Spanish
UGA en España, Trujillo, Peru Maymester--Medical Spanish

Three new study abroad programs have been approved for Havana, Cuba (Spanish Literature and Culture), Kiev, Russia (Russian Language, Literature and Culture), and Freiburg, Germany (German Language, Literature and Culture).

Spearheaded by Maymester programs, and new policies that allow faculty in Franklin College to pursue other innovative short-term international student-oriented activities, UGA currently ranks fifth in the nation for short-term study abroad, according to Open Doors.¹

UGA currently ranks among the top 12 doctoral/research institutions in the nation for the total number of students who have a study abroad experience, according to Open Doors.²

The Franklin College Study Abroad Committee continues its extensive review of the many non-UGA study abroad programs (also known as external programs) that our students attend. Thus far 45 external programs have either been evaluated or are currently under review. See also: http://www.franklin.uga.edu/international/external_study_abroad.php

The Franklin International Faculty Exchange (FIFE) allows for substantive faculty collaborations with partner institutions throughout the world. The program is designed to promote teaching and research, and strengthen existing partnerships with international institutions. Its logistical success hinges upon reciprocal cost-sharing with international partner institutions. Each exchange lasts for one business week, and participants are expected to give a lecture, team-teach a class and discuss research projects. The FIFE exchange scholars for 2012 were Dr. Yuri Pyatnitski, Senior Curator of Byzantine Icons, State Hermitage, St. Petersburg, Russia (exchanged with Dr. Asen Kirin, LDSOA); and Dr. Jonathan Hogg, Lecturer, School of History, University of Liverpool, UK (exchanged with Dr. Kirk Willis, Department of History).

The 2012 Franklin International Scholars Program (FISP) hosted two scholars in residence during the summer. In Summer Short Session I Monsieur Stéphane Audeguy, novelist, film critic, and Co-Editor of the Nouvelle Revue Française, taught a course called The Other Half of Cinema: French Documentary Films 1895-1985, cross-listed as ROML 4120/6120; FILM 5481/7481; CMLT 4210/6210. In Summer Short Session II Dr. Stephen Kenny, Lecturer, School of History, University of Liverpool, taught HIST 4066/6066 Social & Cultural History of Medicine in the United States, 1805 to the Present.

A new initiative this year called the *Franklin-Morris International Scholars Program* for visiting faculty encapsulates the special collaborative relationship between the University of Georgia and the University of Liverpool. Morris is the last name of Ben Franklin’s contemporary Robert Morris (1734-1806). Born in Liverpool, Robert Morris left England for America at the age of thirteen. He fought for the American cause in the War of Independence and became a leading figure in the new republic. As both a Liverpudlian and a Founding Father he is a fitting complement to UGA’s Ben Franklin. The inaugural Franklin-Morris International Scholar is Dr. Tom Whittaker of the University of Liverpool’s School of Cultures, Languages and Area Studies. In the Summer Short Session II, 2013, Dr. Whittaker will teach the following cross-listed, split-level course: ROML 4120/6120 · FILM 5481/7481 *Space, Movement and Identity in Hispanic Film*.

Other accomplishments in the area of international studies in the past year are as follows:

- Study abroad scholarships were awarded by the Lamar Dodd School of Art, the Department of Romance Languages, and Franklin College.

- International Cooperative Agreements initiated within Franklin College and approved by the Franklin College Studies Abroad Committee and the Office of International Education were signed between UGA and the Instituto Nacional de Pesquisas Espaciais, Brazil (initiated by the Department of Marine Sciences); Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (initiated by the Department of Marine Sciences); Istanbul Technical University, Turkey (initiated by the Department of Geology); and Central University of Gujarat, India (initiated by Franklin College of Arts and Sciences).

- Undergraduate Exchange Agreements initiated within Franklin College and approved by the Franklin College Studies Abroad Committee and the Office of International Education were signed between UGA and the Universidade Estadual Paulista, Brazil (initiated by the Latin American & Caribbean Studies Institute); Istanbul Technical University, Turkey (initiated by the Department of Geology); National University of Singapore (initiated by Franklin College of Arts and Sciences); University of Liverpool, UK (initiated by Franklin College of Arts and Sciences); and Stellenbosch University, South Africa (initiated by the Department of Sociology and SPIA).

- Franklin College co-sponsored the 2012 UGA Global Educational Forum on Globalization, Sport and Development.

- Faculty and students at UGA’s Optically Stimulated Luminescence Dating Laboratory dated samples from the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Argentina, Namibia, South Africa, Portugal, Australia, Canada and the USA.

- From October 2-4, 2012 Franklin College hosted a visit by Vice-Chancellor R.K. Kale, Central University of Gujarat, and Professor Ajay Dandekar, Dean, School of International Higher Education CUG. UGA has an International Cooperative Agreement in place with CUG, and is currently exploring the possibility of faculty exchanges with this university.
On October 8, 2012 Franklin College co-sponsored a visit by Korean film Director Kang Je Kyu, and actor Mr. Park Joong Hoon as part of the 1st Atlanta Korean Film Festival. Both the director and the actor are well known in the US as well as in Asia.

4. Diversity: Strategic Direction I and II

Diversity and inclusion continue to be important goals and values of the Franklin College. In 2012 the Office of Inclusion and Diversity Leadership (OIDL) continued several successful initiatives such as the Franklin Visiting Scholars Program, the Graduate Recruitment Travel Awards, and the annual survey of students who have declined offers of admission and a subsequent feedback report. Other initiatives focused on creating opportunities to recognize and reward faculty and staff excellence in diversity leadership, providing mechanisms for faculty to infuse diversity content into their programs of instruction, and supporting faculty initiative in creating new linkages with minority serving institutions, applying for grants to fund recruitment and retention initiatives, and further developing their multicultural competence as an opportunity for leadership development. These included:

- Franklin Diversity Ambassadors ~ Faculty and graduate students
- Franklin College Excellence in Diversity Leadership Awards - Faculty
- Innovation in the Franklin Multicultural Curriculum
- Franklin College Diversity Leadership Development Program
- Franklin College Excellence in Diversity Leadership Awards - Staff
- Diversity Curriculum Enhancement Award

OIDL continues to work toward institutionalizing the college’s value for diversity and inclusion throughout its various systems including faculty recruitment, work-life integration, and serving as an advisor to the university through its involvement with the Diversity Representatives Committee and the Diversity Advisory Council. In support of these goals the college’s Faculty Recruitment Toolkit was revised and distributed throughout the college and is used throughout the university.

OIDL also now sponsors the UGA SEED Project on Inclusive Curriculum, facilitated by Dr. Hilda Kurtz (recipient of a 2012 Diversity Leadership Development Program grant), which provides monthly workshops to a cohort of 15 graduate teaching assistants in order to enhance their multicultural competence and teaching efficacy. In addition, RED (a research and outreach arm of OIDL), is a subcontractor to a consulting firm in order to provide applied research services to the UGA Facilities Management Division (a Project RED activity) and it also provided a workshop to the UGA community on institutional diversity by Georgia Power executive, Dr. Conrado Marion-Landais, through its RED Workshop series. A Diversity Forum for the university community was held titled, “The Trayvon Martin Tragedy” which offered an interdisciplinary discussion of this unfortunate event. This forum of faculty and student leaders from across the college attracted the attention of both university and local media and has led to an invited presentation at the 2013 meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and an invitation to develop an edited volume. Finally OIDL and the college continue to seek
opportunities to attract underrepresented students to UGA. In support of that goal, OIDL continues to co-sponsor the placement of several Albany State University students in Franklin STEM laboratories during the summer of 2012. The ultimate goal is to build a program, tentatively titled SURF (Summer Undergraduate Research at Franklin) that will serve as a pipeline for underrepresented students in Franklin graduate programs.

- Two of the three junior faculty hired in anthropology were women.
- Bioinformatics established a formal relationship with Clark Atlanta as part of an NSF IGERT training grant. Bioinformatics also successfully recruited a Hispanic assistant professor, shared with Mathematics.
- Dr. John Rose offers a summer high school science teacher training course “Biotech.” Several BMB laboratories sponsored students in the “Young Dawgs” summer research program.
- Genetics recruited a minority (African-American) faculty member (Melissa Davis).
- Genetics administers a NSF REU (research experience for undergraduates) site grant in collaboration with Clark Atlanta University, Fort Valley State University and Georgia State University, now in its 12th year. It also sponsors a SUNFIG program in undergraduate research in partnership with University of Puerto Rico. For both programs, undergraduates in underrepresented groups participate in a 10-week course in genomics and computational biology, and perform research in the laboratories of Genetics faculty members.
- Marshall Shepherd and Thomas Mote (geography) lead the NSF-funded Diversity Climate Network (D-Climnet), which promotes diversity by exposing students at all levels to climate science.
- In the summer Marine Sciences offers MARS 1020/1020L (Biology of the Marine Environment), which attracts a significant number of minority students, who learn about marine and environmental sciences through lectures, labs, and field trips.
- In January 2012, marine sciences hired a Latina, Patricia Medeiros, as an assistant professor.
- Anna Karls (microbiology) hosted the science segment of the Fanning Institute’s Migrant Youth Leadership Program in summer 2012. Six Microbiology graduate students assisted with the science demonstrations for 25 high school students from groups underrepresented in the STEM disciplines.
- The Hodgson School of Music brought Dr. David Trasoff to campus in late April as the Gordhan L. and Virginia B. "Jinx" Patel Distinguished Visiting Professor in Indian Musical Arts.
- Philosophy recruited an Asian female for its open metaphysics assistant professorship.
- Physics implemented a Transfer Articulation Agreement with Savannah State University.
5. External Affairs and Outreach: Strategic Direction IV and V

External Affairs

The Franklin College raised $5,661,711 in gifts and new pledges in calendar year 2012, including 58 new gifts/pledges of $10,000 or more.

Highlights include:

- A gift of more than $500,000 from the estate of Charles Devaux for the Department of Classics;
- An anonymous gift of $500,000 to benefit the Hugh Hodgson School of Music;
- A gift of land valued at $230,000 from the Moye Family, to augment the scope and significance of the Singer-Moye Mound Site at the Georgia Museum of Natural History;
- A planned gift of nearly $135,000 from Carolyn Abney to benefit the Lamar Dodd School of Art;
- More than $1 million in gifts from private foundations to support faculty research in several areas.

As in prior years, Franklin College development staff secured major private support for faculty, students, and programs in areas outside the Franklin College that have substantial involvement of Franklin faculty, especially in centers and institutes across UGA.

2012 was a year of significant transitions for the college and for the office of external affairs. We devoted considerable effort to introducing incoming dean Alan Dorsey to donors, alumni, and other constituents. This was made more challenging by the mid-year retirement of Ruhanna Neal, who had handled annual giving, alumni relations, and special events for the college. Further, development officer Jeff Delk was recruited away from Franklin College to join the central development planned giving office, and senior director of development Joan Roeber-Jones left to take a position at Georgia Tech. None of these positions has yet been replaced; we reorganized the remaining development staff under the interim leadership of Jennifer Messer, to focus primarily on leadership giving college-wide, and an enhanced annual giving program, rather than dividing our efforts across all of the college’s academic divisions.

The office of external affairs staged dozens of major events during 2012, including board meeting weekends for the Dean’s Council, the Lamar Dodd School Board, and advisory boards in geology and computer science; seven sky suite events around home football games; a reception and faculty presentation in DC; the first-ever alumni awards presentation reception and dinner; a “rollout” event for the new dean; and numerous other department- and donor-focused events throughout the college.

Communications efforts expanded significantly in 2012: the college generated more than 100 print or electronic publications, ranging from event invitations to annual giving appeals to multi-page newsletters to e-blast messages reaching tens of thousands of alumni and friends. We
generated nearly 200 news releases on the accomplishments of Franklin College faculty and students, in partnership with public affairs colleagues across campus. We launched the new blog, “Arts and Sciences Matters: the Franklin Chronicles,” and editor Alan Flurry created and curated more than 350 blog posts. Our social media presence grew during the first part of the year, but has remained largely flat since the early fall, with the departure of news director Sam Fahmy, who accepted a position in the Office of the Provost. Sam’s position has not yet been replaced. Multimedia communications also included 25 videos created and posted to the Franklin College and Lamar Dodd School YouTube channels; the hour-long documentary, “Arco in Venice,” that aired multiple times on WUGA-TV; short videos about key faculty that are being used as “interstitials” on WUGA-TV, and ten episodes of the interview program, “Unscripted with Alan Flurry,” also on WUGA-TV. These videos are much in demand by the UGA Alumni Association and the Office of Admissions, as well as Franklin alumni and community audiences. Multimedia production has dropped off significantly since Sam’s departure, as Alan is currently handling Sam’s portfolio as well as his own, and managing the bulk of the college’s news writing.

We anticipate hiring new staff and firming up the reorganization and priorities for the office in 2013, especially as the college prepares for its role in the current comprehensive campaign.

The winners of the 2012 Franklin College Outstanding Alumni Award are:

- Jennifer Holloway of Athens, a mezzo-soprano vocalist, earned her bachelor’s degree in music from UGA in 2000 and a specialist degree in vocal performance from the Manhattan School of Music. She has performed significant leading roles in major opera houses in North America, South America and Europe, including the Metropolitan Opera in New York and the Maggio Musicale in Florence, Italy. Her voice has been described by The Classical Review as “liquid, lambent and lit from within.”

- Roger Hunter of San Jose, Calif., is a project manager for NASA’s Kepler Project. Hunter, who earned his bachelor’s degree in mathematics in 1978, is leading NASA’s mission to determine the frequency of planets that have the potential to harbor life. The mission began in 2009 and already has led to the identification of hundreds of Earth-size planet candidates.

- James N. Ihle of Memphis, Tenn., is the Edward F. Barry Endowed Chair in Biochemistry at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Ihle, who earned his doctorate from the department of biochemistry and molecular biology in 1971, is a highly cited researcher who has published more than 350 scientific articles, including a landmark paper in Nature that revealed a key step in the process the body uses to rid itself of faulty or unneeded cells.

- Melissa Kirkpatrick of Hidden Hills, Calif., is a noted fabric designer. Kirkpatrick, who received her bachelor’s degree in printmaking in 1989, launched her MK Collection line of fabrics, rugs and wall coverings in 2011. Her work has been featured in publications such as Elle Decoration, Interior Design and House Beautiful. The magazine Garden and Gun noted that she “subjects each design to an uncommon level of thought and scrutiny.”
• Judith Mank of London, England, is a professor who holds the chair of evolutionary and comparative biology at University College London. Mank, who earned her doctorate in genetics in 2006, is working to understand how evolutionary pressures differ between females and males and how this ultimately results in the differing observable characteristics that so many animals exhibit based on sex.

• Christopher Todd Wells of Playa Del Rey, Calif., is known for his visual effects work. Wells, who earned his bachelor’s degree in theatre and film studies in 2010, has created visual effects for more than 50 major movies, in many cases serving as visual effects supervisor. Among his credits are “The Amazing Spider-Man,” “Toy Story 3,” “Avatar,” “The Curious Case of Benjamin Button,” “300” and “X-Men: The Last Stand.”

Sophomore biology and psychology double major Mehreen Sultana has been awarded the very first Dean's Council Scholarship:  http://chronicles.franklin.uga.edu/posts/deans-council-scholarship

Historian Stephen Berry has been named the inaugural holder of the Amanda and Greg Gregory Chair in the Civil War Era in the University of Georgia Franklin College of Arts and Sciences. Berry, the author of four books on the Civil War era, joined the university's Department of History in 2007 and was selected as the Gregory chair after a national search.

Lawrence Sweet, a clinical neuropsychologist whose research explores the relationship between physical changes in the brain and conditions as diverse as dementia, nicotine dependence and obesity, has joined UGA as the inaugural Gary R. Sperduto Professor of Psychology in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences.  http://columns.uga.edu/news/fulltext/former-brown-u-prof-named-ugas-first-sperduto-professor/

Baruch Halpern, an internationally recognized scholar whose work combines ancient history, archeology and religious studies has joined the University of Georgia as the inaugural holder of the Covenant Foundation Professor of Jewish Studies in the Department of Religion. This is the department’s second endowed professorship in Jewish Studies.  http://chronicles.franklin.uga.edu/posts/uga-welcomes-internationally-renowned-religion-scholar

John Lowe has joined the English Department as the first Barbara Lester Methvin Distinguished Professor of Southern Literature.

Selected Achievements in Outreach

• For nearly 30 years, the classics department has sponsored the Classics Summer Institute which offers a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses, including Latin and Classical Culture courses, for Latin teachers, students who are interested in pursuing a Master of Arts degree in Latin on a summers-only basis, and others who are seeking a summer enrichment program in classics.

• Amy Ross (geography) will serve as an official international observer for the upcoming trial of Efrain Rios Montt in Guatemala. This is the first time that a national court has prosecuted a former head of state for genocide in the nation where the crime occurred.
Marshall Shepherd (geography) briefed a U.S. Senate subcommittee on aspects of climate science.

Andy Herod (geography) is an elected Commissioner (District 8) and Mayor Pro Tempore of the Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County.

Andy Grundstein (geography) helped develop new guidelines for the heat policy for the Georgia High School Association.

Nik Heynen (Geography) leads the Coweeta Listening Project, which is supported by the Coweeta LTER.

John Knox (geography) participated with faculty from the College of Education in outreach efforts for Georgia teachers to improve severe weather awareness.

Marguerite Madden (geography) served on the Executive Committee of the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS) Foundation, Advisory Board of the U.S. Geospatial-Intelligence Foundation, National Parks Conservation Association (2012-present), and Science Advisory Council for the Wormsloe Institute for Environmental History.

Marshall Shepherd (geography) is a member of the private USRA Earth System Science Advisory Board.

Amy Trauger, Hilda Kurtz, and Nik Heynen (geography) teach a service learning class (Athens Urban Food Collective) in conjunction with the a UGA/community effort to learn about and engage in direct action around urban hunger in Athens.

Amy Ross (geography) worked with local community activists organizing to bring justice for the 1946 Moore's Ford Lynching, including in-class presentation for her Geography of Human Rights course.

Corporate sponsorship for the geology department increased substantially, with gifts from Newmont Gold Corp. and Active Minerals.

Faculty in geology made 30 visits to local classrooms to talk about rocks and minerals, fossils, water resources, energy resources, and environmental issues.

Robert Pratt and Stephen Mihm (history) continued service as historians in the Dept. of Education Teaching History Grant for NE Georgia secondary school teachers.

Marine Sciences offered a number of outreach activities at Sapelo. For example, the Microbial Biology Outreach and High School Intern Programs are sponsored by the NSF-funded Sapelo Island Microbial Observatory (SIMO), directed by Dr. Mary Ann Moran. Twenty three local High School students and their AP Biology teacher participated in a weekend trip to the Marine Institute on Sapelo Island accompanied by Dr. Moran and Dr. Patricia Medeiros.

The UGA High School Varsity Math Tournament hosted 301 students representing 82 teams from 43 schools on October 20, 2011.
• UGA Math Circles began in 2012. A Math circle brings together local middle and high school students to work on problems presented by UGA faculty or graduate students. The UGA Math Circles are organized by the student group UGA MathCounts Outreach, an outreach program involving many undergraduate math majors.

• Wendy Dustman led a group of students from the UGA student chapter of the American Society for Microbiology in giving presentations at local elementary schools.

• The Hugh Hodgson School of Music presented "UGA in the ATL"—two free concerts for students, UGA alumni, and music lovers in the Atlanta area.

• The Community Music School, String Project, Summer Music Camp, band/orchestra/choir workshops throughout the year, instrumental workshops, keyboard pedagogy symposium, Southeastern Trumpet Festival, and many other outreach activities were conducted during 2012.

• Senior Lecturer Christine Franklin (statistics) was featured in the May edition of Amstat News, the membership magazine of the American Statistical Association. The interview featured Chris’s efforts in rewriting the statistics standards of the Georgia Performance Standards for 6th-12th grade. See http://magazine.amstat.org/blog/2012/05/01/statsed/ for more information.

• The University Theatre had another successful year presenting a wide range of work to the university, local, and regional community. Highlights included the world premiere of Hidden Man, by Atlanta playwright Pamela Turner, which began its run in the Cellar Theatre in Spring 2012 as part of the University Theatre season, and then moved on to a successful three-week run at 7 Stages Theatre in Atlanta (with UGA cast and designers) as part of their season. Other highlights include a production of Chicago, directed and choreographed by guest artist Chet Walker (winner of a Tony Award for his Broadway production of Fosse). Attendance for the production exceeded 2,250.

Rankings:

• The NRC 2010 ranking of PHD programs places Anthropology in the top 30 of all programs in the country (n ~ 90), and well ahead of units at UGA aspirational institutions including U of Illinois, U of Minnesota, U of North Carolina, U of Virginia, and Cornell U.

• BMB was ranked 36th best program by US News and World Report and 60th best program by NRC rankings.

• The Georgia Debate Union was ranked 14th nationally and 1st in the Southeast.

• The English Department was ranked 53rd in English Language and Literature by the Chronicle of Higher Education and 59th in Best Graduate Schools in English in US News and World Report (rising from 69 in 2007).

• A recent survey (conducted by the Modern Language Association) of more than 2,500 college and university Latin programs ranked the UGA Latin program as the largest in the U.S.
• Geography, ranked “fifth most central” program to the discipline of Geography since 1991 and placed in the top 15 of nearly all rankings in a recent review of graduate programs published in the Professional Geographer. Their overall rankings were highly correlated with NRC rankings in 1995 and 2010.

• The printmaking and book arts programs of the Lamar Dodd School of Art is ranked #7 in the country by US News and World Report.

• Microbiology’s graduate program was ranked 31st in the nation for all schools, and 17th for public institutions.

• Philosophy was ranked first in the highest percentage of tenured and tenure track women of any top 51 PhD granting institutions in Philosophy.

• Psychology continues to be ranked #32 in U.S. News and World Report’s rankings of clinical psychology graduate programs. The overall departmental ranking is 52.
B. Aligning Unit Strategic Goals with UGA’s 2020 Strategic Plan

The current strategic plan for the Franklin College of Arts & Sciences (“Framework for the Future,” completed 2012) is available at:

http://framework.franklin.uga.edu/

This Franklin College plan was developed to align with the UGA plan. This new plan and its web address replace the 2000 plan.
C. Diversity Planning

The Franklin College's Taskforce on Diversity and Inclusion is responsible for the Franklin Diversity Plan: Diversity Values, Strategies, and Activities. Although this plan predates the institution's plan, the two documents share a core similarity in promoting values for diversity and inclusion throughout all of the college's major functions as both a work and a learning environment.

This plan is continually revised to reflect additions to initiatives and projects undertaken by the college's Office for Inclusion and Diversity Leadership. For example, during the last year, the college has formed a new partnership with the Fanning Institute to provide pre-collegiate workshops to underrepresented students during the summer months. Additionally, the college now sponsors the semester long SEED Project for Inclusive Curriculum to a cohort of 15 Franklin doctoral candidates to enhance their cultural competence and instruction. RED, a program of the college, has extended Franklin's outreach efforts by currently engaging in research for the UGA Facilities Management Division and the University of Texas Medical Branches. Additionally, the Senior Advisor to the Dean continues to provide support to the college in facilitating the recruitment of underrepresented faculty and graduate students, supporting policies that promote work-life integration, and collaborating with faculty to create opportunities to increase the pipeline for underrepresented undergraduates to the Franklin College. See “Franklin Diversity Plan: Diversity Values, Strategies, and Activities,” attached.
D. Assessing Effectiveness

- The classics department plan to reorganize its undergraduate program, consolidating three majors into two, was recently approved by University Council.

- The English department is developing a seminar for presentation of faculty and graduate student work.

- Germanic and Slavic Languages has introduced a new course for Russian heritage speakers; offered an advanced language course in Russian for the first time; and introduced a new course on Slavic culture, SLAV 2100. The department also worked on offering students additional study or internship opportunities abroad and on restructuring the curriculum in GRMN 3010/GRMN 3020.

- History continued to implement its 5-year plan by hiring in international fields. The department is beginning modification of the undergraduate and graduate curricula to provide more international courses and fields in its curricula.

- The Lamar Dodd School of Art is adopting a digital portfolio system, Foliotek, for art teacher education initial certification students in collaboration with the College of Education. This system will provide extensive data for student assessment and program evaluation.

- Linguistics received authorization to offer a non-thesis M.A. degree. It also developed a proseminar course and a colloquium to stimulate outstanding teaching and research and bring the research and activities of faculty closer to students, at the same time involving affiliate faculty more deeply in the program and acquainting students with faculty members they would not normally meet during their studies at UGA.

- Ellen Neidle and Anna Karls re-designed a section of MIBO 4600L (Experimental Microbiology Laboratory) to make it a group research course.

- Wendy Dustman changed her MIBO 3500 (Introduction to Microbiology) from a traditional lecture format to a ‘flipped’ format where students view podcasts of lectures and class time is used for active learning exercises.

- Philosophy instituted a paper option for the Graduate Preliminary Examination as a result of annual assessment.

- Romance Languages recruited for an assistant professor of French who will develop and teach online courses.

- Romance Languages decided to make all 1000-level Spanish courses hybrid (75% classroom instruction; 25% online) beginning in Fall 2013.

- Statistics conducted a major review of its graduate level service courses. As a result of this review, the sequence STAT 6310-20 has been replaced with a new one-semester 4-credit accelerated course, STAT 6315, which allows students to take advanced courses on regression and/or design and analysis of experiments earlier in their studies. The review also resulted in some topical changes and recommendations for the sequence STAT 6210-20 and for STAT 8200.