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FACS Faculty Members Attract and Mentor Undergraduate Researchers to Help Solve Some of the World's Most Pressing Issues

A View Behind the Curtain
Looking back fondly on my learning experiences as a student, time spent in the classroom comes to mind. But more and more undergraduates are engaged in research alongside faculty mentors. These students enter our classrooms and labs for all sorts of reasons, but the one motivation they all share is simple: curiosity.

In fact, the University of Georgia’s motto says it rather succinctly: “to teach, to serve and to inquire into the nature of things.” I believe a university is at its best when people are encouraged to question and wonder.

As the university strives to provide more undergraduate research opportunities next year, effectively doubling the enrollment of the UGA Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities (CURO) program (see page 23), I’m proud to say FACS has a long, proud history of encouraging this sort of faculty mentored and personalized in-depth study.

In the last two years, 35 FACS students have participated in CURO across UGA, and numerous FACS faculty members have served as mentors for undergraduate researchers from other colleges.

When you ask these students to describe their experience, you hear words like “phenomenal,” “priceless” and “essential.” FACS faculty mentors also are helping to train undergraduate researchers from other universities.

The three-year Youth Obesity Undergraduate Research and Extension (Y.O.U.R.E.) fellowship grant launched this summer as part of an initiative funded by the USDA National Institute for Agriculture to train undergraduate researchers to design childhood obesity interventions.

Four of the five fellows in the initial cohort represent Georgia colleges, including Mercer University, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College and South Georgia State College, a project led by foods and nutrition associate professor Silvia Giraudo and FACS associate dean Debbie Murray.

This project and dozens of other research projects initiated at FACS are helping to instill that essential sense of wonder and curiosity in the minds of these bright young students who are charged with solving the world’s great issues.

It is amazing, and inspiring, to watch it all unfold.

**FACS Week:** We hope you’ll make plans to join us for our second annual FACS Week events, which kicks off with a homecoming tailgate on Oct. 15 behind Dawson Hall.

This is our signature event of the year and is a great time to get involved with other alumni as well as current faculty and students. Find out more at [www.fcs.uga.edu/facsweek](http://www.fcs.uga.edu/facsweek).

You can also follow us on Facebook (search UGA College of Family and Consumer Sciences) and our other social media outlets such as Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn.

We hope you enjoy this issue of FACS Magazine!
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own in the heart of Appalachia, on a volunteer project with a home repair ministry, Kim Skobba had an awakening of sorts. A Minneapolis-based public relations professional at the time, Skobba became “fascinated” with the idea of affordable housing. “The people loved their homes so much and loved where they lived,” she said of the poverty-stricken natives the ministry served. “They lived in dilapidated housing in an impoverished town but wouldn’t move because they had such a tie to the land and the people. I wondered if it was possible to improve their community in a way that wouldn’t change what they valued.”

Skobba quickly took stock of her life, didn’t see herself in PR long-term, and went on to receive a master’s degree in design, housing and apparel from the University of Minnesota, then a Ph.D. while working in the non-profit housing sector for 10 years. Her first job in academia brought her to the University of Georgia in 2011, where she works as assistant professor in the financial planning, housing and consumer economics department within FACS. Her research focuses on the housing needs of low-income households and the relationship between community development and social capital in rural and small towns.

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engaging with a diverse student population. A recent research project that investigated the barriers faced by college students who have experienced homelessness or foster care also has influenced her thinking as an educator, she said. “I do feel it’s my mission in life to understand and address the pressing housing issues faced by people living in poverty,” Skobba said. “Basic needs are a big deal for me. Everybody should have their basic needs met, and if they don’t, we pay a price for that.”

Skobba, also a UGA Lilly Teaching Fellow, has received commendation from across campus for her efforts. “Dr. Skobba has invested a level of commitment to promoting the academic development of students that is unmatched,” said Sheri Worthy, FHCE department head. “She is passionate about providing students with active learning experiences and has offered students multiple experiential learning opportunities. She is committed to teaching, research and service and is engaged in several creative projects that tie those three areas together.”
Kim Skobba

Title: Assistant professor of Housing Economics, Department of Financial Planning, Housing and Consumer Economics

Highlights: Recipient of 2016 Richard B. Russell Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, which recognize outstanding teaching by faculty early in their academic careers; part of the Lilly Teaching Fellows program; 2016 Bill and June Flatt Outstanding Teacher of the Year (FACS); UGA Service-Learning Excellence Award

Started at UGA: Fall 2011

For more on Skobba, click here: www.uga.edu/faculty/profile/kimberly-skobba/

Photo: Peter Frey
To meet Michael Gene Thomas, whose warm, kindly smile and frequent laugh are signatures, is to meet an outwardly easy-going man. But inwardly, Thomas, a FACS doctoral student studying financial planning, is driven to make meaning in the lives of those with the least financial resources. He cares about ensuring that vulnerable populations have access to financial planning services—a resource that only the affluent usually enjoy.

For a money man like Thomas, this is a tall order, but one he feels suited to deliver. His background (a 2005 degree in accountancy and two years working at a CPA firm) made for an easy transition into working in college admissions and later, as a financial aid planner, at LaGrange College. What was glaringly obvious to him was that the true work of a college was transformation.

For many of the students Thomas helped, he realized this meant transforming their relationships with their money. Credit cards and student debts were sometimes strangling. As students sank into debt, dreams became more of a distant reality.

Cold hard cash—and equally cold, sometimes hard, facts—are in order.

Thomas takes an old-fashioned approach to a newfangled problem. That problem is, first and last, the problem of debt, which is the outcome of financial illiteracy.

Most Americans have little or inadequate savings, let alone investment capital. He would change that, and thinks there is good reason to begin teaching the value of a dollar sooner than later.

The “Millionaire Next Door” approach, wherein people deliberately live beneath their means, is one way of summarizing his financial philosophy.

Thomas, who drives a 10-year-old car (“I hope to get to 500,000 miles,” he joked) is serious about becoming such a millionaire. He tightens his belt—actually, he cinches it—and refuses to be drawn into impulsive buys, ones he might repent at leisure.

Admittedly, says Thomas, living below one’s means is not an easy sell.

“My friends tease me about that car” he says. He simply ignores them.

Thomas was born into a military family, which taught him principles of self-discipline.

“My father was a Marine, and I began school in Oahu,” he said.

The family moved to Jackson, N.C., before eventually moving to Gary, Ind.

He decided to ultimately attend LaGrange in Georgia and earned a degree in accounting there in 2005.

Afterward, Thomas worked in a CPA firm for two years. Later, he was hired at LaGrange as an admissions counselor.

Thomas’s eventual experiences as an auditor, and as
LaGrange’s director of affordability and family financial aid planning, made him privy to deeper insights. Some of the students’ financial issues were especially worrying.

“I served in various roles at the college,” he said. “I saw how vital each function was to transform the lives of the students it served. Going through those conversations, those vulnerable conversations, really hit home for me that the work I wanted to do has to happen far before that year and a half you really get to work with families.”

He felt he needed to initiate conversations about finances earlier—as in, well before a student began to apply to colleges.

“As an auditor, I felt isolated. And as a financial aid person, I felt we had a very short window of time to help families,” he said.

This led Thomas to apply to UGA’s financial planning program in the FACS department of financial planning, housing and consumer economics.

Thomas had found his footing and became involved in professional initiatives within the college.

“My biggest accomplishment was helping to create the first financial literacy summer camp for middle school students at UGA,” he said of the Money Dawgs camp.

He had also launched a business, Modom Financial Services. He describes Modom as based upon a different premise, aiming to financially empower the underserved, especially youth and couples.

“I don’t want to get to my finish line alone,” he said. “The reason I am pursuing a financial planning degree is that I want to provide services to the underserved and to the (needy).”

**MONEY — A MORE LOADED SUBJECT THAN SEX?**

Complicating the work he does, Thomas said it doesn’t help that money and finance are so difficult to discuss.

Why, precisely, is money such a psychologically loaded subject? Thomas smiles at the question thoughtfully before answering.

He is a man who has learned to practice what he preaches: *Keep things simple. Live simply.*

Money and personal finance, he explains, are a complicated, loaded set of subjects.

“If somebody runs into money, (like a windfall) it emphasizes certain traits about them,” he said.

He shares what he has learned through Modom Financial Services, and the clients struggling with money issues he served both there and through the collegiate programs.

“If they have an addiction problem it magnifies it … money magnifies personal qualities,” he said. “Whether we realize it or not, money is a genuine expression of who we are. If you want to know something about somebody, look at their bank statements.”

He even suggests that couples might want to look at one another’s bank statements before they become too involved.
In fact, he doesn’t talk about market fluctuations or how to beat inflation. He talks about things such as financial infidelity and trust issues—chief among other issues that entangle our financial truths.

“I’ve talked with couples in the past, but neither knows what the other is doing with their money,” he said.

Money, he stresses, is a serious subject.

“We’ll talk about sex, we’ll talk about drugs. Everything,” he said. “But it—money—is very difficult; money is very personal. We will talk about sex before money.”

When asked if he, himself, has a healthy relationship with money, Thomas weighs the question. He replies that he is constantly learning and evaluating himself, too.

“Getting your house in order isn’t a once and done … you keep altering it,” he said.

“There are some things I’m working on,” he adds. “For me, my biggest thing is that I don’t take enough (financial) risk. I understand the markets. I talk about my money plan.”

He frowns slightly. Perhaps he is too cautious, he wonders aloud. “Too much of a saver?”

A HUMBLING LOSS AND THE AFTERMATH

Psychological issues have been especially difficult for Thomas since November of 2015, when he had to face down tragedy within his family.

His sister, Tiara Thomas, was murdered just before Thanksgiving, allegedly by her ex-boyfriend, leaving three young children behind. Thomas has since been trying to help his young niece and nephews navigate a nightmare while coping with his own sense of bereavement.

Thomas was close to his sister; he is deeply shaken and the grief is unspeakable.

“Now I know there is nothing worse that can happen to me. Nothing that can make me feel as low,” he says quietly during the week before Christmas.

Thomas says his emotions spill over into his work, leaving him less hesitant or concerned about small things.

“I am now absolutely OK with risks, but they have to be calculated,” he said.

His sister’s untimely, tragic death was gravely humbling.

“We still mean something even though we are but a small piece of the big whole,” he said.

The enormity of what he has experienced has changed him.

“I think it is a breakthrough. At the end of the day, I am intentional about doing my very best, and if it doesn’t happen, guess what? I’m probably going to have another opportunity to do it better … every day, we have an opportunity to do it better.”

Thomas, ordinarily an optimist, is finding a new philosophy to navigate through tragedy. His new philosophy, he has discovered, “is about living in the moment and relaxing into the grand experiment that our lives become.”

An aunt, one who spent her life in the military, told Thomas to stay true to his convictions.

“That was it,” he said.

He is actively building his own legacy. Thomas volunteers with low-income tax assistance and with the Athens work release program through the FACS ASPIRE Clinic.

With the assistance of other UGA undergraduate students, ASPIRE provides six or seven sessions to the prisoners, designed to help them achieve more financial ability and prevent recidivism.

Thomas believes that in supporting prisoners’ access to services and benefits, it will make for a healthier transition to freedom.

“There are so many ways to help people plan,” he said.

After he completes his program, Thomas is leaning toward working with a local agency, one that has a firm and strong commitment to service.

“For me, being in the doctoral program, and aspiring to do the kind of work I do to stay true to my convictions, is keeping me focused,” he said. “Dr. (Joe) Goetz and Dr. (Lance) Palmer, members of the multidisciplinary Healthy Marriage and Relationship Education (HMRE) team, were gracious enough to allow me to be a part of this project.

“The HMRE project will impact a lot of lives. It takes into consideration relationship dynamics, communication, family, therapy, best practices, and the financial capability of this component, working together to create more stable families—emotionally, psychologically, and communicate better. That is the kind of work I want to be doing. How do we strengthen families?”

Thomas says absent that helping aspect, he would have
simply completed his master’s degree and immersed himself in a new professional track.

“If this hadn’t happened, I’m not sure I would have done a doctoral program,” he said.

And so Thomas, even in the midst of personal grief, finds meaning in eliminating financial difficulty.

He works with the poorest, the broke and broken, the imprisoned, and the most disenfranchised.

“Love when it is inconvenient,” he said softly.

Thomas writes this online, a sort of personal manifesto, which is a declaration of his integrity:

“All people need is for somebody sitting across from them at that desk to care about them. Let’s show people we care about them, and let’s start there. Then we look at assumptions and race, and can be sensitive to how we talk to them. If we don’t care, you’ve just given me a script.”

This story originally appeared in the spring 2016 issue of The UGA Graduate School Magazine.

FOR FURTHER READING:

Thomas’s friends have set up a fund for his surviving niece and nephews at: www.gofundme.com/tiarathomas

To learn about ASPIRE: www.aspireclinic.org

To learn more about the HMRE project: www.ugaprojectfree.com

FACS department of financial planning, housing and consumer economics: www.fcs.uga.edu/fhce
A team of UGA faculty members, led by FACS researcher Ted Futris, has received an $8.2 million grant to improve the lives of children and families in the child welfare system in Georgia. The project will focus on creating positive and stable homes through the integration of research-based services designed to improve healthy marriage and relationship skills and promote economic stability.

The multi-disciplinary team seeks to address the needs of the region's highest-risk children and will include services for new parents, foster parents and reunified families, or biological parents of children 18 and under who were removed from their home and have been reunited.

With numerous state and local partners, including the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services, Georgia Family Connection, Great Start Georgia, Strengthening Families Georgia, Project Safe and UGA Extension, the five-year project will reach nearly 1,500 families in a 12-county, mostly rural, region in northeast Georgia.

“Project FREE” (Fostering Relationship and Economic Enrichment) will deliver the Elevate curriculum, a research-informed couples education program developed by Futris and researchers at Auburn University. Participants also will receive a three-week financial literacy education program.

Futris, an associate professor in the department of human development and family science and a UGA Extension family life specialist, is the project director. Other FACS faculty members involved in the project are Lance Palmer and Joseph Goetz from the department of financial planning, housing and consumer economics; and Jerry Gale and Jay Mancini from human development and family science.

The project also includes faculty partners from the School of Social Work and the College of Education.

The grant was awarded by the Administration for Children and Families, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

For more information, visit [www.ugaprojectfree.com](http://www.ugaprojectfree.com)
Tiny House, Big Living

It only covers 150 square feet, but the impact of the student-run Tiny Dawg House construction project has been felt across UGA’s Athens campus and throughout the state.

Tapping into the growing popular interest in tiny houses, or homes with less than 400 square feet of living space, UGA students worked with Kim Skobba, assistant professor in the FACS department of financial planning, housing and consumer economics, and David Berle, an associate professor in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, in the fall of 2015 to explore the American housing landscape.

In the process, 13 students, coming from CAES and other colleges, learned hands-on construction skills by building their own tiny house. George Wright, an Athens, Georgia-based contractor, worked with the students to make sure the tiny house was safe and up to code.

The students were responsible for making several decisions in planning the tiny house, which incorporated a working bathroom, kitchen, recreation space, sleeping loft and storage space on the back of a flatbed trailer. Over the 16-week semester, Berle and Skobba presented students with different topics impacting housing in the U.S., from land planning to energy efficiency to green building.

“The Tiny House class was one of the most life-changing classes I’ve ever had,” said Victoria Coons, a housing major within FACS. “I never knew I had the skills to build a loft with the help of a classmate or even use an electric saw. It made me realize the passion I have for homes and allowed me to follow my goals in the home industry. I learned that tiny living is a great way to do big things.”

The final cost came out to about $25,000 and was covered by a grant from The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta. Project partner Georgia Organics received the title for the property and will help with fundraising for the next tiny house.

The fall 2016 course will incorporate more housing issues specific to farmers nationwide: farm succession, workforce housing and barriers faced by new farmers, according to Skobba.

To read a blog about the Tiny House progress, click here:
tinydawghouse.wordpress.com

- Merritt Melancon, UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

FORMER FACS DEAN LAURA JOLLY NAMED DEAN AT IOWA STATE

Laura Jolly, who served as FACS dean from 2007-2010 and returned to the FACS faculty in 2015 after serving as a UGA administrator, has been named as the Endowed Dean of the College of Human Sciences at Iowa State University.

Jolly served as vice president for instruction at UGA from 2010-14 before returning to the FACS faculty in 2015.

“The College of Family and Consumer Sciences is an amazing community of students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends,” Jolly said. “The thing I will miss most about FACS and UGA will be the people. As I said when I joined the college, it’s important to focus, believe and laugh. The people of FACS have done just that with a focus on the future, a belief in each other and a lot of laughter along the way. The college is in a strong position and I’ll be cheering you on from Iowa State.”

Prior to coming to UGA, Jolly, who holds master’s and doctoral degrees in clothing, textiles and merchandising from Oklahoma State University, held appointments at Texas Tech, Oklahoma State, the University of Kentucky and the University of Tennessee.

“It has been our privilege and joy to have Laura back in the department of textiles, merchandising and interiors after her service as vice president for instruction,” FACS dean Linda Kirk Fox said. “We wish her the best in her leadership position at Iowa State University.”
UGA to launch inclusive, post-secondary education program in 2017

Students with intellectual or developmental disabilities will soon be able to enjoy the full UGA experience with the launch of a new inclusive post-secondary education program, Destination Dawgs, beginning in spring 2017.

The program, housed within the FACS Institute on Human Development and Disability, aims to assist those students’ transition into adulthood by fully immersing them in UGA life.

Destination Dawgs, still in development, aspires to have students reside in on-campus housing, audit classes and be supported by peer mentors who will assist the students in courses and on campus to improve their independent living skills.

“The goal is for Destination Dawgs participants to come out of the program with a platform for getting a good job and for leading a good adult life,” said Carol Britton Laws, an assistant clinical professor and coordinator of UGA’s Disability Studies Certificate program within the institute. “The unemployment rate for people with disabilities nationally is about 75 percent, and we’re trying to help students build skills and gain experiences that are marketable.”

Laws envisions a five-semester model with a small cohort of five students enrolling in the program in spring 2017.

Because students won’t enter the program through the regular admissions process, they will receive a certificate of completion rather than a degree.

BRINGING NUTRITION TO FRUITION

Caree Cotwright, a “Double Dawg” FACS graduate and assistant professor in the department of foods and nutrition, gave a TEDx Talk about her vision for raising nutrition awareness through the creative arts in March.

The event, inspired by the popular TED Talks conference, was held in front of a sold-out audience in the Tate Student Center Grand Hall.

Cotwright, previously a Research Fellow at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, focuses on early childhood obesity prevention, community nutrition and health disparities.

She is a previous winner of the UGA 40 Under 40 Award as well as a FACS Pacesetter Award honoree. Her passion is creating interventions using theater, media and other arts-based approaches to combat obesity.

Cotwright received her master’s degree in nutrition from FACS in 2004 and her Ph.D. in 2008.

To view Cotwright’s 11-minute presentation, click here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Vmate4O-HQ
There was nothing theoretical about this assignment.

The project overview simply said “A Residence for Farmers,” with a brief project statement and listing of objectives.

The students, upperclassmen in Lilia Gomez-Lanier’s Advanced Residential Methods course, were to create plans and modifications for the homes of three Georgia farmers with disabilities.

Only these farmers were not fictitious clients of some imaginary design firm.

They were men like Jack Spears, a cattle farmer in Mansfield who has a spinal cord injury; Alan Koehn, also a cattle farmer in nearby Bowersville who has been diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease; and Tim Anderson, a 20-year veteran of the military who primarily uses a wheelchair due to a leg amputation.

All three men participate in the Farm Again’s AgraAbility project managed in part by the Institute on Human Development and Disability within FACS.

All three farmers currently have difficulty accessing every area of their home or performing basic tasks due to their disability.

“The farmer project was real and tangible,” said Tayler Saénz, a furnishings and interiors student who graduated in May. “It was the first time we would have our hand in a real life client and family.”

The project began with a tour of the farmers’ homes to evaluate the conditions for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Georgia Disability Code requirements.

Students also collected measurements, took photos and conducted interviews with the farmers and their families.

Eventually, the students paired up and were assigned to work on one of the three farmers’ homes, all tasked with creating ADA-compliant plans for modifications.

Saénz and classmate Elizabeth Lewis were assigned the Spears’ home.

“As we began to work, our idea was to create practical solutions,” Saénz said. “Coming from a farming family, I knew that practicality is a huge part of the lifestyle, so we wanted to give them a design that was feasible and aesthetically pleasing as well.”

Several weeks of work culminated at the end of the semester when the three farmers and their families were invited to see a presentation of the students’ work at IHDD. The students presented their plans in attractive books and poster boards to the families after walking through a visual representation of the changes on a projector.

“I was very impressed with the talent and professionalism of the students throughout the process,” said Becky Brightwell, associate director of IHDD. “They came up with creative solutions that can improve the quality of life for these farm families.”

Anderson, a veteran and newcomer to farming, attended the presentation with his wife, Lasandra (pictured below). The couple saw two separate presentations from FACS students and were impressed with both.

“My wife and I thought the students did an excellent job,” Tim said. “All of the ideas would be a wonderful addition to our home. We were truly grateful that our home could be used as a model for their project of amazing ideas.”

For Saénz, the project proved eye-opening.

“This project was rewarding and humbling,” she said. “The built environment is fundamental in all cultures so it’s necessary that people of all needs can use and have a space to call home. I gained a lot of respect for accessible design after this project.”
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA JOINS FABRIC REVOLUTION

The University of Georgia is a partner in a new national public-private consortium to revolutionize the fiber and textiles industry through commercialization of advanced fibers and textiles for the defense and commercial markets.

The partnership, called Advanced Functional Fabrics of America, or AFFOA, was announced by the Department of Defense in April.

“UGA’s contributions to AFFOA tap into longstanding expertise in textiles, polymers and fibers, a track record of collaboration with industry, as well as our success in launching new businesses based on discoveries,” said Vice President for Research David Lee.

FACS researchers who will play critical roles in AFFOA include Gajanan Bhat, the Georgia Athletic Association Professor for Fibers and Textiles and head of the department of textiles, merchandising and interiors; Sergiy Minko, Georgia Power Professor of Fiber and Polymer Science, Fibers and Textiles and Suraj Sharma, associate professor in TMI; Jason Locklin, associate professor in the College of Engineering and department of chemistry, Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, also is heavily involved.

Researchers from the Complex Carbohydrate Research Center, who conduct research on biopolymers, also will contribute to research and development of new technical textiles.

Innovation Gateway, UGA’s commercialization and startup arm, will be instrumental in bringing new technologies to the market.

The AFFOA partnership builds on recent breakthroughs in fiber materials and manufacturing processes, with the mission of ensuring America remains at the leading edge of fiber science. It brings together Fortune 500 companies such as Nike and DuPont, universities, fiber and textiles manufacturing facilities, state workforce development programs and federal agencies.

FACS grad Tosha Hays company, Brrr!, also is a member of the consortium. Hays developed BrrrX, a cooling fabric that drops skin temperature an average of 2 to 4 degrees. She served as an executive at SPANX before co-launching Brrr! in 2014.

Hays was the only industry leader chosen to speak at the AFFOA announcement.

The effort is funded by a $75 million federal commitment and cost share matches from AFFOA partners totaling $317 million. The AFFOA partnership is projected to lead to the creation of 50,000 American jobs over the next 10 years.

“Thanks to the research happening at UGA and across the nation, the fabrics of the future will integrate sensors and other innovations to store energy, regulate temperature, monitor health, or change color, just to name a few examples,” UGA Provost Pamela Whitten said. “Defense applications include uniforms that detect threats like chemical and radioactive elements and fabrics that are exceptionally strong, light and flame resistant.”

Sustainable dyeing technology gives UGA win at international chemistry challenge

A team of FACS scientists won first prize in the inaugural Green and Sustainable Chemistry Challenge for an innovative and environmentally friendly textile dyeing technology.

The team’s project involves the production of nano-structured cellulose and the use of nanocellulose in a sustainable dyeing process that significantly reduces the amount of wastewater and toxic chemicals.

Conventional dyeing processes require large amounts of water and create toxic effluent, or waste, that can be costly to treat. The wastewater from dye facilities often contains synthetic dyes and toxic chemicals, which leaves substantial ecological footprints, said research associate Yunsang Kim.

“The problem is that most of these textile dyeing industries are located in developing countries in which the regulation and societal concerns for environmental issues are really loose compared to developed countries,” Kim said.

Nearly 500 proposals were submitted for the competition, with five selected as finalists after an extensive review process.

Faculty members who participated in the project are Suraj Sharma, associate professor in the textiles, merchandising and interiors department; Sergiy Minko, the Georgia Power Professor of Fiber and Polymer Science; and Ian Hardin, the Georgia Power Professor of Textile Science Emeritus.
FACS researchers develop new way to manufacture nanofibers

UGA researchers have developed an inexpensive way to manufacture extraordinarily thin polymer strings commonly known as nanofibers. The new method, dubbed “magnetospinning” by the researchers, provides a simple, scalable and safe means for producing very large quantities of nanofibers that can be embedded with a multitude of materials, including live cells and drugs.

Many thousands of times thinner than the average human hair, nanofibers are used by medical researchers to create advanced wound dressings—and for tissue regeneration, drug testing, stem cell therapies and the delivery of drugs directly to the site of infection. They are also used in other industries to manufacture fuel cells, batteries, filters and light-emitting screens.

“The process we have developed makes it possible for almost anyone to manufacture high-quality nanofibers without the need for expensive equipment,” said Sergiy Minko, the Georgia Power Professor of Polymers, Fibers and Textiles in the FACS department of textiles, merchandising and interiors. “This not only reduces costs, but it also makes it possible for more businesses and researchers to experiment with nanofibers without worrying too much about their budget.”

Currently, the most common nanofiber manufacturing technique—electrospinning—uses high-voltage electricity and specially designed equipment to produce the polymer strings. Equipment operators must have extensive training to use the equipment safely.

“In contrast to other nanofiber spinning devices, most of the equipment used in our device is very simple,” Minko said. “All you need is a magnet, a syringe and a small motor.”

- Story by James Hataway

HOW SMALL IS A NANOMETER?

Scientists use nanometers to measure things that are extraordinarily small, such as individual molecules, which they can use like building blocks to create advanced computer components, drug therapies and even better food packaging.

To understand just how small a nanometer is, consider the following: There are a million nanometers in a millimeter.

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A single human hair is about 100,000 nanometers thick.

A strand of human DNA is 2.5 nanometers in diameter.

Your fingernails grow about one nanometer per second.

A red blood cell is 7,000 nanometers across.

The average woman in the U.S. is 1,640,000,000 nanometers tall.

SOURCE: NATIONAL NANOTECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE
Financial Planning, Housing and Consumer Economics

Effie Antonoudi was hired in January as a faculty member, program coordinator and academic advisor for the Griffin campus. A Certified Public Accountant with more than 10 years of experience in financial consulting, marketing, accounting, auditing and international tax consulting, Antonoudi also previously worked with the Executive MBA Program at Georgia State University.

Antonoudi received a bachelor’s degree in accounting and finance from the University of Macedonia in Greece and a M.B.A. and M.P.A. from Georgia State University.

Dr. Kenneth White has been hired as an assistant professor in financial planning.

White received a bachelor’s degree in mathematics from Wayne State University in Detroit, a master’s of accountancy from Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., and his Ph.D. in consumer sciences from The Ohio State University.

White’s research is in the areas of financial attitudes and savings behavior. He most recently worked as a revenue agent in the IRS small business/self-employed division.

Duncan Williams, CFP, has been hired as a clinical assistant professor of financial planning.

Williams holds a bachelor’s degree in economics from UGA, a master’s in finance from Texas Tech and will soon complete his Ph.D. in personal financial planning from Texas Tech.

Aside from working as a financial planner in Atlanta from 1998 to 2008, he has teaching experience from the College for Financial Planning, Texas Tech, William Paterson University and Western Carolina University.

Foods and Nutrition

Dr. Ginnefer Cox, Ph.D., RD has been hired as an assistant professor and will serve as the Director of the Consumer Foods program in the Department of Foods and Nutrition.

She received her Ph.D. in food science from the University of Illinois. In addition, she has a degree in culinary arts and is a registered dietitian.

Dr. Cox’s research expertise is in the area of sensory foods with an emphasis on the impact of changes in sodium and fat content on consumer acceptability.

She has experience working with multiple food companies evaluating the impact of ingredient modifications on physical and chemical changes in food products.

Dr. Carla Moore, Ph.D., RD joined FDN as an assistant professor and Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) coordinator in October.

Dr. Moore received her bachelor’s degree from Clemson University, her master’s from the University of North Carolina and her Ph.D. from Emory University.

Her research interests and numerous publications relate to understanding and regulating factors that significantly modify eating behaviors.

Prior to joining the FDN faculty she was employed as a Georgia Public Health Nutritionist, corporate dietitian and CDC national obesity prevention program evaluation specialist.
Hunt-Hurst transitions, Bhat named TMI department head

In July, Dr. Patti Hunt-Hurst, who has served as head of the FACS textiles, merchandising and interiors department for the last 10 years, transitioned to the role of Associate Dean for Academic Programs.

In this role, she will oversee the Student Success and Advising Center, experiential learning, curriculum and the scholarships/awards program of the college.

Dr. Silvia Giraudo, who has served as associate dean since 2012, will return to her position of associate professor in the department of foods and nutrition.

Replacing Hunt-Hurst as department head will be Dr. Gajanan Bhat, the Georgia Athletic Association Professor for Fibers and Textiles.

Bhat comes to FACS from the University of Tennessee, where he was a professor and director of the Nonwovens Research Laboratory. Bhat has 26 years of experience as a faculty member and more than eight years of academic administrative experience.

Hunt-Hurst is a dress and fashion historian with major research interest in African and African-American dress and textile history. She enjoys teaching fashion fundamentals, historic dress and fashion, dress and popular culture and West African fabrics, dress and adornment.

Since 1996, Hunt-Hurst also has been actively involved with study abroad programs to London and Ghana.

"I am looking forward to working with FACS students, staff and faculty in my new role," Hunt-Hurst said.

Bhat has secured funding for more than 100 research projects, published more than 200 research papers and has been awarded three U.S. patents. He also brings an interdisciplinary perspective, having taught courses in merchandising, interior design and engineering.

His undergraduate degree is from Bangalore University in India, and he holds a master’s degree from IIT-Delhi in addition to a master’s and Ph.D. from Georgia Tech.

"I’m looking forward to leading this program that will grow in several areas in the near future," Bhat said.

Human Development and Family Science

Dr. Margaret Caughy, ScD, has been hired as the Georgia Athletic Association Professor in Family Health Disparities.

Caughy received her bachelor’s degree in psychology from Texas A&M University, a master’s in human development from the University of Maryland and received a higher doctorate degree in maternal and child health from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health.

Dr. Caughy’s research combines the unique perspectives of developmental science, epidemiology and public health in studying the contexts of risk and resilience affecting young children.

She comes to FACS from the University of Texas School of Public Health, where she served as director of the Maternal and Child Health Training Program.

Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors

Clair McClure has been hired as a lecturer in fashion merchandising.

She is currently completing her Ph.D. in international merchandising in the department of textiles, merchandising and interiors.

McClure has completed the Interdisciplinary Certificate in University Teaching and served as the fashion merchandising internship coordinator and UGA National Retail Federation advisor.

She received a bachelor’s degree in textile management from Clemson University in 2009, followed by a master’s from FACS in 2011.
SHOUTOUTS

Velma Zahirovic-Herbert, associate professor in the department of financial planning, housing and consumer economics, was awarded the American Real Estate Society Kinnard Young Scholar Award.

Brenda Cude was recognized through the American Council on Consumer Interests’ Honor a Mentor program. Ten of Dr. Cude’s former students and colleagues joined together to make this recognition possible.

Robb Nielsen, associate professor and graduate coordinator in the department of financial planning, housing and consumer economics, won the Best Paper Award for a Professional Issues Paper in the Family and Consumer Sciences Research Journal.

Judy Harrison, foods and nutrition professor and UGA Extension food safety specialist, received the 2016 National Food Safety Leadership Award for Training and Education from NSF International as well as the 2016 GAE4-HA Outstanding Support by Family and Consumer Science Award.

Lynn Bailey, professor and head of the department of foods and nutrition, was appointed Chair of the National Institutes of Health Biomarkers of Nutrition and Development Folate Expert Panel.

Joe Kindler, doctoral candidate in the department of foods and nutrition, received the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research Young Investigator Award to attend the European Calcified Tissue Society Ph.D. Training Course at St. Catherine’s College in Oxford, England. He also received the Bess Dawson Hughes Poster Award at the 2015 International Symposium on the Nutritional Aspects of Osteoporosis in Montreal.

SunHye Lee, doctoral student in the department of foods and nutrition, was the regional winner for North America in the International Award of Merit.


Don Bower, human development and family science professor emeritus and UGA Extension Specialist, received the Distinguished Service Award from the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Carol Britton Laws, assistant clinical professor and coordinator of interdisciplinary pre-service education in the Institute on Human Development and Disability, has been named a fellow of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.

Emilie Smith, Janette McGarity Barber Distinguished Professor and head of the department of human development and family science, serves on the Society for Prevention Research Executive Board and Professional Ethics Committee as well as on the Society for Research on Child Development Ethnic and Racial Issues Committee.

Steve Kogan, associate professor of human development and family science, received a UGA Creative Research Medal for his work involving HIV risk and prevention among rural African-American youth.

Lorien Jordan, doctoral candidate in HDFS with an emphasis in Marriage and Family Therapy, was awarded a 2016-17 Fulbright U.S. Student Award to New Zealand.

Desiree Seponski, assistant professor of human development and family science and faculty in the marriage and family therapy program, was elected to the International Family Therapy Association (IFTA) board of directors.


Jennifer Gonyea and Melissa Kozak, both lecturers in human development and family science, have written a textbook: “Navigating Career Roadmaps: Developing your professional GPS through internships.”

Patti Annis, associate professor in the department of textiles, merchandising and interiors, received the American Association of Testing and Material International Award of Merit.

Jeff Morgan, a graduate student in the department of textiles, merchandising and interiors, received the UGA Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award.

Alexander Tokarev, working under the direction of Sergiy Minko in the TMI department, received the 2016 UGA Postdoctoral Research Award.

Suraj Sharma was named the recipient of the FACS Sweaney Innovation Fund allocation for 2016 for his project involving incorporating 3-D printing into the TMI curriculum.

Elise Brooks, a graduate student in TMI, received national graduate fellowships from the American Association of FACS.

Debbie Murray, Associate Dean for Extension and Outreach, received the Jeanne M. Priester Award for exemplary, impactful leadership in the area of health and wellness at the National Health Outreach Conference.
ALUMNI

1970s

Rick Lewis (MS ’78) received the Creswell Award at the 2016 FACS Alumni Awards Luncheon.

1980s

Lisa Gilbert (BSHE ’88) works as a FACS Teacher for Montgomery County Public Schools and was awarded the Maryland Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher of the Year for 2016.

Pamela Moore (Ph.D. ’85) was the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award at the 2016 FACS Alumni Awards Luncheon.

1990s

DeRetta Cole (BSFCS ’92; Ph.D. ’10) is the new FACS Alumni Association President for 2016-17.

Camille Kesler (BSFCS ’94) joined Rebuilding Together Atlanta as the Executive Director.

Brandon Stewart (BSFCS ’99) co-owner and Director of Operations of Towersource, is a 2016 UGA Bulldog 100 honoree.

Lynn Wilson (BSFCS ’95; MS ‘97) was promoted to the position of Deputy Chief Information Officer for the University of Georgia. Lynn has been with the University of Georgia since 2006 and has held positions with progressively increased responsibility as a project manager and a leader of the planning and engagement initiatives.

2000s

Laura Bland (BSFCS ’06) is the Executive Director of Stratus Healthcare and a 2015 UGA 40 Under 40 honoree.

Brad Bohannon (BSFCS ’01), former Chief of Staff for U.S. Congressman Lynn Westmoreland, is a 2015 UGA 40 Under 40 honoree. Brad is now Vice President for Government Relations at The Georgia Lottery Corporation.

Scott Edwards (BSFCS ’02) is a partner at Adaptive Medical Partners and a 2016 UGA Bulldog 100 honoree.

Rachel Hagues (BSFCS ’05, Ph.D. ‘13) received the Outstanding Service Award at the 2016 FACS Alumni Awards Luncheon.

Chase Lawrence (BSFCS ’05) is principal at CollegeTown Properties and a 2016 UGA Bulldog 100 honoree.

Tosha Hays (BSFCS ’07) is the owner of Brrr! and developer of Brrrx (a cooling fabric). Brrr! is a member of the Advanced Functional Fabrics of America (AFFOA).

Katie Nichols (BSFCS ’05) is the owner of Entourage Clothing & Gifts and a 2016 UGA Bulldog 100 honoree.

Megan Palmer (BSFCS ’04) was named the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences National FACS Teacher of the Year at the AAFCS convention in June. Megan teaches at Thomas County Middle School in Thomasville.

Norman Pollock (BSFCS ’02, MS ’04, Ph.D. ’08) received the Emily Quinn Pou Professional Achievement Award at the 2016 FACS Alumni Awards Luncheon.

Matt Robbins (BSFCS ’07) was promoted to Senior Vice President of Greater Community Bank in Rome, Ga.

Britt Rotberg (BSFCS ’09, MS ’11) received the Pacesetter Award at the FACS Alumni Awards Luncheon in 2016.

Cynthia Deanne Russo (BSFCS ’05) is co-owner of Vickery Financial Services and a 2016 UGA Bulldog 100 honoree.

Cameron Schwabenton (BSFCS ’03) received a Carolopolis Award from the Preservation Society of Charleston, S.C. for her work on a historic renovation.

Daniel Stewart (BSFCS ’05) is the owner/studio director at Wier/Stewart and a 2016 UGA Bulldog 100 honoree.

Jennifer Vickery (BSFACS ’09) is the Western Regional Coordinator for NC Preconception Health Campaign for Mission Health.

Cindy Waites (BSFCS ’02) is the owner of Cindy Lynn Dunaway Interiors and a 2016 UGA Bulldog 100 honoree.

2010s

Callie Dailey (BSFCS ’16) was accepted to the Masters of Arts in teaching Special Education program at UGAs College of Education for fall 2016.

Dakota Nesbitt (BS ’13) works as a buyer for The Walt Disney Company.

Jade Sands (BSFCS ’10) is a legal assistant at Georgia-Pacific.

Morgan Schubert (BSFCS ’14) is the co-owner of @rollingrunway, a mobile boutique.

Sydney Stroup (BSFCS ’16) works as a Member Services Coordinator for World 50, Inc.

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Claire Yakaitis, a nutritional sciences major, and genetics major Erica Coe gained valuable experience as undergraduate researchers working under the direction of foods and nutrition faculty member Dr. Rob Pazdro.
FACS undergraduates receive in-depth training while pursuing independent research projects

By Cal Powell

She called him her little brother. Whitney Okie grew up in a house in Cameroon in west central Africa with aunts, uncles and cousins all happily sharing the same space.

Little Ghislever, or “Gizzo,” as they called him, was Whitney’s 2-year-old cousin, but the family was close and families stick together, so cousins were more like siblings.

While Okie was away at boarding school, Gizzo fell ill. He never recovered.

“They never could figure out what was wrong with him,” Okie said. “They just had to come home and watch him slowly die.”

The death of her cousin marked a turning point in Okie’s life. Where previously Okie’s ambitions ranged from becoming an astronaut to a journalist, Gizzo’s death pushed Okie into a new field, one that would hopefully provide answers and, maybe someday, allow her to prevent another similar loss.

“I was always trying to figure out what happened to my little cousin,” she said. “I thought maybe the medical field would explain that to me. When I came to college, I knew that’s exactly what I wanted to do.”

In 2009, Okie moved to the United States at age 14, settling with her family in Paulding County outside Atlanta.

By then, her desire to pursue a career in medicine had taken firm shape, and by the time she made her way to the College of Family and Consumer Sciences to study nutritional sciences, she knew specifically what she needed to do: get in a lab and perform research.

It was research, she said, that would help solve – or even prevent – deaths like the one she experienced.
“To figure out what was wrong, you have to go behind the scenes and do research,” Okie said. “Thinking about the next child I might be able to save because I had done research, that’s what pushed me. That was my defining moment.”

“A lot of work”

Research opportunities abound in FACS, where students from across campus pursue intensive studies in areas such as student credit card debt and financial literacy, childhood obesity and the foster care system.

Last year, dozens of UGA undergraduates pursued research with a FACS faculty member.

Eleven FACS faculty members served as mentors as part of the UGA Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities (CURO), which will provide $1,000 stipends to 500 UGA students next year.

Brenda Cude, a professor in the FACS department of financial planning, housing and consumer economics, has mentored 15 undergraduate researchers in the last six years, including several students from UGA’s Terry College of Business who have sought her guidance.

She said most undergraduates who pursue research opportunities are eager for a deeper knowledge and a view “behind the curtain.”

“A lot of the students are looking for something more challenging than traditional coursework,” she said. “From the perspective of a faculty member, it’s incredible to have the opportunity to meet with bright young students who typically don’t know anything about research. The opportunity for learning is so great, and their perspective on the topic is typically somewhat different from mine, so it enriches my view as well.”

Okie found a home in Rob Pazdro’s Free Radical and Nutritional Genetics Laboratory in the FACS department of foods and nutrition, analyzing tissue samples to determine target gene expression.

The process proved revealing, both in her understanding of science and her own abilities, as she averaged about 15 hours a week outside of classes conducting research.

“I quickly realized how tiring it can get, doing the same thing over and over,” she said, laughing. “Research is very tedious, and I learned that there’s more to it than just fancy talk. There’s a lot of work behind it.”

Psychology major and HDFS minor Avery Campbell (above) researched foster families as part of her CURO project. FHCE graduate Ben Jacobs researched financial literacy, savings behavior and risk tolerance of college students.

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- Brenda Cude
The UGA Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities (CURO) offers UGA undergraduates the opportunity to engage in faculty-mentored research regardless of discipline, major or GPA.

The program is administered by the Honors Program but expanded to become available to all undergraduates in 2010.

In addition to $3,000 summer fellowship grants, students also can apply for the CURO Research Assistantship, which has provided $1,000 stipends to 250 undergraduates since 2014. The program will expand to 500 students this year.

More than 400 students presented original research at the annual CURO Symposium in April.

Undergraduate research is a key component of UGA’s initiative to expand experiential learning on campus, as noted by UGA President Jere Morehead in a recent State of the University address.

Due to the growth and success of the program, Morehead said the annual budget of CURO has been increased to $500,000 to allow more students to participate.

“Every UGA student who has won a major national academic scholarship has participated in CURO,” Morehead said. “This fact reveals the strength of the undergraduate research program at the University of Georgia, and we intend to enrich it even more.”

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A process of discovery

For as long as she can remember, Avery Campbell has had an interest in relationships: how they go wrong, how they can be made stronger.

Though she graduated in May with a psychology degree, she also completed a minor in the FACS department of human development and family science.

Last summer, prior to the start of her senior year, she found HDFS faculty member Ted Futris after an extensive online search for UGA faculty members studying relationships.

Futris, director of the FACS Couples and Relationship Enrichment (CARE) Lab, met with Campbell at length before offering her a spot in the lab helping with research.

Campbell started out performing data entry, typing in responses to surveys of teens about their relationships. Eventually, she was able to assist a graduate student, Evin Richardson, with a research project involving foster families.

Campbell presented her work at the CURO Symposium in April, and her work as an undergraduate researcher has “turned” her, she said.

Campbell, who also interns at the FACS ASPIRE Clinic where she shadows grad students involved in hands-on couples counseling, now wants to pursue a career as a marriage and family therapist.

She will enroll in graduate school in the coming months.

“At UGA, the education you get here about research really does set you apart and makes you feel confident going into graduate school,” Campbell said. “I can’t put a price on the experience I got and how much it’s going to help me later on.”

Ben Jacobs had a similar experience. Jacobs, who graduated in May in the accelerated master’s program in financial planning, participated in CURO under the direction of FACS faculty member Swarn Chatterjee.

His project dealt with financial literacy, risk tolerance and savings behavior of college students, trying to determine if a person’s knowledge of finances had an effect on his or her risk tolerance.

The project was based largely on Jacobs’ own observations of friends’ saving habits. Jacobs, like Campbell, presented his research at the CURO Symposium in April, and now works for a local financial planning firm as an analyst.
UGA researchers, directed by FACS faculty member Silvia Giraudo, are training undergraduate researchers to design childhood obesity interventions while working as counselors at 4-H camps.

The three-year Youth Obesity Undergraduate Research and Extension—Y.O.U.R.E.—fellowship, which is aligned with the UGA Obesity Initiative, includes an interdisciplinary team of 10 faculty mentors who will provide training and guidance to the 10 fellows chosen for the program.

The program was specifically designed to focus on underrepresented minorities and disadvantaged groups to engage them in research and experiential learning under the direction of experienced UGA researchers.

Of the first five fellows chosen for the initial cohort, two are from Mercer University, one is from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, one is from South Georgia State College and one is from UGA.

All of the fellows who complete the program will be invited to present their research at a future Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities, or CURO, symposium at UGA.

“We have this really dynamic Obesity Initiative and this really strong CURO program as well as a really strong 4-H camp experiences for youth, so we thought this makes sense for us,” said Deborah Murray, Y.O.U.R.E. faculty mentor and associate dean for extension and outreach within FACS. “This is a really unique opportunity for us.”

This spring, the fellows participated in two workshops where they learned both qualitative and quantitative methods for conducting community-based research as well as received online instruction and a week of preparation prior to the beginning of the eight-week 4-H Youth Development Camp at Rock Eagle.

The fellows also will be trained to deliver the Health’s Our Pledge, or HOP, class, a collection of activities designed by UGA Cooperative Extension that stresses physical activity, healthy eating habits and decision-making skills.

Fellows also will be introduced to the 4-H Healthy Lifestyles and Youth Development curriculum and mentored weekly by a graduate assistant.

More than 8,000 youth and 1,000 adults attend 4-H camps at the four camp center host sites at Rock Eagle, Jekyll Island, Fortson and Wahsega.

“You’ve got the best laboratory possible in our 4-H camps,” Murray said.

In the first year, the initial cohort of five fellows will collect and analyze data on the impact of the HOP activity on campers.

In year two, the first cohort will then develop new interventions to be implemented at 4-H camps, comparing the results and impacts to the previously delivered activities and presenting findings at the CURO symposium. The second cohort of five will begin the program.

Year three will include a fellows weekend workshop, project assessment and implementation of new curriculum for the second cohort.

UGA faculty members who will serve as mentors are Giraudo, Murray and Jung Sun Lee from the College of Family and Consumer Sciences; Jennifer Gay from the College of Public Health; Glen Nowak and Karen King from the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication; Mandy Marable, Extension 4-H specialist; Diane Hartzell, assistant director for the UGA Obesity Initiative; and 4-H faculty members Charlie Wurst and Cheryl Varnedoe.

The first cohort of fellows is composed of Sarah Waldrop and Kara Jordan, Mercer University; Elise McDonald, UGA; Accacia Lawson, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College; and Travis Dopson, South Georgia State College.

While the fellows are collecting data, they also will be asked to provide data of their own for researchers trying to determine how the experience might impact the fellows’ choices for future education or careers in Extension.

“This is student experiential learning, and it’s really emphasizing to students how to be able to apply the research they are doing as an undergraduate with real-life experience,” Murray said. “It’s a way to really impact communities by preparing undergraduate students to think about obesity in terms of the choices people make. To me, it’s one of the most exciting undergraduate research projects I can imagine.”

The grant is provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Agriculture and Food Research Initiative.
“It provided me with a better idea of what it’s like to actually write and conduct research,” Jacobs said of his CURO experience. “I learned a lot about doing research in classes, but it’s totally different to actually research something.”

**Critical thinking**

The mice had come down with some sort of mysterious infection.

These were not ordinary mice. Pazdro had paid a handsome sum for the creatures to be used in his genetics study, and the fact that they had suddenly turned up sick created quite a bit of panic. Would it derail the entire project?

Days after the mini-crisis had been averted, Pazdro could smile. That’s one of the benefits of research, he said.

“You have to learn how to think on your feet and troubleshoot,” he said, recalling his own days as an undergraduate researcher and the lessons he took from it.

“Through research, I’ve learned how to deal with problems as they come up and how to think logically through them to minimize the damage associated with a problem.”

Annie Jiang, an undergraduate statistics major who works in Pazdro’s lab, has seen this firsthand.

“I’ve learned that analyzing data in real life is more complicated than working with data in classwork and homework,” she said. “The experience was very essential to my academic career.”

For Pazdro, Jiang’s point illustrates one of the primary benefits of research in general, and undergraduate research in particular: it teaches students to think critically.

Watching inexperienced researchers mature and make wise decisions, he said, is the highlight of his job as a mentor.

Seeing students like Jiang and Okie, and many others, listed as contributing authors on research papers is another bonus.

“A lot of pre-med students come through here, and I tell them you may encounter different cases where you’ll have patients that may have atypical symptoms who won’t be easy to diagnose,” he said. “Having a few years of research experience gives you that mindset of understanding (that) we’re working in the dark, we don’t know what we’re going to see, but we have to be very flexible in our ability to think through these problems.”

Okie, one of Pazdro’s prized undergraduate researchers, graduated in May with a degree in nutritional sciences, and has spent the summer studying for the Medical College Admission Test.

She hopes to be accepted into medical school in October, and credits her time in Pazdro’s lab as being a major part of her academic journey.

“When I started, I just wanted to learn,” she said, “because it’s always good to pursue knowledge. That experience ended up defining the rest of my college career.”

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**Madison Nichols**

Madison Nichols, a consumer economics major, conducted research under the mentorship of FACS professor Brenda Cude as part of UGA’s CURO program.

Nichols’ project, titled “The True Cost of Medical Credit Cards on Patient Credit Scores,” was “a little personal,” she said, due to her family’s experience with the healthcare system.

“The research I collected proved unquestionably that medical debt is a major problem in the modern American economy,” Nichols said. “Unfortunately, many American medical patients are either not educated on the effect of unpaid credit on financial history or have no option when seeking a way to pay the growing costs of healthcare for necessary treatment.”

Nichols said she would recommend the CURO program to any undergraduate seeking a deeper understanding of a topic.

“CURO undoubtedly gave me a better understanding of multiple topics and gave me a chance to be mentored by an incredible professor,” Nichols said. “I would strongly recommend applying for CURO because of the specific knowledge that a student can gain outside of a classroom setting and that the research conducted can give a stronger sense of understanding in an individual or broad topic.”
Dr. Roy Martin was already a well-known name in the field of foods and nutrition research before he came to the University of Georgia.

His academic career began at the University of Southwest Louisiana-Lafayette, and he then traveled to the University of Florida and finally the University of California, where he completed his Ph.D.

By the time he arrived as a professor at UGA in 1978 after eight years on the faculty at Penn State, Martin had assembled an impressive group of graduate students and lab technicians aimed at conducting impactful research within the College of Family and Consumer Sciences.

“I was impressed by how active he was in the research field,” said Dorothy Hausman, an emerita faculty member who was a master’s student when Martin first arrived. “He was very well respected both in the department and out in the field. Bringing in that many more people at one time made for very exciting research activity and created interest in the department.”

Before coming to Athens, Martin already had earned the Nutrition Foundation Future Leader’s Award, the Young Scientist Award and the Gamma Sigma Delta Research Award of Merit for his research in identifying mechanisms of obesity and diabetes.

True to form, Martin got a running start at UGA.

In collaboration with the United States Department of Agriculture, the Martin lab expanded its research to include fetal adipose tissue development and studies of paracrine regulation of adipose cells in culture.

These efforts earned him the NIH Career Development Award as the American Institute of Nutrition Mead Johnson National Award. UGA also recognized his achievements, as he received the Creative Research Medal and Alumni Foundation Distinguished Professorship.

Martin’s career at FACS didn’t end there. His exemplary performance as a faculty member led to his appointment as head of the department of foods and nutrition in 1988, where he continued to be a resource to faculty, staff members and students alike for another decade.

“Roy led by example and by involvement of all persons concerned,” said Bill Flatt, a fellow Honor Hall recipient who worked alongside Martin in various capacities at UGA. “It was truly an inspiration to see how well he worked with and obtained support for this program.”

In 2001, Martin was called to the next step of his career at the LSU AgCenter and the Pennington Biomedical Research Center.

At LSU, Martin served as director of the Neurobehavior Laboratory and professor of human ecology.

In 2011, he transitioned to the position of adjunct professor at the University of California-Davis and as a visiting professor at Western Human Nutrition Research Center, an Agricultural Resource Service of the USDA.

With dozens of publications to his credit, a combined 40 years as a professor and researcher, a long list of honors and an ever-increasing group of students who have thrived under his mentorship, Martin displays all the requisites of a FACS Honor Hall of Recognition inductee.

“He career devoted to leading foods and nutrition research, teaching and outreach units and his influence in Georgia, the Southern region and the nation is remarkable,” FACS Dean Linda Kirk Fox said. “We are delighted to induct Dr. Martin into the FACS Honor Hall of Recognition and deeply appreciate his service.”
Along with Martin’s induction in the FACS Honor Hall of Recognition, several FACS alumni and friends of the college were recognized for their career achievements at the Alumni Awards ceremony this year. They are listed here:

**Dr. Britt Rotberg**, Pacesetter Award: Rotberg received her undergraduate degree in dietetics from FACS in 2009 and a master’s degree in Foods and Nutrition in 2011. She now serves as a Bilingual Diabetes Educator for Novo Nordisk. The Pacesetter Award recognizes a recent FACS graduate who actively promotes FCS values.

**Dr. Rick Lewis**, Creswell Award: Named for the first dean of the college, the Creswell Award is given to a faculty member who has provided leadership in motivating and guiding students. Lewis has served as a faculty member in the foods and nutrition department for 30 years and is director of the Bone and Body Composition Lab.

**The Coca-Cola Foundation**, FACS Appreciation Award: This award is given to an individual or organization who has contributed significantly to the support of the college. Kirk Glaze and his team at the Coca-Cola Foundation have been a key partner in supporting the Walk Georgia program as well as the FDN Bone Density Lab.

**Dr. Rachel Hagues**, Outstanding Service Award: Hagues, who received her doctorate in human development and family science, has been recognized for her outstanding community service and humanitarian efforts in Georgia and Tanzania. She is currently an Assistant Professor at Samford University in the College of Health Sciences, Department of Social Work.

**Dr. Norman Pollock**, Emily Quinn Pou Professional Achievement Award: As a student at UGA, Pollock earned four degrees, three of them from FACS. Dr. Pollock currently holds multiple appointments at Augusta University Medical College of Georgia, with his primary appointment being Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatrics. He also teaches in the College of Graduate Studies.

**Dr. Pamela Monroe**, Distinguished Alumni Award: Monroe has actively spent part of her career working in the government sector on child and family policy issues, having been a policy analyst in the Louisiana House of Representatives, after receiving her UGA degree and prior to taking a faculty position at Louisiana State University. At LSU she has held two endowed professorships, one in Human Ecology and one in Social Work. She also served as president of the National Council on Family Relations.

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I would not have been able to attend a study abroad trip to London. Without donors, I would not have been able to be a Legislative Aide. I received a stipend that helped to pay for daily life in Atlanta. Without donors, I would not have been able to attend, and graduate from, The University of Georgia. Every year I was always short of what was needed, but they made it possible every time. I am more than grateful for the countless donors who have made it all possible for me to attend and flourish at the greatest university in all the southland.”

- Taliah Lamar-Herring, FACS class of 2016

To make a difference in the lives of students like Taliah, contact Libby Carter at (706) 542-4881 or by email at libby989@uga.edu
The heat is oppressive in Tifton, Ga., in the summer. That’s when the Burton family would strike out on their trips. Every summer, they’d travel west to visit their grandparents’ farm in Nebraska, or to the Smoky Mountains to live in a tent for a few days. They visited Yellowstone and San Francisco and the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Glenn and Helen Burton would pass along that same love of travel to their five children: Betsy, Bob, Tom, Joe and Richard.

This shared love of travel meshed well with one of the Burtons’ other loves in life: the pursuit of knowledge. Travel, it turns out, proved an educational experience, one that expanded the horizons of the Burton children.

“There was never any question whether we’d go on with our education,” said Bob, who spent more than 40 years as a faculty member in the UGA department of philosophy. “It was just understood.”

As a young man, Glenn worked his way to a degree in agronomy at the University of Nebraska before completing master’s and doctorate degrees from Rutgers University.

Eventually, he would settle in Tifton in 1936 as the USDA’s principal geneticist at the Coastal Plain Experiment Station and later would become one of the University of Georgia’s most decorated scientists.

Burton created “Coastal Bermuda” grass and other nutritious hybrid grasses that now cover more than 10 million acres across the world where cattle, goats and sheep graze. His grasses, such as Tifton 419, also can be found on numerous golf courses and football fields.

In the 1960s, Burton’s introduction of hybrid pearl millet seeds into India and, later, to Pakistan and Africa, helped significantly boost food production and is credited with saving millions from starving.

Helen, the matriarch of the Burton family, worked as a dietitian at New York City’s Fifth Avenue Hospital prior to the move to Tifton, where she soon began volunteering in the local health department and later helped launch a Meals on Wheels program.

On the day she died in an automobile accident in 1995, Helen had been discussing establishing a fund at UGA for doctoral students in both FACS and the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

Out of that conversation, the Glenn and Helen Burton Feeding the Hungry Scholarship was born in 1996. “She was an altruistic person,” Betsy said of her mother. “She cared deeply about people, wanting them to realize their full potential.”

A second fund, the Glenn Burton International Study Award, was established in 1998, reflecting the couple’s lifelong love of travel and in hopes others would be similarly inspired.

The award has helped make possible study abroad trips to places like Ghana and Australia for numerous FACS undergraduates through the years.

Laura Eckhardt, a 2015 foods and nutrition graduate who just completed a dietetic internship at Vanderbilt, participated in the FACS service-learning program in Ghana thanks in part to the Burtons’ generosity.

“The experiences I had in Ghana challenged me to grow personally and professionally, and my time there has helped shape my view of nutrition issues in America and abroad,” Eckhardt said. “Thanks to the generosity of the Burton family, I was able to take advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.”

In 2006, Betsy and her siblings established the Burton-Fowler Undergraduate Research Award in honor of their parents.

The award will be given to a FACS undergraduate student for the first time this year.

The scholarship fund serves as an expression of gratitude for all the help the Burtons had along the way in their educational and career pursuits, Betsy said.

Getting to know some of the early recipients of the first two scholarships, such as current FACS faculty member Caree Cotwright, also has been one of the many blessings to come from being invested in the university, Bob said.

“You get to a point where you realize you’re not going to be around,” Bob said, “and if you want to see that people continue the work, then you’d better support it. We’re all in this together.”

Robert Burton with award winner Caree Cotwright and Betsy Burton-Fowler in 2007
Recent FACS students who received the Glenn Burton International Study Award:
Ashley Kathleen Congdon, 2007
Ashley Louise Braid, 2010
Shonna Michelle Barkley, 2012
Kristin Raye Harper, 2012
Robin Olivia Johnston, 2013
Laura Eckhardt, 2014
Natalya Elise Banks Haas, 2014
Jessica Leigh Williamson, 2015
Kimberlee Vale Lovern, 2015
Rebekah Lee Benton, 2016
Liana Mosley, 2017 graduate

Recent FACS doctoral students who received the Glenn and Helen Burton Feeding the Hungry Scholarship Fund:
Lang Shen, 2008
Dawn M. Brewer, 2009
Kathryn Nicole Porter Starr, 2012
Whitney Bignell, 2012

Recent College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences doctoral students who received the Glenn and Helen Burton Feeding the Hungry Scholarship Fund:
Muhammet Sakiroglu, 2009
Aaron J. Hoskins, 2011
Rafael Alejandro Reyno Podesta, 2012
Rajiv Krishna Parvatheni, 2013
Maria Andrea Ortega, 2013
Thank you for viewing the College of Family and Consumer Sciences Honor Roll of Donors! Here we have honored donations of $1,000 and up made between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016. All donations of $50 and above during the same period are recognized on the FACS website at fcs.uga.edu/those-who-give. Gifts of all sizes are important to us and we remain dedicated to using them wisely as we invest in our students, faculty and alumni. If you prefer anonymity or an alternative name format in future publications, we welcome your requests.

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

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$2,500 and Up

Since its inception in 2011, the FACS Dean’s Circle has grown 110%! The Dean’s Circle recognizes those who’ve made an annual minimum financial commitment of $2,500 to FACS between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016. To our Dean’s Circle members, thank you for being bold for FACS and those impacted by your generosity!

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FY2016 External Project Funding

FACS Faculty received $11.6m

External Funding Across Departments - 5 years

External Funding Awarded by UGA Colleges – FY2016
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**53 percent of external project funding was for public service and outreach in FY2016**

Kristen Johnson (right), a recent graduate of the foods and nutrition doctoral program who is now a post-doctoral research associate at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, assists with an outreach project at the Athens Community Council on Aging last summer. The project is part of Dr. Mary Ann Johnson’s public service and outreach grants from the Northeast Georgia Area Agency on Aging and the Georgia Division of Aging Services, with funds from the USDA Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program, and is designed to provide locally-produced fresh fruits and vegetables to low-income older adults.
FACS Facts

FACS Annual Giving Contributors FY2016

- UGA Alumni: 72%
- Friends: 18%
- Corporations: 6%
- Organizations: 4%

Where Donors Allocate Their Gifts to FACS

- Endowed Funds: 53%
- FACS Alumni Association: 26%
- FACS Fund for Excellence: 19%
- Department & Program Designations: 2%

Percentage of Alumni Giving by College

- Ag & Environmental Sciences: 10%
- Arts & Sciences: 7%
- Business: 14%
- Ecology: 6%
- Education: 9%
- Engineering: 8%
- Environment & Design: 9%
- Forestry & Natural Resources: 14%
- Family & Consumer Sciences: 8%
- Forestry & Natural Resources: 14%
- Journalism: 10%
- Law: 25%
- Pharmacy: 15%
- Public & International Affairs: 12%
- Public Health: 7%
- Social Work: 5%
- Vet Med: 13%
I am so excited about this new fiscal year with the FACS Alumni Association Board and each of you. I am honored to serve as your FACS Alumni Association Board President. We are focused on creating a community across faculty, staff, students and alumni.

This year we want to build on the amazing year we had last year with the tradition of Homecoming. This is a wonderful way for us to engage, connect and continue our community that is FACS.

We continue to drive our mission, which is “to keep alumni, students, faculty and friends interested in, involved and connected to the College.” Connection is the important word that keeps us aligned with our community. Stay tuned to know the goals and commitments we want to continue to our FACS community. Your alumni board is representative of our community with a vast array of education and careers. We are proud of our faculty, staff, students and alumni that represent a proud tradition of excellence.

Come join us and continue to make us a vibrant community at some of our upcoming events:

- **Homecoming Tailgate**
  October 15 – Dawson/Speirs Hall (Back Lawn)

- **Dogs with the Dean**
  October 20 – Dawson Hall (Under Pou’s Pillars)

- **9th Annual Chilly Dawg 5K Family Fun Run**
  January 21 – Sandy Creek Park

- **40th Annual Alumni Awards Luncheon**
  February 25 – Georgia Center

— DeRetta Cole, Ph.D., FACS Alumni Association Board president

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IN MEMORIAM

1930s
Sara E. Barnes  
BSHE ’37, January 3, 2016
Allyne Brown  
BSHE ’37, May 31, 2016
Elizabeth Sproull-Walker  
BSHE ’35, November 22, 2015
Maude F. Strickland  
BSHE ’37, October 22, 2015

1940s
Rene D. Alexander  
BSHE ’41, December 21, 2015
Edna Branch  
BSHE ’44, April 18, 2016
Lorain Broadwell  
BSHE ’48, December 17, 2015
Emma H. Burch  
BSHE ’46, January 6, 2016
Joyce L. Christianson  
BSHE ’45, August 19, 2015
Virginia E. Exley  
BSHE ’46, October 14, 2015
Laura B. Ferguson  
BSHE ’43, April 24, 2016
Ruby L. Focht  
BSHE ’42, July 13, 2015
Jacquelyn Foy  
BSHE ’48, November 6, 2015
Jennie Hall  
BSHE ’44, July 14, 2015
Helen L. Harris  
BSHE ’40, March 31, 2016
Anne Hazlegrove  
BSHE ’48, November 27, 2015
Peggy Heard  
BSHE ’41, January 7, 2016
Helen Heath  
BSHE ’42, December 6, 2015
Bessie Hopkins  
BSHE ’42, January 22, 2016
Harriette J. Inhulsen  
BSHE ’49, November 16, 2015
Mary C. Johnson  
MSHE ’47, November 20, 2015
Winifred L. Martin  
BSHE ’42, March 24, 2016
Louise McMillon  
BSHE ’41, July 7, 2015
Helen Pool  
BSHE ’42, June 15, 2016
Elizabeth T. Robinson  
BSHE ’43, June 26, 2016
Betty A. Swindle  
BSHE ’43, July 21, 2015
Sara M. Thompson  
BSHE ’49, November 14, 2015

1950s
Frances A. Bass  
BSHE ’54, April 3, 2016
Edna M. Biggers  
BSHE ’53, July 27, 2015
Jo A. Davis  
BSHE ’57, May 5, 2016
Betty Durepo  
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Margaret C. Griffin  
BSHE ’56, December 14, 2015
Dorothy R. Raines  
BSHE ’58, February 16, 2016
P. S. Sibley  
BSHE ’53, February 12, 2016
Harriet K. Warshaw  
BSHE ’55, July 3, 2015
Betty R. Weaver  
BSHE ’50, July 27, 2015

1960s
Pamela A. Boyette  
BSHE ’65, November 4, 2015

1970s
Roberta J. Heinlein  
BSHE ’74, May 10, 2016
Nancy L. Keith  
BSHE ’73, December 27, 2015
Julie K. Madison  
BSHE ’73, February 13, 2016
Nancy C. Newman  
BSHE ’76, MS ’83, August 7, 2015
Elizabeth S. Nicholson  
BSHE ’71, December 2, 2015
Karen L. Papy  
BSHE ’74, March 2, 2016
Kathleen Wages  
BSHE ’71, June 8, 2016
Frieda L. Westbrook  
BSHE ’71, February 7, 2016

1980s
Bess Mulherin  
BSHE ’81, December 27, 2015

1990s
Allison P. Harrison  
BSFCS ’98, July 22, 2015
David M. McMahon  
BSFCS ’97, April 2, 2016
Three FACS alumni make the 40 Under 40 list for 2016
FHCE graduates chosen from pool of over 500 nominations

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

The College of Family and Consumer Sciences is proud to recognize three of our graduates who made the list for 2016: Thomas Davis ('11) NFL linebacker for Carolina Panthers; Chase Lawrence ('05) Founder of CollegeTown Properties, LLC; and Will Witherspoon ('07) Owner of Shire Gate Farm.

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

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

The 2016 40 Under 40 Awards Luncheon will be held Thursday, Sept. 8 at Flourish in Atlanta.
You can see the entire list of the 2016 honorees at alumni.uga.edu
Join us for the second annual

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