

## Disability Resource Center honors Kurtz and second-year student

The UGA Disability Resource Center named Paul M. Kurtz, associate dean for academic and student affairs at Georgia Law, as the 2005-06 recipient of its Outstanding Faculty Member Award. The center also awarded second-year law student William L. “Bill” Nabors with the first annual William Aynes Award, an award eligible to students with disabilities who are pursuing a career in law.

Presented annually, the Outstanding Faculty Member Award recognizes faculty members who go beyond what is legally required and demonstrate an exceptional attitude in teaching and working with students who have disabilities.

Third-year law student Michelle J. Tarley, who nominated Kurtz, wrote, “Dean Kurtz makes himself open to all students with disabilities. He will reinvent the wheel and go



Second-year student Bill Nabors (left) and Associate Dean Paul Kurtz (center) received awards from UGA’s Disability Resource Center. Third-year student Michelle Tarley nominated Kurtz for the Outstanding Faculty Member Award.

out of his way to make sure they are getting the accommodations they need both in and out of the classroom.”

Tarley said Kurtz has a “great heart” and that he “would jump hurdles and cross bridges” to help students be successful in law school.

Kurtz has been a faculty member at

Georgia Law for more than 30 years and holds an endowed position as a J. Alton Hosch Professor of Law. Specializing in criminal law and family law, he has served as the law school’s associate dean since 1991. In this role, he oversees many aspects of faculty and student life.

Nabors’ award was recently created by the daughter of the late William Aynes in his memory. Aynes was an Atlanta attorney who practiced for more than 45 years with much of his work focused on helping people with disabilities.

The recipient of this award must demonstrate Aynes’ positive characteristics and be pursuing a career in the legal profession, according to Margaret Toddy, assistant director of the Disability Resource Center.

The awards were presented at the Disability Resource Center’s Annual Faculty and Student Awards Ceremony in October.

### Faculty Colloquium Series

Demonstrating a commitment to scholarly engagement, Georgia Law has inaugurated a faculty colloquium series through which some of the nation’s top legal academics present substantial works-in-progress to the law school faculty. The guest speakers, both rising younger commentators and established senior ones, reflect the law school’s growing reputation in academic circles.

This series provides a forum for provocative and innovative legal scholarship and gives Georgia Law faculty the opportunity to collaborate on works-in-progress, exchange ideas and foster relationships with other institutions.

#### 2006-07 Speakers

**Margaret M. Blair**  
Vanderbilt University

**David A. Brennen**  
University of Georgia

**Lonnie T. Brown Jr.**  
University of Georgia

**Cynthia L. Estlund**  
New York University

**Jonathan Klick**  
Florida State University

**Richard E. Myers II**  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**John Neiman**  
University of Georgia

**Michael S. Pardo**  
University of Alabama

**Jim E. Pfander**  
University of Illinois

**Usha Rodrigues**  
University of Georgia

**Peter B. “Bo” Rutledge**  
Catholic University of America

**Ani B. Satz**  
Emory University

**Steven L. Schwarcz**  
Duke University

**Christina E. Wells**  
University of Missouri

**Ronald F. Wright**  
Wake Forest University

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### Faculty scholarship e-alerts

Select Georgia Law faculty scholarly works can now be found at SSRN.com. If you would like to receive periodic e-mail announcements with the abstracts of the latest research written by the Georgia Law faculty and links to the full text papers, please register at [SSRN.com](http://SSRN.com).

## Institute of Higher Education selects Dupre as Senior Fellow



Hosch Professor Anne Dupre (J.D.'88) (second from right) traveled to Jilin University in China on behalf of the UGA Institute of Higher Education and also worked with a delegation from Jilin at a training program held at UGA. She is pictured here with Libby Morris (second from left) of the UGA Institute of Higher Education and Li Fan (left) and Du Li (right), members of the Jilin University faculty.

**H**osch Professor Anne Proffitt Dupre (J.D.'88) has been selected by the faculty of the UGA Institute of Higher Education to serve as a Senior Fellow at the institute.

Senior Fellows are distinguished persons with strong scholarly expertise in areas of importance to the IHE, which focuses on a multidisciplinary approach to teaching, research and outreach, with particular emphases in policy and law, faculty and instructional development, and public service and outreach.

"The institute highly values its relationship with Anne

Dupre," University Professor and IHE Director Thomas G. Dyer said. "Our students and faculty benefit from her warm collegiality and rigorous intellect. We're honored and pleased that she has become a Senior Fellow of the institute."

Dyer said Dupre has been a vigorous participant in a number of IHE activities over the years. Dupre has played an active role in the ongoing collaboration between UGA and Jilin University, the largest university in China, on behalf of the IHE. She traveled to China in May and, after visiting the National Ministry of Education in Beijing, met with various members of the Jilin University community to gain an informed understanding of the operations and ambitions of the institution.

Following her trip, Dupre played a key role when more than 30 high-level academic administrators from Jilin University visited UGA for the IHE's Higher Education Training Program in June. Dupre was active in the administrative training program and taught the delegation a module on higher education law.

Other projects Dupre has undertaken with the IHE include traveling to the University of Zagreb in Croatia to take part in a U.S. State Department Speakers Program. At the seminar, which focused on developing a code of faculty ethics, Dupre conferred with representatives from the University of Zagreb and other universities in Croatia.

Additionally, Dupre and another IHE faculty member, J. Douglas Toma, established a conference on education law, which Dyer calls "one of the most creative student-faculty conferences on higher education law in the U.S." A feature on this year's National Student Education Law Conference is included in the "Hirsch Hall Highlights" section of this issue of the *Advocate*.

## Cook honored for work on domestic violence benchbook

**A**lan A. Cook (J.D.'84), director of Georgia Law's Prosecutorial Clinic, was awarded the 2006 Advocate of the Year Award from the Domestic Violence Task Force of Athens-Clarke and Oconee Counties this past October.

The award, which was presented along with other awards to community leaders and volunteers, is given annually to those who have demonstrated support and dedication as well as have made a contribution in the fight against domestic violence in the community. This year's awards were presented at an open house for a new sexual assault center in Athens-Clarke County.

Cook was recognized for his work on the criminal law section of the *Domestic Violence Benchbook, A Guide to Civil and Criminal Proceedings, 2nd Edition*, published in July 2006. This benchbook will be used by judges across the state when addressing issues arising in domestic violence cases.

