

# Administrators/ Staff & Coaches





## **Dr. Carl V. Patton**

### **University President**

Carl Patton became president of Georgia State University on July 1, 1992. With more than 40,000 students seeking degrees, Georgia State is one of the nation's largest urban research universities.

With his expertise as an academic leader and urban planner, Patton has helped Georgia State become a vital part of the downtown Atlanta community. He launched a university-wide planning effort that produced the Main Street Master Plan. This innovative strategy continues to increase the university's footprint in the downtown community and shape the university's future growth. Key components of the plan include:

- Establishing a campus identity based on a central campus corridor
- Investing in key research areas to advance knowledge and discovery
- Increasing the university's involvement with the downtown community
- Securing private funding sources to supplement state allocations for building projects
- Creating a university endowment

Patton's focus on recruitment of world-class faculty, strengthened academic programs and improved campus infrastructure continues to increase recognition for Georgia State through national rankings, peer journals and media reports. "The spirit of innovation thrives at Georgia State," says Patton.

"Through teaching, research, scholarly activities, and service, Georgia State is a source of limitless potential for individual development and the improvement of our society."

The list of renovations and new construction completed since his appointment includes the Rialto Theater, Haas-Howell and Standard Buildings, Robinson College in the former C&S bank headquarters, Commerce Building, North Metro Center, Helen M. Aderhold Learning Center, Student Center, Recreation Center, the former Wachovia Building soon to house the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies and student housing at the Village and the Lofts. Now he's working on a new residential complex and a new Science Park that will combine teaching and research laboratories with an economic development incubator.

Patton serves on the boards of many organizations dedicated to strengthening the downtown community. He and his wife, Gretchen, live in a downtown loft within walking distance of his campus office. They have two children and three grandchildren.



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## Education and Previous Positions:

- Vice president for academic affairs, University of Toledo
- Faculty and administrative positions, University of Illinois and the University of Wisconsin
- Doctoral and master's degrees in public policy, University of California at Berkeley
- Master's degrees in urban planning and public administration, University of Illinois
- Bachelor of Science degree in community planning, University of Cincinnati

## Selected Honors:

- Member, College of Fellows, American Institute of Certified Planners, since 2003
- "100 Most Influential Georgians," Georgia Trend, 1997 through 2003
- "Land Deal of the Year Award," from the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*, 2002
- Named by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* as one of six Atlantans who made a difference in 1999
- "Ivan Allen Jr. Community Service Award," from the Metropolitan Atlanta Crime Commission, October 2000
- "Community Leadership Award," from the NCCJ, May 1999

## Selected Current Professional and Community Service:

- Member, Board of Directors, National Collegiate Athletic Association (2003-2007)
- Member, Board of Directors, Atlanta Streetcar Incorporated (2003-present)
- Member, Board of Trustees, Atlanta Police Foundation (2002-present)
- Member, Central Atlanta Progress (Chair, 2001-2003; member, Executive Committee, 1992-present)
- Member, Board of Directors, Woodruff Arts Center (1995 to present)
- Member, Communities in Schools of Atlanta (Chair, 1998-2000; Vice Chair, 1997-1998, member, 1996-present)
- Member, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce (Vice President for Regional Cooperation, 1998-2000; Vice President for Transportation, 1996-1998; Executive Committee, 1996-2003; member, 1993-present)
- Member, Board of Directors, The Haberman Foundation (1995-present)
- Member, Board of Directors, The Georgia Research Alliance (1992-present)
- Member, Atlanta Regional Consortium for Higher Education (Executive Committee, 1998-present; Chair, 1998-1999; member, 1992-present)
- Member, The Georgia Council on Economic Education (1992-present)
- Member, The Atlanta Rotary (1992-present)
- Member, Board of Directors, Atlanta Convention and Visitors Bureau (1993-present)
- Member, Site Visit Team, Planning Accreditation Board (1984-present)

## Selected Books:

- *Basic Methods of Policy Analysis and Planning, with Instructor's Manual* (Co-author with David Sawicki). Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice-Hall, 1986. Revised Second Edition, 1993. Chinese language versions. Huaxia Publishing House: Planning and Policy Analysis version, 2001; Public Administration version, 2002
- *Quick Answers to Quantitative Problems: A Pocket Primer* (Co-author with G. William Page), Boston: Academic Press, 1991
- *Spontaneous Shelter: International Perspectives and Prospects* (Editor). Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1988
- *The Metropolitan Midwest: Policy Problems and Prospects for Change* (Co-editor with Barry Checkoway). Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1985

## Mary McElroy

### Director of Athletics



Mary McElroy became Director of Athletics at Georgia State University in

July 2005, as Georgia State joined the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) a year earlier than planned. University President Dr. Carl Patton hired McElroy as the first female Athletic Director at Georgia State and the first female African-American athletics director at a non-historically black college at the NCAA Division I level.

Dr. Patton's confidence in McElroy has paid off handsomely for Georgia State. At the end of her very productive first year, what many would label as the most significant year of progress in school history, the Georgia State faithful are very excited about what the future holds for Georgia State Athletics.

Under McElroy's guidance, Georgia State's teams have recorded two CAA championships, several player of the year selections and over 25 all-conference recipients.

McElroy has brought tremendous energy, optimism, and a tireless work ethic to her position—helping the Athletic Department make a smooth transition from the Atlantic Sun Conference to the CAA. The move into the new league presented enormous challenges; however, McElroy has, in her short tenure with Georgia State, re-energized the athletic department, creating new positions and restructuring other positions to make the department more effective.

The former Marine Corps Captain and graduate of the Naval Academy has the athletic department poised for progress and consistent achievements. One of her

major accomplishments was to develop and implement the Strategic Plan that established the athletic department's vision and defined the pathways to those objectives.

The first year has also seen record development for financial support. Nearly three-quarters of a million dollars have been raised and earmarked for scholarship endowments, while maintaining support for the operating budget that has increased due to broader travel requirements within the CAA. The operating budget revenue has increased by several million dollars as a result of her creating new revenue streams and identifying cost-cutting measures.

Facility upgrades have seen improved locker and training rooms in the Sports Arena, with new arena signage and a more fan-friendly atmosphere taking shape all over the department. A new partnership with ISP Sports has already seen increases in revenue streams via sponsorships.

A three-phase plan for the building of the Panthersville Athletic Complex has begun and will result in new practice fields, a soccer and track and field stadium, new tennis courts, and locker room facilities for those teams. Upgrades are ongoing for the softball and baseball facilities already there.

In response to a directive from President Patton and as a result of interest expressed by some alumni, staff and students, a football feasibility study began in March 2006 and will continue through the fall to effectively gauge the serious interest and financial obligations required to undertake such a project.

Under McElroy's leadership, the department has been able to fund assistant coaches for designated sports and to add to the undersized athletic department staff as the goals have increased. She has also negotiated a department-wide apparel agreement with adidas that will cut the annual



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uniform and gear expenses within the department and provide cost-savings opportunities to the campus as well.

A new partnership with XOS Technologies, Inc. will grow the athletics department homepage as the front porch and will enhance the services provided to our fans. The information highway portal for Georgia State will utilize all the video, audio and photo techniques available to generate the daily source of information. This may also turn out to be another revenue stream for our athletic teams.

The program is working within the framework of NCAA guidelines and maintaining the compliance standards to bring credit to the institution. The student-athletes are challenged to maintain the highest grades possible and responded the first year by posting the highest combined grade point average ever in school history. The 2.91 by the 225-plus student-athletes and 80% graduation rate exceeded those of the general student population at Georgia State. In the Academic Progress Rate established by the NCAA, Georgia State had no teams penalized, two teams with perfect scores, and three teams with APR scores in the top 10% in the nation. Eight teams had scores higher than the Division I average in their respective sport.

Student-athletes responded in the competition on the fields, courts, courses, and tracks against the tougher level of play as well. Fifteen teams combined for an overall winning percentage above 60 percent. CAA championships were won by two teams and Georgia State finished in the top half of the league in eight of its 15 sports.

The vision of being “the student-athlete’s first choice” is beginning to be realized as the recognition of the University’s stature and the CAA level of respect rise.

McElroy’s accomplishments at Georgia State have not gone unnoticed as she was appointed to the NCAA Management Council in October 2006. In August 2006, she was named the 2006 NCAA Division I-AAA National Administrator of the Year by the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators.

McElroy’s career began at the Naval Academy (’87) where she spent four years as a student-athlete and five years as a Marine Corps supply officer in tough, demanding preparation for the future. Her athletic management career began in 1992 as she worked her way up to assistant athletic director at the Naval Academy. She was Senior Woman Administrator and oversaw compliance for 29 sports. She also served a stint as Director of Alumni Services at Navy.

Mary McElroy earned a master’s degree in Management from Georgia Tech (’00) and a certification from the Executive Management Program from the Sports Management Institute (’04). From 1999-00 to 2004-05, McElroy was in downtown Atlanta on the athletic

management team at Georgia Tech. She left as Senior Associate AD and Senior Woman Administrator. During that time, her responsibilities included overseeing five sports: basketball (men’s and women’s), tennis (men’s and women’s) and softball, and supervising the game day operations for basketball as well as the compliance staff.

Within the NCAA and ACC, McElroy was appointed to the NCAA Management Council in April 2005, and was a member of the NCAA Volleyball Committee. For the ACC, McElroy served as chairperson of the Softball Committee, was on the Women’s Basketball Committee, the Head Trainer’s Committee, the Senior Woman Administrator’s Committee, and an Ad Hoc Committee on student-athlete welfare.



Mary McElroy received the 2006 NCAA Division I-AAA National Administrator of the Year from the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators.

When the NCAA Women’s Final Four was played in Atlanta in 2003, McElroy was the tournament manager. She was also on the Atlanta Local Organizing Committee for the Men’s Final Four in Atlanta in 2002.

As a student at the Naval Academy, McElroy played varsity basketball in the Colonial Athletic Association. She was a captain of the club softball team and still stays active athletically in local Atlanta softball leagues. In high school, she was a three-sport member in basketball, volleyball and softball.

A native of Great Mills, Md., she is married to a fellow Naval Academy graduate, Terry (’86), and they have two sons, Darrin and Austin.

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**Carol  
Cohen**

**Associate AD for  
Student-Athlete  
Development/SWA**

Entering her 20th year, Carol Cohen has been an instrumental component of Georgia State University Athletics. She has held a variety of positions within the department and now serves as the Associate Athletic Director for Student-Athlete Development. She is also in her seventh year as Senior Woman Administrator.

Cohen understands what it means to be a student-athlete and a coach, having played basketball and tennis in college before joining the coaching ranks in those sports. She has taken on a more comprehensive role in administration within the athletic department, in addition to her work in academics. Cohen is responsible for having developed and implemented the Program for Academic Support Services (P.A.S.S.) in 1990, the first ever academic support program for student-athletes at Georgia State University. The academic program, which is now called the Panther Promise, has expanded to include P.A.S.S., life skills and a career development component as well as stress management and psychological counseling.

Cohen's State connection began in 1987 as a graduate assistant coach with the women's basketball program. Later that year, she added duties as head coach of the women's tennis squad. From 1987-90, her tennis teams posted a 43-29 overall record and she captured New South Women's Athletic Conference (formerly the Trans America Athletic Conference and now Atlantic Sun Conference) Coach-of-the-Year honors in 1989 with a 16-4 squad.

In 1990, Cohen accepted the challenge as the athletic department's first-ever Academic Coordinator, where she developed a highly successful academic support program for student-athletes. Cohen was named the Assistant Athletic Director for Academic Support in 1993 and was elevated to her current position in 1998.

Cohen serves as sport administrator to women's basketball, softball, men's and women's tennis, and volleyball. Her other areas of responsibilities include overseeing the following: student-athlete academic support services and continuing eligibility, policies and procedures for the department, and the fifth year program to ensure graduation of student-athletes.

Cohen is a member of the National Consortium for Academics and Sports, University Advisors Group, Faculty Senate Committee and the Admissions and Standards Committee. Cohen currently serves as a member of the CAA Competitions Committee and acts as the departmental scheduler for the CAA. Cohen is also the liaison to the CAA's women's softball coaches committee.

Before receiving her master's degree in human resources development from Georgia State in 1991, Cohen was a standout basketball and tennis player at Berry College in her hometown of Rome, Ga. She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Berry in 1987.

As a prep, Cohen was a state doubles champion in tennis and an honors graduate at Coosa High School.

Cohen's ties to State also include being married to the athletic department's Broadcast Coordinator, Dave Cohen, who has handled the men's basketball play-by-play duties on radio for 23 seasons. The couple resides in Alpharetta, Ga., with their 6-year-old son, Samuel, and 2-year old son, Jackson.



**Matt Gillett**  
**Associate AD for  
Finance/Business**

In his fourth year as the Associate Athletic Director of Finance and Business for the Georgia State University athletic department is Matt Gillett.

Gillett is responsible for developing and overseeing all financial aspects of the department, including budgeting and fiscal management.

Gillett also serves as the sport administrator for the men's and women's golf and men's and women's cross country/track and field teams. He is also the administrator for the Sports Medicine department.

Certainly no stranger to Georgia State, Gillett previously served as a budget analyst in the university's Office of Budget and Planning since 1998. In 1997-98, he was a student assistant within the same office.

Gillett earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from State in 1998.

Gillett first attended Texas A&M University in College Station for two years before transferring.

As an undergraduate at Georgia State, Gillett was part of the Student Government Association. Gillett is also a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity.

As a college student, Gillett worked from 1993-97 as a carpenter/foreman at Labskill Inc., a southeastern construction company.

In high school, Gillett participated in football and track. He currently enjoys playing soccer, running and watching movies.

Gillett was born Nov. 17, 1972 in Fort Wayne, Ind., but raised in Houston, Texas. He and his wife, Liz, presently reside in Atlanta.

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**Jon McLamb**  
Associate AD for  
Development/  
Marketing

Jon McLamb begins his second year as the Associate Athletic Director for Development and Marketing.

In his first year at State, McLamb set records for total funds committed for athletics and introduced a Life Member giving level with founding members.

McLamb also established a grassroots giving initiative called IMPACT (I Make Panther Annual Contribution of Twenty or more) and he grew an endowed scholarship program.

Familiar with Atlanta, McLamb came to State after tours of duty at Agnes Scott College and Georgia Tech.

McLamb served as the Assistant Athletic Director for External Operations for a year and a half at Agnes Scott. He was an associate director for the Alexander-Tharpe Fund while at Georgia Tech.

For two years, McLamb was the associate general manager for ISP Sports for Georgia Tech.

McLamb earned his bachelor's degree from East Carolina University in 1992. For the Pirates of ECU, McLamb was a four-year letterman in tennis.

He is a native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Jon and his wife, Kerri, reside in Atlanta.



**Monique Holland**  
Associate AD for  
Operations/  
Compliance

Monique Holland enters her second season at Georgia State as the Associate Athletic Director for Operations and Compliance.

Holland's duties also include sport administration for the Panthers' men's soccer and baseball teams. Holland is no stranger to Georgia State, having earned her master's degree from the University in 2001.

Prior to her current appointment, Holland was assistant director of membership services at the NCAA Indianapolis headquarters.

Holland served at Clayton State University as Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance and was the Senior Woman Administrator there while also handling game day logistics and managerial operations.

A former assistant women's basketball coach at Georgia Tech for five seasons, Holland concluded her duty as a member of the Yellow Jackets' athletic staff as the assistant director of compliance.

Holland's assistant coaching experiences across town at Tech also included two trips to the postseason WNIT.

Residing in Atlanta during the 1996 Olympics, Holland helped as an assistant venue logistics manager, working with basketball and gymnastics.

A magna cum laude graduate of Alabama State in 1996, Holland garnered academic all-America honors as a basketball player.

Holland currently resides in Atlanta.



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**Charlie Taylor**  
Associate AD for  
Communications

Charlie Taylor, the associate athletic director for communications, is in his seventh year of overseeing the media relations, publications, Web site and overall sports communications needs of the athletic department. Taylor, whose primary focus is the nationally-recognized men's basketball program, also will do color commentary for a seventh season with Dave Cohen on the Panther WRAS-FM radio broadcasts.

Taylor worked at the 2002 men's basketball Final Four tournament and the 2001 and 2006 NCAA Regional Championships, both at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

Taylor's previous experience includes 23 years in National Football League public relations and marketing. He is currently in his seventh season as a communicator/instant replay representative, working Atlanta Falcons home games for the NFL. Taylor came to Atlanta in 1987 as the public relations director for the Falcons, where he stayed through their 1998 NFC Championship and Super Bowl season. As the Washington Redskins public relations director before that, he worked with two Super Bowl squads. Taylor was also selected by the NFL to staff more than 15 Super Bowls and was named by the commissioner as the NFC public relations representative for a pair of Pro Bowls.

Before moving to the professional ranks, Taylor was the sports information director at his alma mater, Fairmont (W.Va.) State College, where he earned his bachelor's degree in English/journalism. While at Fairmont State, he worked with two NAIA Hall-of-Fame members in head men's basketball coach Joe Retton and head football coach Deacon Duvall. As a student at FSC, Taylor was on the Dean's List, editor of the school newspaper, junior class president and Sigma Pi fraternity president. He was also part of the Journalism Honor Society.

Taylor and his wife of 25 years, Lynn, have a grown daughter, Lauren, who lives in New York. Charlie and Lynn reside in Alpharetta, Ga.



**Awilda Ragland**  
Assistant AD  
for Business

Awilda Ragland is in her 20th year at Georgia State University. Ragland came to Georgia State in 1987 as an accounting clerk with the student accounts office.

Transferring in 1988 to the position of business manager for the athletic department, she provides the financial support for operations, recruiting and scholarship budgets for all 16 sports programs at State. She was elevated to assistant athletic director for business in 2006.

In addition to providing financial support to all sports, Ragland is also the housing and book loan coordinator for the student-athletes and servers on the Human Resource Administrative Committee as the Athletic Department representative.

Prior to arriving in Atlanta, Ragland worked as a civilian for the United States Armed Forces Central Accounting Division in Frankfurt, Germany and later at South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, where she met her husband, James, who was a former football player and then assistant coach there.

Originally from Brooklyn, N.Y., Ragland is a graduate of James Madison High School.

Ragland and her husband have a son, Jerry (30), who lives in North Carolina, and two daughters, Ashley (20) and Jasmine (19), both of whom attend Georgia State.

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**Kevin  
Olivett**  
Assistant AD  
for Marketing

Kevin Olivett enters his second year as the Assistant Athletic Director for Marketing. He was hired in March 2006.

Olivett's duties include marketing and promotions oversight of all Georgia State athletics teams as well as ticket sales for men's basketball. Olivett acts as the athletics liaison between multi-media rights holder ISP and Georgia State.

Olivett also serves as the on campus athletics contact to several student and campus offices and organizations.

Olivett returns to the Atlanta area after a year and a half one-year in Ohio as the manager of corporate sales and promotions at the University of Akron. A member of the Zips' athletic staff, Olivett was responsible for all corporate sponsorship and marketing programs and group sales to football, volleyball, basketball games and special events.

Prior to his position at Akron, Olivett was a group sales associate and marketing and operations manager for four years in the athletic offices at nearby Georgia Tech.

At Tech, Olivett coordinated group ticket packages and managed marketing and promotions operations for several sports, including football, men's and women's basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball and swimming and diving.

A 1999 graduate of Slippery Rock University with a bachelor's degree in sport management, Olivett served as a graduate assistant in the ticket office at Wichita State University from 1999-2000. He received his master's degree in sport administration in 2001.

A native of Olean, N.Y., Olivett currently lives in Atlanta.



**Robert  
Slavis**  
Assistant AD  
for Compliance

Robert Slavis is in his third year with the athletic department after being named its Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance in May 2004.

Slavis handles all NCAA compliance issues, along with other administrative duties.

Prior to coming to Atlanta, Slavis served as the assistant director of compliance at Jacksonville (Fla.) University from 2001-04.

While pursuing his master's degree at Florida State University from 1999-2001, Slavis worked as a graduate assistant in the athletic department's office of compliance and legal affairs.

Slavis also spent time assisting in Florida State's athletic ticket office.

Slavis earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Union College (Schenectady, N.Y.) in 1996 before receiving his master's in athletics administration at FSU in 2000.

Born in Newport Beach, Calif., Slavis was raised in Loudonville, N.Y.

Slavis now resides in Atlanta.



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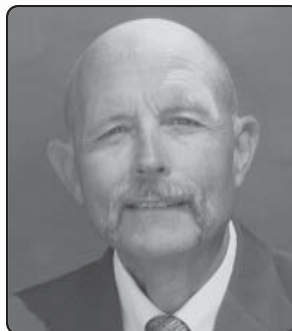
**Marvin  
Trinkaus**  
Assistant AD for  
Sports Medicine

For 11 years, Marvin Trinkaus has been involved with the Georgia State University athletic program, moving up to his present position of Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Medicine five years ago. While working toward his master's degree at Georgia State, he worked for two seasons as a graduate assistant before starting full-time in 1997 as an assistant athletic trainer. He was then elevated to head athletic trainer in 1999.

Trinkaus oversees the entire athletic training and sports medicine program for all 16 sports. That includes the coordination of all medical coverage, as well as the prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of injuries. He supervises a full-time assistant athletic trainer and six graduate assistants, while also being responsible for the medical insurance program. His main focus is working with the men's basketball team.

A current examiner for the National Athletic Trainers' Association Board of Certification, Trinkaus completed an internship in the summer of 2002 at the United States Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., working primarily with the weightlifting squad. In the summer of 1997, he was the head athletic trainer for the Georgia Pride of the Women's Professional Softball League. During the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta, he worked as an athletic trainer at the Lake Lanier venue for the rowing, canoeing and kayak sprint competitions.

The 33-year old Trinkaus received a bachelor's degree from Ithaca (N.Y.) College before getting his master's at State. He hails from Oriskany, N.Y., and currently resides in Roswell, Ga., with his wife, Jennie, and their two daughters, Kailey and Jordyn.



**Mike Hurst**  
Assistant AD  
for Panthersville  
Facilities/Operations

Mike Hurst, a longtime member of the Georgia State athletics staff, was elevated to his current position as Assistant Athletic Director for Operations/Facilities at Panthersville prior to the fall 2006 campaign.

Hurst previously served as head coach of the Panthers baseball team for 13 seasons (1994-2006), before joining State's administrative staff. In his role as Asst. AD for Panthersville, Hurst will oversee the three-phase Panthersville Plan for expansion — a \$3 million plan that calls for the addition of new practice soccer fields, a soccer stadium complex, new tennis courts, a locker room facility and continuing upgrades to baseball and softball facilities.

Hurst's baseball resume includes having won more baseball games than any coach in Georgia State history with 293. He also tops the list for games coached at 694. Hurst's last win in the 2006 CAA Championship knocked previous Top 25-ranked, 39-win Old Dominion out of the tournament. He guided 115-plus student-athletes to Academic All-Conference honors and coached 25 players who went on to sign professional contracts. Five of his players earned All-America and All-Atlantic Region status and Jason Glover was named the 1996 Trans America Athletic Conference Player of the Year.

Hurst arrived on campus as an assistant baseball coach as the school revived the dormant baseball program after five years (1987-91). As the head coach, Hurst led Georgia State to 11 20-win seasons during his tenure, including a streak of nine consecutive 20-win marks. Another landmark role he played was as a lead spokesman for the Georgia Spit Tobacco Educational Program, which was part of a national program with Joe Garagiola.

Prior to arriving at Georgia State, Hurst was the pitching coach at DeKalb Community College (now Georgia Perimeter College) in Decatur, and spent several years in Maryland coaching high school and summer league baseball.

A native of Fannin County, Georgia, Hurst grew up in Atlanta and graduated from Cross Keys High School before attending Mercer University- Atlanta, where he was selected as an NAIA ALL-South Region pitcher in 1975. Upon completing his career at Mercer- Atlanta, he was the school's all-time leader in wins and earned a bachelor's degree in marketing in 1976 from the university.

Hurst is married to the former Carol Almond. The couple married on February 17, 1992 and resides in Chamblee, Ga.

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**Jennifer Santiago**  
Assistant AD  
for Student-Athlete  
Development

In her sixth year with Georgia State, Jennifer Santiago was elevated to Assistant Athletic Director for Student-Athlete Development in the summer of 2006, after serving as an academic coordinator for five years.

Santiago works with more than 200 Georgia State student-athletes to ensure they do their best in the classroom. More specifically, she currently monitors the academic progress of student-athletes in the sports of men's basketball, women's basketball, baseball and men's golf.

Before coming to State, Santiago taught and coached on the high school level for four years in three different cities around the country. She was a teacher and girls' basketball coach at Stockbridge High School in Henry County, just south of Atlanta, before arriving at Georgia State.

Prior to that, she taught and coached both girls' basketball and girls' track at Booker High School in her hometown of Sarasota, Fla. Santiago also spent time coaching and in the classroom while in Denver, Colo.

After acquiring her bachelor's degree in English and history from Villanova University in Philadelphia (1993), she earned a master's degree in education at the University of Pennsylvania (1996).

Santiago married Matthew Balog in March 2001. The couple has two children, a son named Alexander (born April 8, 2003) and a son named Nicolas (born Oct. 6, 2004).



**Sarah Davis**  
Director of Events  
and Operations

Sarah Davis enters her second season as the Director of Events and Operations at Georgia State. She was hired to her post in October 2005. Her duties include the day-to-day management of the Sports Arena, as well as overseeing athletic and Arena events. Davis also supervises one graduate assistant.

A native of Atlanta, Davis attended the University of Georgia prior to her professional career and graduated in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in sports business.

Following graduation, she spent two seasons as an operations administrative assistant with the Professional Golfer's Association (PGA), working at the 83rd PGA Championship in Atlanta and the 84th PGA Championship in Minneapolis.

Davis returned to Atlanta in 2004 to work in the office of community and player relations for the Atlanta Beat of the Women's United Soccer Association.

Davis moved on to the Arena Football League's Georgia Force, where she spent two and a half years as the organization's Director of Events and Game Operations, while assisting in the event marketing department of the Force's parent company, the Atlanta Falcons.

Davis, who graduated from Georgia State in 2005 with a master's degree in sport administration and a focus on event management, lives in Atlanta.



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**Chuck Whitmire**  
Ticket Manager/  
Equipment Manager

Back as a member of the athletic department is Chuck Whitmire, who was re-hired in 2004 and currently serves as the Ticket Manager/Equipment Manager. Whitmire, who oversees the ticket operations for the department, along with handling business matters, first joined State athletics in August 2000.

After leaving State in September 2002, Whitmire went to work down the road at Georgia Tech, serving as a customer service representative in its athletic ticket office.

Before first coming to Georgia State, Whitmire was an event management intern at his alma mater, the University of Georgia, working in game operations for seven different sports. The previous year, he was a game operations assistant for five sports at Georgia Southern.

Whitmire's business background also includes 11 years with the Georgia Department of Revenue, working with everything from customer service to account audits.

Whitmire earned his bachelor's degree in business from Georgia in 1986. He later received a master's degree in sport management from Georgia Southern (1999) with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

The 42-year-old Whitmire is a native of Decatur, Ga., and graduate of Woodward Academy, where he played football and golf. He now makes his home in Watkinsville, Ga.



**Tredell Dorsey**  
Head Strength and  
Conditioning Coach

Tredell Dorsey enters his second year at Georgia State as the first full-time Strength and Conditioning Coach.

A former football player at the University of Rhode Island from 1994-98, Dorsey earned his bachelor's degree in exercise science and phys. ed. After completing his undergraduate studies, he returned home to Florida to teach and coach. During this time, he recognized his ability for developing athletes.

Pursuing a master's degree in applied exercise and strength conditioning at Springfield (Mass.) College was the next step in honing his craft. While completing his degree, Dorsey served as assistant defensive backs coach and scouting coordinator for the Springfield football team. He held strength and conditioning internships at Holy Cross and Amherst.

Dorsey is familiar with the Atlanta area and collegiate student-athletes' needs after having served as assistant director of player development at Georgia Tech from 2003-04.

As the Director of Sports Performance at Velocity Sports Performance in Cordova, Tenn. from 2004-05, Dorsey trained collegiate athletes for the 2005 NFL combines; several of the athletes he trained were either drafted or signed by various teams.

In addition to coaching, Dorsey has served as a technical director for various ad campaigns, including the 2004 Nike Gridiron campaign where he graciously worked with Michael Vick, Brian Urlacher, and others. He is also a fitness writer for The Rock Publications.



**Dave Cohen**  
Broadcasting Coordinator

Now in his 24th season as the radio play-by-play announcer for Georgia State University men's basketball games and 10th year as the Broadcast Coordinator for the athletic department is Dave Cohen. Cohen handles all the details for Georgia State's live broadcasts, including those for men's basketball, women's basketball, baseball and softball.

Cohen, a veteran reporter of the Atlanta sports scene, is currently employed at Georgia State in the Department of Alumni Relations and is a member of the advisory board of the Atlanta Sports Hall of Fame.

Throughout his tenure, Cohen has worked for WRAS-FM, WGST-AM, WCNN-AM, WSB-AM and WGUN-AM radio stations, all in metropolitan Atlanta. He has also done freelance work for National Football League contests and assisted with Atlanta Falcons' pregame shows. Along with serving as a host on local radio talk shows, Cohen also works with the Furman University Football Network broadcasts for the nationally-recognized Division I-AA program in Greenville, S.C.

Cohen is a native of the Boston area and graduate of Georgia State. He is still a fan of New England sports, especially the Red Sox, Patriots, Bruins and Celtics.

Cohen's wife, Carol, is State's associate athletic director for student-athlete development and senior woman administrator. The couple resides in Alpharetta, Ga., with their 6-year-old son, Samuel, and a 2-year-old son, Jackson.



**Mike Metzler**  
Faculty Athletic Representative



**Dr. Letha Griffin**  
Team Doctor



**Dr. Randy Cronin**  
Team Doctor

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**Beverly Caston**  
Administrative Coordinator



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Tutorial Coordinator



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Information Director



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Assistant to the  
Director of Athletics



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Development  
Coordinator



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Senior Accounting  
Assistant



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Assistant Marketing  
Director

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Women's Tennis



**Nick Brochu**  
Men's Tennis



**Matt Clark**  
Men's Golf



**Karem Daser**  
Men's Soccer



**Greg Frady**  
Baseball



**Bob Heck**  
Softball



**Cathy Mant**  
Women's Golf



**Domenic Martelli**  
Women's Soccer



**Michael Perry**  
Men's Basketball



**Jessica Raby**  
Women's Cross Country &  
Track and Field



**John Rowland**  
Men's Cross Country &  
Track and Field



**Mike Webster**  
Women's Volleyball

# STAFF OF ASSISTANTS



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Track & Field



**Eric Campbell**  
Track & Field



**Drew Catlett**  
Men's Basketball



**Mark Dannhoff**  
Men's Basketball



**Ian Dube**  
Track & Field



**David Eristavi**  
Men's Soccer



**Brian Judski**  
Men's Basketball



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Men's Tennis



**Mark Macon**  
Men's Basketball



**Lexee Marshall**  
Volleyball



**Blaine McFerrin**  
Baseball



**Laura McGirr**  
Softball



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Women's Tennis



**Gaucho Pinho**  
Men's Soccer



**Brett Surrency**  
Men's Soccer



**Brad Stromdahl**  
Baseball



**Kelly Van Houten**  
Softball



**Jennifer Walters**  
Women's Soccer



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Sports Medicine  
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Sports Communications  
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Sports Medicine  
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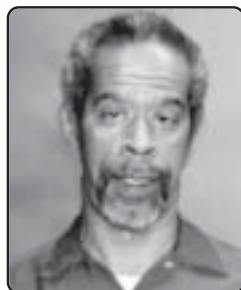
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**2006-07 Cheerleading Team- Kneeling (l to r):** Kaitlin Martinucci, Tierra Wells, Kelly Minor, Lauren Bridges, Stephanie Powell, Ebone Rankins; **Back Row (l to r):** Todd Jenkins, Myah Caine, Ursula Hoffman, Shayna Rasin, Erica Heard, Jasmine Brock, LaShanda Martin, Courtney Harris



**2006-07 Pantherettes Dance Team- Front row (l to r):** Deja Mathews, LaKita Atkinson, Nadia Harris, Naja Bass, Shannon Farrow, Ese Okuma, Alexcia Hollis; **Back row (l to r):** Jamesa Cowan, Chontarria Wilson, Taija Stinson, Tara Barfield, Anika Austin, Jessie Bockenek, Jessi Ford, Shellane Pickett, Keesha Bellamy

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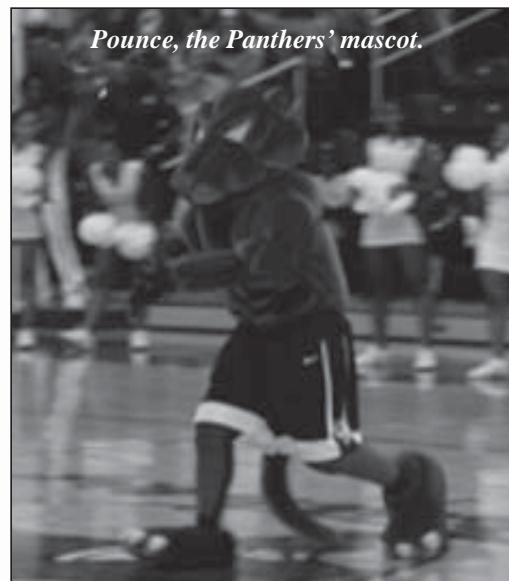
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The Georgia State Basketball Pep Band provides the enthusiasm and lively music to keep the fans fired up at all home games. They also travel to support the teams at the Colonial Athletic Association Championships.

The Basketball Band is under the direction of Corey Francis (first row left in photo above). Robert J. Ambrose is the Director of Bands and an Assistant Professor of Music at Georgia State.

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*Pounce, the Panthers' mascot.*