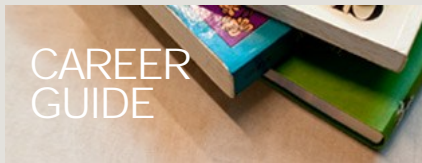


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- [Associate professor of epidemiology at the University of Georgia, Mark Ebell](#), will be joining the U.S. Preventative Services Task Force, a group that will make recommendations to Americans on how to prevent diseases. According to Marianna Heredia of *Red and Black*, the group will not profit by any of the preventative tests or products they recommend.
- ["Not As I Pictured"](#) is a documentary film created by University of Florida photojournalism professor John Kaplan to share his struggles with lymphoma in the hope that it benefits others diagnosed with the disease and their families. The story has a doubly happy ending: The Pulitzer Prize winning Kaplan is now healthy, and copies of the DVD are free to those affected by cancer at [NotAsIPictured.org](#).
- Susan Donaldson James of *ABC News* reported recently on Columbia University director of inclusive education programs Cecila Oyler's [donation of a kidney](#) to a doctoral student named John Young. The two did not know one another; the organ donation was the result of what began as a casual hallway conversation in the Teacher's College. Oyler is quoted as saying: "My joy is more about helping people — and this is just a body part."
- Joliet Junior College photography professor [Gene Alvear](#) is donating his talents to area non-profits and inspiring his students to do the same. Jeanne Millsap of the *Herald-News* shares his story.

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