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OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Fall 2017

Greetings from the Director of Graduate Studies

Welcome to the 2017-2018 academic year!

On behalf of the Office of Graduate Studies, I would like to welcome our students, faculty and staff to the Fall 2017 semester. I hope you are having an exciting and academically rewarding year! A special welcome is extended to our graduate students who are new to Georgia College. Please know that our faculty are available to assist and mentor you as you continue your educational journey.

These are exciting times in graduate education at Georgia College as we work to create new programs that meet students' needs and serve the workforce demands of our region, the state of Georgia and our nation. Many of our existing graduate programs are nationally ranked, accredited, and recognized for their academic merit and affordable cost. Our Office of Graduate Studies and Graduate Admissions recently relocated to the historic McIntosh House. The University Library, Information Technology and the Center for Teaching and Learning, continue to expand their services to ensure that current and prospective students receive the support necessary to succeed. I remain inspired by the dedication of our faculty and staff at Georgia College who work tirelessly to advance our institution!

Once again, welcome and my best wishes for a successful 2017-2018 academic year!

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News & Opportunities

SAVE THE DATE! The 21st Annual GC Research Conference will be taking place on March 9, 2018. Graduate students from all disciplines are invited to submit their scholarly work for review to present to the campus. Abstract submissions open January 1, 2018 and close February 14, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. Learn more http://www.gcsu.edu/murace/student-research-conference.

Research Grants for Grad Students

Research grants are an important funding source in graduate school. Grants can help support your research endeavors, build your reputation and enhance your resume for future opportunities. Graduate students are awarded up to $400 to support costs associated with the presentation of scholarly work at professional academic conferences. Applications for the 2017-18 year are available. The deadline for fall is November 15. Learn more at http://www.gcsu.edu/future-students/graduate/research-opportunities

Schedule a Research Consultation

Instruction and research librarians are available through Ina Dillard Russell Library for your research needs. Do you have a project or research paper and don't know where to start or need a little extra help? Make an appointment for a 30-minute consultation. Librarians can help you develop search strategies, identify sources, and provide an overview of library services. Appointments can be made online at http://gcsu.libcal.com/appointments/

Graduate Coordinators Meeting
November 14 | 8 a.m.

Graduate Council Meeting
November 17 | 1 p.m.

Spring 2018 Registration
October 23 | 7 a.m.

Thanksgiving Holidays
November 22 – 24

Last Day of Classes
December 11

Commencement
December 16 | 12:45 a.m.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Our fall spotlight shines on Dr. Alfred (Al) Mead. Dr. Mead, Professor, Biological and Environmental Sciences serves as the Graduate Coordinator for the MS in Biology. He is a graduate of Georgia College (MS, Biology, 1994) and in his 19th year at the college. Dr. Mead enjoys the small classes and serving as a teacher, scholar and mentor. The near-constant interaction with class and research students keeps him excited about science. Professionally, he feels his greatest accomplishment has been, and continues to be, mentoring graduate and undergraduate students. Over the past 18 years, his students have presented over 35 talks at professional meetings and co-authored 15 journal articles. When asked about mentoring and the most important advice he would give regarding achieving professional success, Dr. Mead replied, "to find your passion, be dedicated, but flexible". While he does not have much free time, he enjoys the outdoors for hiking, kayaking and fishing. Dr. Mead is located in RM 106, Herty Hall.

News from the schools

College of Arts & Sciences

In Biology, graduate students Alyssa Thompson, Blia Lor, Merry Zohn, Kathie Johnson, Scott Johnson, Emilee Friedman, Jenna Forte and Mega Corley presented and/or published research in professional journals and at conferences. Thompson, Lor, Zohn and Johnson received awards for travel conference expenses. Recent graduate, Audrey Waits is currently participating in a Fulbright Fellowship in Finland.

In English and Rhetoric, Dr. Eustace Palmer received a lifetime achievement award from the International Education Center for his distinguished contribution to global learning.

John Sirmans is the winner of the 2016 College of Arts & Sciences Excellence in Teaching Award.

College of Business

The Master of Logistics & Supply Chain Management program has been ranked as one of the Best Online Master's in Logistics & Supply Chain Management degrees for 2017. The ranking, published by College Choice lists Georgia College's program as ninth in the nation out of 20 programs.

University Communications

College of Education

The COE will no longer require the GRE, MAT or Graduate Writing Exam as an admission requirement, effective October 1, 2017.

College of Health Sciences

The School of Health and Human Performance M.S. with a concentration in Human Performance was recently recognized by the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) as an Educational Recognition Program (ERP).

The M.S. with a concentration in Human Performance will transition to a fully online program fall 2018. The new in-person experiential learning component begins summer 2018.

Graduation Fair

November 16 | 1 p.m. – 6 p.m. | Barnes & Noble at Georgia College

Get Linked! Join the GC Alumni LinkedIn Group

Grow your professional network! Georgia College has more than 800 alumni on LinkedIn. Joining is easy! Log in or create a LinkedIn account at www.linkedin.com. Request to join the Georgia College Alumni Group. Please include Georgia College in your profile to ensure approval as a GC alumnus.

Financial Aid for Graduate Students

In partnership with Nelnet Business Solutions (NBS), Georgia College offers a tuition payment plan. The plan is not a loan program. There are no interest/finance charges or credit check. A $50 enrollment fee per semester is required. Monthly payment options are available and deducted on the 5th of each month. To learn more about this convenient budget benefit, contact the Financial Aid Office, 478-445-5149.

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