

Faculty Research Awards FY21-Round I

Congratulations to the following recipients!

Ms. Jessamyn Swan

Department of Special Collections
University Library

\$4,936.00 for the project titled, *The Seventh Circle Chronicles: Documenting Milledgeville's Lesbian Community*.

Dr. Alfred Mead

Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences
College of Arts and Sciences

\$1,325.00 for the project titled, *Using stable isotopic signatures in late Pleistocene alligator teeth to interpret prevailing environmental conditions in Georgia 20,000 years ago*.

Dr. Laura Whitlock

Department of Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy
College of Arts and Sciences

\$5,000.00 for the project titled, *Beyond the Dome*.

Dr. Katie Stumpf

Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences
College of Arts and Sciences

\$4,985.00 for the project titled, *Detection and description of nest predation on Black-cheeked Ant Tanager nests on the Osa Peninsula, Costa Rica*.

Dr. Hasitha Mahabaduge

Department of Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy
College of Arts and Sciences

\$5,000.00 for the project titled, *Investigation Magnetic Properties of Semiconductor Thin Films*.

Congratulations!

Steve Elliott-Gower, Government and Sociology, *Global Civic Literacy Initiative*, AACSU, \$500.

Josie Doss, Nursing, *Holistic Healthcare for Victims of Sexual Violence in Georgia*, HRSA, \$328,497.

Sandy Baxter, Communities in Schools, *CIS Model in Baldwin County Schools - FFY'21*, BCSD, \$91,544.

Sequena Stanton, High Achievers Program, *High Achievers Afterschool Program*, Department of Human Services, \$170,000.

GC Plans for Spring Semester 2021

The spring 2021 semester at Georgia College will be amended as we continue with our modified face-to-face instruction.

Classes will begin on Tuesday, January 19 and end on May 4. Final exams will be held online May 5-7. See the [academic calendar](#) and [final exam schedule](#).

Our current mitigation measures across campus will remain in place. Those include social distancing, limiting group gatherings and the face mask requirement in all university facilities. The institution will also continue utilizing Plexiglas barriers, alternative workspace or alternate schedules to ensure social distancing measures are met. More details on our mitigation measures can be found [here](#).

Please note that as we move forward we will continue to follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, the Georgia Department of Public Health and the University System of Georgia.

Georgia College in US News and World Report Best Colleges

- Ranked 9th best public university in the Regional U-South category
- Ranked 15th best undergraduate teaching in the Regional U-South category (private and public)
- Ranked 7th most innovative in the Regional U-South category (private and public)

See the Front Page article [here](#).

SARA

Georgia College has once again been approved for SARA by the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements. According to the [website](#), SARA “provides a voluntary, regional approach to state oversight of postsecondary distance education. When states join SARA, they agree to follow uniform processes for approving their eligible institutions' participation. They also agree to deal with other states' SARA institutions in a common way when those institutions carry out activities in SARA states other than their own. SARA's policies help protect students and provide benefits to both states and institutions carrying out distance education in multiple states.”

D2L Brightspace Issue Resolved

On September 25th, the Office of the Provost received a communication (shared with Deans and Department Chairs) from the USG that ITS discovered an issue with D2L Brightspace. The issue affected the “date-stamp” record when some students submit their work. On September 30th a USG communication indicated that D2L applied a permanent solution to correct this problem on an ongoing basis. Faculty can once again rely on D2L date-related functionality.

Academic Affairs Excellence Awards Call for Nominations

The Academic Affairs Excellence Awards are made from 10 categories:

1. Excellence in Teaching Award
2. Excellence in Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
3. Teaching Excellence for Department or Program
4. Excellence in Online Teaching
5. Irene Rose Community Service Award
6. Excellence in Scholarship & Creative Endeavors
7. Craig M. Turner Excellence in University Service Award
8. Laurie Hendrickson McMillan Faculty Award
9. Regents' Momentum Year Award for Excellence in Advising and Student Success
10. Regents' Momentum Year Award for Excellence in Teaching and Curricular Innovation

Internal college nominations to college due by: **November 23, 2020**

College selectees notified by college by: **November 30, 2020**

College nominees' final applications received by Center for Teaching and Learning (ctl@gcsu.edu) by: **March 1, 2021**

The Center for Teaching and Learning submits the finalist for each award to the Provost's office by: **April 5, 2021**

All nominations for the University System of Georgia Excellence awards must be submitted by **November 1, 2021**

For more information on the awards, please click [here](#).

USG Submissions

The Office of the Provost submitted the following curriculum changes to the USG:

- Transition for the M.Ed in Early Childhood Education from partial online delivery to full online delivery starting Summer of 2021.
- The creation of the Black Studies Minor to replace the deactivated African Studies and Black Diaspora Studies Minors.

Emeritus Information

With the assistance of the Georgia College Retiree Association, the Office of the Provost updated the list of Emeritus/a Faculty and Staff Members. The information will be distributed to the college deans so that the names of these individuals will be added to each departments' website after the listing of current faculty and staff members. This is in accordance with the current policy which states “Inclusion in faculty/staff lists on the college/department/unit website for living emeritus/emerita faculty and administrators.”