

Welcome Back for Spring 2021!

We anticipate starting Spring semester 2021 (January 19) much like the Fall with face-to-face instruction along with social distancing and other important mitigation efforts on campus. To accomplish social distancing, classroom settings will be reconfigured once again, and section sizes will be reduced with larger rooms continuing to be part of the schedule. Faculty who fall into high-risk categories for severe illness with COVID-19 may request alternate work arrangements. If you believe you fall into a high-risk category that would make you a vulnerable employee, please contact the Georgia College Human Resources Office. Human Resources will review the request and, upon approval, will work with the employee and their immediate supervisor in documenting and providing for an alternate work arrangement.

The tent set-up in the Bell Hall parking lot will be available for usage throughout Spring semester for classes or meeting space. For buildings with HVAC controls, the HVAC shop will continue programming the AC and heating systems to bring in more outside air for improved ventilation. System filters have also been upgraded to minimize the chances of the HVAC system spreading the virus.

As a reminder, the COVID-19 syllabus statement utilized for Fall 2020 should also be included in Spring 2021 syllabi. Finally, the Student Use of Copyrighted Materials statement approved at the last University Senate meeting has been added to the Required Syllabus Statements on the Registrar's Office website.

Congratulations!

Ernie Kaninjing, DrPH, Health and Human Performance, *Exploring the Quality of Life of Ethnically Diverse Black Prostate Cancer Survivors*, DOD/UOHSC, \$3,960.

Sandy Baxter, Executive Director of Communities in Schools, *Covid-19 Response and Recovery Fund*, Community Foundation of Central Georgia/United Way, \$15,000.

Georgia College's **John H. Lounsbury College of Education** earned a Level 4 rating on the 2020 Teacher Preparation Program Effectiveness Measures (PPEMs) published by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC). The highest-ranking available, Level 4 is labeled "exemplary" and is above the desired level of performance for effectively preparing future teachers.

GC Journeys received the USG Regents' Momentum Year Award for Excellence in Teaching and Curricular Innovation.

Border-Free GC

Join the International Education Center in information sessions to learn about the many ways in which you can enhance the Georgia College experience by incorporating the resources of the world. The Border-Free initiative at Georgia College allows all students, faculty, and staff the opportunity to engage with the global community regardless of barriers, whether actual or perceived. The use of technology facilitates affordable – sometimes even cost-free - opportunities to connect with students, faculty, staff, community members, and experts throughout the world in both academic, professional, pre-professional, and social environments.

January 28 @ 10am register at: <https://gcsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcudOirrTguGtK8izjxcuatUvg2h1GkdVo6>

February 9 @ 12pm register at: <https://gcsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAufuqoqTkvgNOGzAMAwuvfGU9O0G19HGvL>

February 26 @ 2pm register at: https://gcsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJArc-mvqzMpHtVEfbB_r1mu8X9xYTI_2OEy

Affordable Learning Georgia Grants Deadline

The deadline for the next round of Affordable Learning Georgia grants, which support the implementation of affordable alternatives to costly commercial textbooks, is March 1, 2021. Faculty who are interested in developing an open education resource for the grant program should contact Dr. Shaundra Walker, Georgia College's Faculty Champion for Affordable Learning Georgia. Please note that all grant applications must be coordinated with the Office of Grants and Sponsored Projects.

GC Students Accepted into Posters at the Capitol

Five Georgia College students were selected to present at the 3rd annual 'Posters at the Capitol' event, the most of any school in the University System of Georgia, and second only to Mercer University. Posters at the Capitol is hosted by the Georgia Undergraduate Research Consortium (GURC) and connects undergraduate research in the State of Georgia with Georgia State legislators. The students worked with their faculty advisor and the Office of Mentored Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavors in order to submit to the event. Posters at the Capitol will be virtual this year and held on February 24, 2021 with presentations from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The following students' presentations were accepted to Posters at the Capitol:

Name	Department	Mentor
Catherine Boyd	Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy	Hasitha Mahbaduge
Abby Hearn	Music Therapy	Katie Whipple
Sidney Johnson	Music Therapy	Katie Whipple
Renata Kuswanto	Music Therapy	Susan Craig
Allison Spent	Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy	Wathsala Medawala

Professional Leave 2021-2022

The following faculty members have been awarded professional leave for the 2021-2022 academic year:

- **Ashley Evans Taylor**, Psychological Science
- **Aurora Castillo-Scott**, World Languages and Cultures
- **Brantley Nicholson**, World Languages and Cultures
- **Cliff Towner**, Music
- **Huaiyu Wang**, Philosophy, Religion, and Liberal Arts
- **Joanna Schwartz**, Management, Marketing, and Logistics
- **John Swinton**, Economics and Finance
- **Kasey Karen**, Biological and Environmental Sciences
- **Ken McGill**, Chemistry, Physics, and Astronomy
- **Min Kim**, Government and Sociology
- **Simplice Tchamma-Kouna**, Mathematics

USG HIPs Implementation Team

Thank you to the Georgia College faculty members who will be representing the university in the USG High Impact Practices Team:

- **Angela Criscoe**, College of Arts and Sciences
- **Damian Francis**, College of Health Sciences
- **Joy Godin**, College of Business
- **Joanne Previts**, College of Arts and Sciences

The Corinthian

Russell Library is pleased to announce the publication of volume 20 of the *Corinthian*, Georgia College's student research journal. The current and previous volumes are available online at <https://kb.gcsu.edu/thecorinthian/>

Learning Center Reaccreditation

The University Learning Center has been reaccredited by University of Missouri at Kansas City (UMKC) International Center for Supplemental Instruction. GC is one of 3 programs that are accredited in the state of Georgia.