GCReads 2021 Summary Report

Fifty-eight GCReads microseminars were held on Friday August 13th as a required component of Weekend of Welcome. Microseminar sessions were scheduled across two 75-minute sessions, from 12:45-2pm and 2:15-3:30pm. Nearly every session was held in the Arts & Sciences Building. We had 46 faculty, staff, and administrators volunteer to facilitate sessions with representatives from every college.

Students were informed about GCReads during their summer orientation session, and sent follow-up reminders via email. If students did not register themselves for a microseminar, they were assigned to one. This year 10 essays were selected for GCReads under the theme of Reflecting on Civility. These essays were available to students at no cost through a libguide created by the GC library. Registration for GCReads was also facilitated via LibGuide.

Student Feedback

205 students responded to the GCReads Student Survey. Of these respondents:

- 97.1% of students indicated they read their assigned essay
- 91.2% of students felt GCReads was a good introduction to academics at Georgia College
- 79.5% of students rated their GCReads experience as “excellent” or “good”

Select comments from students:

- It allowed me to see the different points of view, not only throughout the students in the class but understand the article on a deeper level.
- The discussion was in-depth and I thoroughly enjoyed it.
- My instructor was so welcoming and kind! He gave each student his phone number in case we ever need anything.
- I learned so much!

Facilitator Feedback

- 24 facilitators responded to the GCReads Facilitator Survey. Of these respondents:
- 88% rated their experience with GCReads as “excellent” or “good”
- 71% reported that “all” or “most” of their students spoke up or otherwise participated
- 88% reported that organization of GCReads was “excellent” or “good”

Select comment from a facilitator:

- Had some great discussions with my group that led to making some good suggestions for their upcoming college experiences.