

Faculty Research Awards FY21-Round I

Congratulations to the following recipients!

Dr. Hasitha Mahabaduge

Department of Chemistry, Physics, & Astronomy

\$5,000 for the project titled: *Design and Fabrication of a Smart, Passive Greenhouse*

Dr. Richard Adams

Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences

\$5,000 for the project titled: *Harnessing artificial intelligence, evolutionary biology, and robust undergraduate training to solve an apparent paradox of evolutionary inference*

Dr. Jennifer Piazza-Pick

Department of Music

\$5,000 for the project titled: *Whistling Hens: Creating an Equitable, Sustainable Future for Women Composers*

Dr. Tsu-Ming Chiang

Department of Psychological Science

\$3,270 for the project titled: *Helping Parents Provide Emotional Coaching to Children in Pandemic Times*

Dr. James Daria

Department of Government and Sociology

\$4,975 for the project titled: *The Garinagu in Georgia: Garifuna Migration, Displacement, and Diaspora from Central America to the US Southeast*

Dr. Gregory Glotzbecker

Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences

\$3,344 for the project titled: *Curation of the Georgia College Fish Collection*

Dr. Chika Unigwe

Department of English

\$5,000 for the project titled: *Leaving Meshach*

Inclusive Excellence Grants

Mr. Matt Forrest

Department of Art

\$3,925 for the project titled: *Enhancing literacy through art practice within Baldwin County*

Congratulations!

Jordan Cofer, PhD, Academic Affairs,

Chancellor's Learning Scholars 2022,

Board of Regents of the USG, \$7,200.

Lee Gillis, PhD, Psychological

Science, Shunda Creek Treatment

Program 2021-22, Enviros Wilderness

School Association, \$5,386.

Stacy Schwartz, PhD, Teacher

Education, Initiative to Improve Dyslexia

Awareness and Teacher Training,

International Dyslexia Association –

Georgia Branch, \$10,000.

Rachel Pope, Wellness & Recreation,

Safe and Sound, FY22, Governor's Office

of Highway Safety, \$10,000.

Janet Cavin, Communities In Schools,

Bee Strong in School, Georgia Dept of

Early Care and Learning (DECAL) by

US Dept of Health and Human

Services, \$25,000.

CIS Model in Baldwin County Schools for

FY 22, Communities In Schools by way

of Baldwin County School District and

US Dept of Education, \$61,675.

CIS Model to Improve High School

Graduation Rate, Communities In

Schools -Georgia and Georgia Dept of

Education, \$28,000.

Graduate School Newsletter

Click [here](#) to read the October 2021 edition and find out about the work taking place at The Graduate School!

The Georgia College Teaching Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

In an effort to advance the academic mission of Georgia College, the Office of the Provost will support the launch of a Postdoctoral Teaching Fellowship program. This FY23-FY26 initiative will support a total of nine Postdoctoral Fellows while contributing to Georgia College's mission of teaching excellence. For Year 1 (FY23), one Postdoctoral Fellow will join GC in the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Business. National searches will be conducted at the college level to identify the visiting Teaching Fellows.

For more information, please contact your College Dean or Dr. Jordan Cofer, Office of the Provost.

GC Mental Health

With the upcoming midterms, please remind students of the expanded mental health resources available. In addition to our Counseling Center, GC Mental Health is provided by Christie Campus Health to give students 24/7 access to counselors and mental health resources to help cope with concerns that vary from minor and manageable to severe. Assistance includes:

- A 24/7/365 mental health support line: Call anytime, anyplace 833-855-0085
- Free telehealth or off campus face to face counseling sessions, no insurance necessary.
- One-on-one personal assistance to help navigate any challenges or barriers students may face in reaching mental health support.
- "The Wellness Hub" which includes articles and videos on mental health and wellness topics. To access the Wellness Hub, go to gcwellnesshub.com.
- Meditation and Mindfulness App – Students now have access to a Headspace subscription for free. It helps with building coping and resiliency skills and offers more than 1,000 hours of mindfulness and mental well-being content. To learn more about Headspace and download the app go to gcwellnesshub.com.

Fall 2021 SRIS Critical Dates

- Departments: Mark courses to be surveyed in Banner by October 6th.
- Faculty: Objective Selection Form opens on October 15th.
- Students: SRIS begins on November 16th.
- Faculty: Complete Objective Selection Form (OSF) by December 6th.
- Students: Complete course survey(s) by December 6th.
- Deans, Chairs, and Faculty: Survey results available by December 16th.

For more information, visit the [GC SRIS page](#).

Open Education Resource (OER) Webinar

As a part of Georgia College's participation in the AAC&U Open Education Resource Institute, David Harris, Editor in Chief at OpenStax, will lead a virtual webinar on October 19 at 2:00 p.m. The webinar will be instructive for faculty who are interested in learning more about supporting student success through the provision of affordable textbook alternatives. For more information, contact Shaundra Walker, Library Director, and OER Institute Team Lead for Georgia College, at shaundra.walker@gcsu.edu or 478-445-0987.

Register in advance for this meeting:

[https://gcsu.zoom.us/meeting/register/TJcqceGhqTojHd0Uh4ZLBZaMqRvWiw1aQEaB](https://gcsu.zoom.us/j/9123456789)

Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)

As part of the preparation for the SACSCOC 10-year reaffirmation, Georgia College must identify a new Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). The topic of the QEP is chosen collaboratively by university stakeholders. To learn more about a quality enhancement plan, the requirements, and the process, and to see examples and additional resources, please plan to attend one of many virtual informational sessions this semester. Dates and times, along with many other resources, may be found on the [QEP website](#). Please contact Cara Smith at x3530 or cara.smith@gcsu.edu with any questions.

