

## Academic Affairs Small Grant Awardees

Congratulations to the following recipients!

**Dr. Sandra Trujillo**

Department of Art  
\$4,976 for Ravenna Mosaic Project

**Dr. Dana Gorzelany-Mostak**

Department of Music  
\$3,700 for: *Songs of Political Persuasion: Hearing Music on the U.S. Presidential Campaign Trail, 1840-1918.*

**Dr. David Weese**

Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences  
\$4,406 for: *Ecological Succession in Macroinvertebrate Communities Following a Volcanic Eruption.*

**Dr. David Zoetewey**

Department of Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy  
\$4,956 for *Understanding the structural mechanism of SARS-CoV-2 membrane fusion during infection.*

**Dr. Kasey Karen**

Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences  
\$5,000 for *Potential roles of the proteins E4 11k and Ddx6 in RIG-I-dependent interferon activation in an adenovirus infection.*

**Dr. Natalie Toomey**

Department of Professional Learning and Innovation  
\$5,000 for *Individual Differences and Multimedia Learning.*

## Congratulations!

**Lee Gillis, PhD, Psychological Science,** *Shunda Creek Treatment Program FY 2022-23, EnviroS Wilderness School Association, \$5,793.*

**Rich Adams, PhD, Biological and Environmental Sciences,** *Investigating chemosensory evolution in long horned beetles using a comparative phylogenomic framework that integrates genomic, morphological, and biochemical data, National Science Foundation, University of Memphis (UOM-pass-through entity), \$16,193.*

**Ernie Kaninjing, PhD, Health and Human Performance,** *Establishment of the Inclusive Cancer Care Research Equity (iCCaRE) for Black Men Consortium, Department of Defense, #133,097 (Yr. 1 of 2).*

**Bruce Gentry, PhD, English,** *Reconsidering Flannery O'Connor – 2023, National Endowment for the Humanities, \$235,000.*

**Jordan Cofer, PhD, Academic Affairs,** *GCSU for Writing and Communication Workshops and Mentoring, US Department of Education, \$385,000.*

## Encourage Students to Register to Vote

The Institute for Democracy & Higher Education at Tufts University recently reported impressive increases in Georgia College student participation rates in the “registering to vote” and “voting” categories from 2014, 2018, and 2020. As we endeavor to maintain and surpass our progress in this area, please let students know that the deadline for registering to vote in this year’s elections is **October 11, 2022**. To register to vote please go to [Georgia Online Voter Registration](#). For more information, including voting deadlines and instructions, please see [GC Vote 2022 half sheet.pdf](#). If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Dr. Jan Hoffmann, American Democracy Project Coordinator at [jan.hoffmann@gcsu.edu](mailto:jan.hoffmann@gcsu.edu).

### Upcoming Due Dates: Visiting Scholars and Professional Leave

**Visiting Scholars:** The Provost's Visiting Scholars Program, funded by the Office of the Provost, is intended to enrich the learning experiences of faculty and students within the context of an academic department/school. The initiative will allow academic departments/schools to invite domestic scholars for a week-long visit (Sunday to Friday). Each Scholar will contribute to the life of the academic department and enrich the student experience

[Applications](#) due: October 14, 2022

**Professional Leave:** The purpose of professional leave is to refresh and reinvigorate tenured faculty members; to improve, through appropriate activity, the academic qualifications and teaching competence of the faculty; to encourage productive scholarly research; and to stimulate contributions of high caliber in the future that will enhance the stature of both the individual and the University. For more information, [please see the policy](#).

[Applications](#) due: October 15, 2022

### Fall 2022 Required Bi-Annual Information Security Awareness Training

It is time once again to complete the required bi-annual Information Security Awareness Training at Georgia College. This training is mandatory to meet the requirements of the University System of Georgia and completion is required of all employees (faculty, staff, and student workers). All training should be completed by Friday, October 21st.

When you click on the KnowBe4 training link below you will be presented with a GCSU login screen and a DUO authentication. Once you log in, click the orange Start button to view the training. The training module should take no more than 15 minutes to complete.

Please complete the training by Friday, October 21st:  
<https://training.knowbe4.com/auth/saml/03d94e4296f7>

If you have any questions regarding this new system or the training, please feel free to contact [hance.patrick@gcsu.edu](mailto:hance.patrick@gcsu.edu).

### Affordable Learning Georgia

It is time for the fall round of Affordable Learning Georgia (ALG) grants, a USG initiative. ALG includes grants, Open-Education Resources (OER), and training. There are two types of grants: transformation and continuous improvement. Proposals must go through the Office of Grants and Sponsored Projects and are due by October 26, 2022. The OGSP is offering application review and feedback from October 12-20, 2022. Contact Dr. Shaundra Walker for information x 0980.

### GC Mental Health Initiative Resources for Faculty/Staff and Students

- **Kognito** – Kognito is an online training program to help you recognize signs of distress in another person and promote your ability to speak to them about your concerns to get them to help. This training takes less than an hour. To access this training go to [Kognito - Counseling Services | Georgia College & State University \(gcsu.edu\)](#)
- **QPR (Question Persuade Refer)** - a 90-minute training to help recognize signs of suicide risk, develop skills in starting conversations to direct at-risk people to resources. Sessions are available online through the USG at [USG's Mental Health Trainings](#)
- **Mental Health First Aid** is an 8-hour training that addresses recognizing signs of distress and talking to another person about getting help. In addition, about half of the time is spent on personal self-care/wellbeing. There is a free online version through the USG. To sign up or for more information go to [USG's Mental Health Trainings](#).
- **Student Neurodiversity Support Group:** Fridays, 11:30, Library 302, contact [andrea.wolverton@gcsu.edu](mailto:andrea.wolverton@gcsu.edu) to sign up
- **Student ADHD Survival Skills Group:** Fridays, 1:00, Library 302, contact [andrea.wolverton@gcsu.edu](mailto:andrea.wolverton@gcsu.edu) to sign up