

## Georgia College's Women's Leadership Faculty Fellows Program

The program was established in 2019 to provide a carefully selected group of current faculty members with dedicated time to develop and hone leadership skills and gain a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities confronting higher education, specifically with a focus on issues women face in academic administration.

The Women's Leadership Faculty Fellows Program is administered by the Office of Academic Affairs and facilitated by Dr. Holley Roberts, Associate Provost of Academic Affairs and Director of The Graduate School, Dr. Mandy Jarriel, Associate Professor, College of Health Sciences, and the Faculty Fellows Associate, Dr. Liz Speelman, Senior Lecturer, College of Health Sciences. Fellows will attend monthly meetings where they will learn from senior administrators on campus as well as visiting speakers.

For more information, please see the [website](#). Questions about the program may be directed to Drs. Roberts or Jarriel at [holley.roberts@gcsu.edu](mailto:holley.roberts@gcsu.edu) or [mandy.jarriel@gcsu.edu](mailto:mandy.jarriel@gcsu.edu).

The Fellows for 2022-2023 are:

- Dr. Christina Smith**, Associate Professor of Communications
- Dr. Jennifer Flory**, Professor of Music
- Dr. Joy Bracewell**, Assistant Professor of English
- Dr. Katie Simon**, Associate Professor of English
- Dr. Kerry Neville**, Associate Professor of English
- Dr. Nancy Mizelle**, Professor and Chair, Professional Learning and Innovation
- Dr. Stefanie Sevcik**, Lecturer of English
- Dr. Wathsala Medawala**, Associate Professor of Chemistry

## *Congratulations!*

**Dr. Nancy Mizelle, Chair, Professional Learning & Innovation, TQP GREAT Grant (Yr 4 of 5)**, US Dept of Education/Southern Regional Education Board, 115,289.

**Matthew Forrest, Art, Little Free Libraries, Tri County EMC Foundation**, \$1,108.

**Rachel Pope, Student Affairs, Youth and Young Adult Highway Safety Grant, Governor's Office of Highway Safety**, \$9,359.

**Sequena Stanton, Continuing and Professional Studies, High Achievers Afterschool Program, Department of Human Services**, \$185,000.

**Janet Cavin, Communities In Schools, CIS Model in BCSD, US Dept of Education via Baldwin County School District**, \$61,675 and *Wraparound Baldwin (Yr 5 of 5)*, US Dept of Education, \$499,958.

## Upcoming Events

**Alumni Weekend:** November 4-5

**Veteran's Day Ceremony:** November 11  
Magnolia Ballroom | 9:00a

**Hanging of the Greens:** November 30  
5:00p | Front Campus

**Faculty & Staff Open House:** December 7<sup>th</sup>  
Old Governor's Mansion | 9-10a and 3:30-4:30p

**Tacky Holiday Sweater Party & Contest:** December 9  
TBD | 3:00-4:00p

**Winter Commencement:** December 10  
Centennial Center | 1:00p

## Updated Religious Observance Policy

Georgia College values the religious diversity of our students. Major religious holidays that will be observed on class days are included on [the academic calendar](#) for each term.

Students are permitted to miss class in observance of religious holidays and other activities observed by a religious group of which the student is a member without academic penalty. Observance is limited to the date(s) of the holiday; supplemental time (e.g., travel time to go home to observe the holiday with family) is not eligible for accommodation. Exercising one's rights under this policy is subject to the GC Honor Code.

Students who will miss class in observance of a religious holiday or event are required to notify each instructor in writing within the first week of class of the semester in which the observance occurs and to make up the coursework missed as a result of the absence. The [Religious Observance Faculty Notification Form](#) may be used to facilitate this notification. The nature of the make-up assignments and the deadline for completion of such assignments are at the sole discretion of the instructor. Given the time limitations inherent in completing end-of-semester assignments and final exams, this policy does not apply during finals week. Students are expected to take final exams at the scheduled times and complete end-of-semester work by the deadlines set by each instructor.

Failure to follow the prescribed procedures voids all student rights under this policy. Students may appeal actions taken by an instructor under this policy through the GC [academic grievance process](#).

This policy can be found in both the [graduate](#) and [undergraduate](#) catalogs; in the [Policies, Procedures, and Practices Manual](#); and on the [Registrar's](#) website under [Required Syllabus Statements](#) and on [academic calendars](#).

## Georgia College Provost's Visiting Scholars Program

The Visiting Scholar's Program is part of an intentional effort to further our interdisciplinary collaborations, to support student learning, and to engage faculty with scholars across disciplines. Congratulations to the following departments and their Visiting Scholars, who will be on campus Spring 2023!

- **Department of Teacher Education:** Dr. Juarez Harris, assistant professor, Southern Utah University. Dr. Harris is the co-author of *White Parents, Black Children: Understanding Adoption and Race* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2017) and will present her research on Black teacher exemplars to engage faculty and students in raising consciousness.
- **Department of Communication:** Dr. Jenna Hanchey, assistant professor, Arizona State University. Dr. Hanchey's research is fostered by her experience as a Peace Corps volunteer in Tanzania. Her scholarship examines aid, development, and volunteer work in Africa.
- **Department of Communication:** Dr. R. Jarrod Atchison, associate professor, Wake Forest University. Dr. Atchison is the John Kevin Medica Director of Debate of Wake Forest University's national championship-winning (CEDA 2022) debate team. Dr. Atchison will deliver a keynote address for his new, co-authored book *We Are Not One People: Secession and Separatism in American Politics Since 1776* (Oxford University Press, 2022), facilitate a debate workshop, and judge a public debate.
- **Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences:** Dr. Rebecca Bixby, research assistant professor, University of New Mexico. Dr. Bixby was recently appointed Director of the University of New Mexico Water Resources Program. Her research on aquatic ecosystems focuses on the responses and adaptation of aquatic organisms to natural and anthropogenic stressors like fire, drought, and flooding.