



Provost Notes

April 2024

Tenure and Promotion Recipients

GCSU recently approved the promotion of 20 faculty members for their excellence in teaching, scholarship/creative activities, and service to the university, community and/or profession. The university would also like to announce that 11 faculty members earned tenure. All promotions and tenured statuses become effective with the start of the 2024-2025 contract year:

College of Arts & Sciences

Simplice Tchamna-Kouna–Promotion to Full Professor
Kasey Karen–Promotion to Full Professor
David Weese–Promotion to Full Professor
Stephanie Opperman–Promotion to Full Professor
Ashleigh Ikemoto–Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor
Stephanie Jett–Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor
Matthew Milnes–Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor
Laurie Peebles–Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor
Kristine White–Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor
Eric Rindal–Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor

University Library

Shaundra Walker–Promotion to Full Professor

College of Business & Technology

Brooke Conaway–Promotion to Full Professor
Joy Godin–Promotion to Full Professor
Brent Evans–Promotion to Full Professor
Sina Amiri–Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor
Scott Cox–Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor
Nicholas Creel–Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor
Dean Copelan–Promotion to Senior Lecturer

College of Health Sciences

Catherine Fowler–Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor
Damian Francis–Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor

Congratulations!

Angela Criscoe, M.F.A., School of Continuing & Professional Studies, Precollegiate Summer Preprogram for High School Age Youth Who are Currently Experiencing Foster Care in Georgia, University System of Georgia, \$21,528.

Dominic Desantis, PhD, Biological and Environmental Sciences, Informing Adaptive Management through Automated Recording of Habitat Use, Movement Patterns, and Key Predatory Behaviors in Eastern Diamond-Backed Rattlesnakes (*Crotalus Adamanteus*) from the Interior Coastal Plain of Georgia, Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division \$4,875.

Tenure & Promotion Overview

Join us for an overview workshop on Wednesday, **April 17, 2024**, at 12:00pm in the Pat Peterson Museum Education Room.

Commencement Ceremonies May 3rd and May 4th, 2024

The May 2024 commencement ceremonies will be held by college in the University Centennial Center and will include both graduate and undergraduate students. Students may only participate in the ceremony for their respective college.

- **College of Health Sciences**
May 3, 2:00pm
- **College of Education**
May 3, 7:00pm
- **College of Business and Technology**
May 4, 9:00am
- **College of Arts & Sciences:**
May 4, 2:00pm

For more information, please visit the Office of the Registrar - [May Commencement](#).

Cat Crew Volunteers for Fall 2024:

- 250 Volunteers Needed -- Wednesday, August 14 from 8 am to Noon.
- 400+ Volunteers Needed -- Thursday, August 15 from 7:30 am to Noon.

The 5th Annual High Impact Practices (HIPs) Summer Institute

The 5th Annual High Impact Practices (HIPs) Summer Institute offers a professional development opportunity for the Summer of 2024. All course completers are eligible to receive \$500 in professional development funds. Sponsored through *GC Journeys* and hosted by the Center for Teaching and Learning, this institute assists faculty in incorporating one (1) Transformative Experience as a cornerstone of their course during the Fall 2024 or Spring 2025. While most of the institute's work is self-paced throughout the summer, there are three (3) scheduled meetings: May 8th from 10 am to 2 pm in-person, June 10th from 2pm to 4 pm virtual, and August 2nd from noon to 2 pm in-person. Applications will continue to be accepted until May 1, pending availability. For more details, please contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 478-445-2520 or ctl@gcsu.edu. To apply, follow this link: https://gcsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cC2ccYsYZghTFpc.

Office of Grants and Sponsored Projects

The Office of Grants and Sponsored Projects (OGSP) is dedicated to supporting and facilitating the research and sponsored projects endeavors of all our faculty and staff. As we all may know, there is not always optimal time to prepare a grant, and the OGSP wants to encourage all submissions and provide our fullest support, no matter the timeline. However, it's essential to recognize that the more preparation time dedicated to the proposal, the more likely it will be funded. As a result, OGSP provides the ideal timeline for the various stages of proposal development.

- Pre-Submission (5-6 months prior deadline)**
- Proposal (3-4 months prior deadline)**
- Internal Review/Approval (1-2 months before deadline)**
- Submission (3 weeks to 1 day before deadline)**

Updated USG Policies

The USG updates policies regarding [background investigation](#) and [employment applications](#). While they require no action on your part, you may notice changes during the hiring process. These policy changes went into effect March 1, 2024.

Fall 2024 Key Dates

- August 2-6: New Faculty Orientation
- August 7: 9-12: College/Department Assessment; 1:00-5:00pm College meetings
- August 8: 9-11am: Welcome Back Faculty; 12:00-5:00pm Department meetings
- August 12: Governance Retreat
- August 13: Making Excellence Inclusive Faculty and Staff Day
- August 16: GC Reads (1:00-4:00pm)
- August 23: College Meetings with First year Students (2:30-3:15pm) Convocation (4:00-5:00pm); Faculty and New Student Picnic (5:00-7:00pm)