

# Provost Notes

Georgia College & State University

February 2020

## Inclusive Excellence Faculty Research Grant Program

The purpose of this Provost grant program is to provide funding for Georgia College faculty to conduct research on topics regarding inclusive excellence. Applicants can address inclusive excellence in a variety of ways including: examining underserved populations; researching the effect of educational, economic, health, and environmental disparities; analyzing public policies and their impact on the social world; investigating historical events; evaluation of effective and inclusive teaching; discovering the roles specific learning outcomes includes or excludes our learners; identifying the impact the use of technology has on certain populations; and recognizing the student's agency in successfully matriculating through the coursework. The recipients are:

**Paulette Cross, PhD, Professional Learning and Innovation**, College of Education, *Capturing Family Backgrounds through the use of Oral Histories and Written Memoirs*

**Melanie Devore, PhD, Biological and Environmental Sciences**, College of Arts and Sciences, *Establishing and Researching the Impact of Traveling Trunks as a Tool for Earth Science Education of Edos (Georgia) and Tribal (Washington) in Rural Communities*

## Andalusia Institute

Georgia College has established a new Andalusia Institute. This new Institute will focus on promoting educational programming centered around famed author and Georgia College alumna Flannery O'Connor. The Institute will be developing a writers' creative workshop, working with local and regional K-12 schools, and creating a residence program. Dr. Irene Burgess will serve as the inaugural Executive Director and lead this important initiative for Georgia College.

## Congratulations!

The American Chemical Society (ACS) has presented the Georgia College chapter of the ACS with an Outstanding award. **Catrena Lisse, PhD, Chemistry, Physics, and Astronomy** is the faculty advisor of the ACS chapter at GC.

## Summer Research Grants

The Office of Academic Affairs will be supporting the following faculty as part of the 2020 Georgia College Faculty Scholarship Support Program. The program will provide our colleagues with the opportunity to focus on disseminating their research, artistic work and/or teaching and learning scholarship in a peer-reviewed publication and/or juried context. The award recipients are:

- **Jennifer Goldsberry, PhD, Assistant Professor of Nursing**, College of Health Sciences
- **Katie Simon, PhD, Associate Professor of English**, College of Arts and Sciences
- **Sandra Trujillo, Professor of Art**, College of Arts and Sciences
- **Mary Magoulick, PhD, Professor of English**, College of Arts and Sciences
- **Huaiyu Wang, PhD, Professor of Philosophy**, College of Arts and Sciences

## Undergraduate Research Journal

Georgia College will be launching a national journal of undergraduate research, titled *Undergraduate Research*. A Call for an Editor went out in late December. The editor will be a Georgia College faculty member. This editor will work with MURACE, the Office of Transformative Learning Experiences, and a national editorial board to help shape and craft the direction of this new journal. The Editor will not be responsible for layout of the journal nor will this person be expected to host events during the academic year (other than potentially a launch party). The editorial board includes Dr. Eddie Watson (AAC&U), Dr. Jill Kinzie (co-author of Student Success in College, Indiana University), Dr. Amy Buddie (Director of 2019 NCUR), and many other experts in the field of undergraduate research.

For more information please contact Dr. Jordan Cofer, Associate Provost for Transformative Learning Experiences at x8753.

## Making Courses Accessible

As you may already know, students arrive on our campus with a variety of abilities and needs. As instructors, it is helpful for us to be able to provide access to our materials in a variety of formats to enable our students to gain access to the needed information. Instructors can take a few, simple steps to modify and update their documents and other resources to create an accessible environment for our learners. Given the state and federal mandates to provide accessible resources to our students, the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) has been gathering and developing resources to help instructors create accessible documents. These resources are now available in *GeorgiaVIEW* under the Center for Teaching and Learning Faculty Resources. Step-by-step guides are provided for commonly used resources (word documents, images, videos, etc.). As we work to make all of the online resources we provide to our student accessible, the CTL stands at the ready to provide you with guidance and support. The CTL will be offering workshops and additional resources and trainings to help instructors create and update accessible courses.

The best place to start is by updating the accessibility of your syllabus. Use the resources found in the Faculty Resources to make minor changes to your syllabus. If you have questions or would like help in updating your courses and materials, reach out to the CTL at [ctl@gcsu.edu](mailto:ctl@gcsu.edu), by phone at 478-445-2520, or stop by at 375 Ina Dillard Russell Library.

## Inclusive Excellence in Search Practices

The Offices of Inclusive Excellence and Human Resources will offer inclusive excellence and active diversity and inclusion search practices trainings for the spring semester. The trainings will be Feb. 12 at 9 a.m. and Feb. 13 at 2 p.m. The training is open to anyone who:

- Is a hiring authority
- Will serve on a search committee this academic year, or
- Has an interest in serving on a search committee

The trainings will be held in the Ina Dillard Russell Library Conference Room 302. To register, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/s9voe4x>.

For more information, contact OIE at 478-445-4233.

### Save the Date!

*Provost Faculty Appreciation Reception*

Tuesday April 21, 2020  
Heritage Hall | 5:00-7:00pm

*Celebration of Faculty Scholarship and Grants*

Thursday, April 23, 2020  
Pat Peterson Museum Ed Room | 4:00-6:00pm

### SACSCOC Fifth Year Review with QEP Impact Report

Georgia College is currently preparing the *SACSCOC Fifth Year Review Report* which is due to SACS on March 16, 2020. In August of 2022 we will begin the process of developing a new QEP for approval in 2024. Assessment of Academic Programs (2017-2018 & 2018-2019 SMART Reports) will be featured in the Fifth Year Review.

### Upcoming Career Center Events

March 3	Non-Profit & Government Career Fair	Donahoo Lounge	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
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March 4	All Industry Career & Internship Expo	Magnolia Ballroom	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
March 5	Media & Communication Interview Day	Magnolia Ballroom	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
*Students must submit resumes to the interview schedules by the deadline to attend			
March 12	Health Science Career Expo	Health Sciences-3rd Floor Gym	3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

#### Drop-In Days:

February 10	Atkinson Hall	February 13	Career Center
February 18	College of Arts and Sciences	March 10	Library (Career Center after Dark-5:00-7:00 p.m.)