

# Provost Notes

Georgia College & State University

January 2020

## 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. Congratulations to the following:

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|-------------------|-------------|--|
| Valerie Aranda    | Fall 2020   | Art                                    |
| Sandra Trujillo   | Spring 2021 | Art                                    |
| Gretchen Ionta    | Spring 2021 | Biological & Environmental Sciences    |
| Andrei Barkovskii | Spring 2021 | Biological & Environmental Sciences    |
| Scott Dillard     | Spring 2021 | Communication                          |
| Jan Hoffmann      | Fall 2020   | Communication                          |
| Stephanie McClure | Fall 2020   | Government & Sociology                 |
| J.F. Yao          | Spring 2021 | Information Systems & Computer Science |
| Tsu-Ming Chiang   | Spring 2021 | Psychological Science                  |
| Yeprem Mehranian  | Fall 2020   | Professional Learning & Innovation     |

## 2020 GC Journeys/MURACE Undergraduate Research Mini-Grants

The winners of the 2020 GC Journeys/MURACE Undergraduate Research Mini-Grants are:

- Department of Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy
- Department of Communication
- Department of Government & Sociology
- Department of Music
- School of Health & Human Performance x2
- Department of History & Geography
- Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences
- Department of English
- Department of Psychological Science

## Congratulations!

**Carolyn Denard, PhD, Office of Inclusive Excellence, STEM Education Improvement Plan IV-Sector Lead, University System of Georgia, \$20,000.**

**Karl Manrodt, PhD, Management, Marketing, and Logistics, State Purchasing Division's Three-year Plan and Leadership Academy, GaDoAS, \$25,000.**

**Hasitha Mahabaduge, PhD, Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy, Felton Jenkins, Jr. Hall of Fame Award.**

**The College of Education** earned highest rating on new GaPSC educator preparation program that measures effectiveness. GC was one of only five public colleges and universities across the state received the highest rating. More information here can be found here.

**Middle Grades Education** program earned two awards at the National Association of Professors of Middle Level Education's 46th Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. The program won for "Outstanding Middle Level Teacher Education Program" and "Outstanding Collegiate Middle Level Association (CMLA) Chapter."

The **MPA Program** has been ranked 13<sup>th</sup> best online MPA Programs by [intelligent.com](http://intelligent.com).

## Inclusive Excellence Research Grant: Deadline extended to January 15, 2020

The purpose of this grant is to provide funding for Georgia College faculty to conduct research on topics regarding inclusive excellence. The institution and faculty can investigate inclusive excellence in a variety of ways.

*Grant amount:* Up to \$4,000.00

*Application Due:* Jan. 15, 2020

*Winners Announced:* Jan. 24, 2020

*Award Lasts Until:* June 1, 2020. (All money must be expended by June 2020)

For more information, please visit the CTL website at: <https://www.gcsu.edu/ctl/inclusive-excellence>

### Rural Studies Institute

Georgia College has established a new *Rural Studies Institute*. This new Institute will focus on education, research and scholarship regarding issues that impact rural areas including educational, environmental, economic and health disparities. Dr. Veronica Womack will become the founding Executive Director and lead this important initiative for Georgia College.

### Spring Department Chair Leadership Series

The Department Chair spring sessions will be held in the University Banquet Room:

February 6

March 5

April 2

### Upcoming Career Center Events

The Career Center, located at 110 Lanier Hall, has many exciting events and Drop-In Days upcoming:

|             |   |                           |                    |
|-------------|---|---------------------------|--------------------|
| January 31  | <b>Teacher Recruitment and Mock Interview Day</b>     | WRC Intramural Courts     | <b>10:00-3:00</b>  |
| January 31  | <b>Accounting Summer Leadership Recruitment Event</b> | Pat Peterson Museum Ed Rm | <b>10:00-12:00</b> |
| February 12 | <b>IT Career Fair</b>                                 | Magnolia Ballroom         | <b>9:30-12:30</b>  |

### Incoming Dean of the J. Whitney Bunting College of Business

Dr. Micheal T. Stratton has been appointed to serve as new dean of Georgia College's J. Whitney Bunting College of Business, effective July 1, 2020.

Stratton is currently a professor of management at the University of North Carolina Asheville. He has served as Unit Head for the AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) and chair of the department of management and accountancy since 2014. For more information, see this article.

### USG Core Curriculum Redesign

As part of the University System of Georgia's *College 2025* initiative and the system's "comprehensive strategy around student success and completion called *Momentum Year*", the USG has been working on a redesign of the core curriculum to meet the needs of today's students and workforce. The redesign is still in the development stage. For more information and to give feedback on progress so far, please see [this information](#) on the USG website.

### Georgia College New Hiring Directives

From Susan Allen, Vice President for Finance & Administration:

Effective December 15, 2019, a critical hire justification narrative will be required for approval to move forward with any searches for full-time vacant or new positions budgeted at \$40,000 or more annually. All fund sources apply. To begin all relevant searches, please complete the *Critical Hire Form* which can be found on the GC Forms Page:

<https://intranet.gcsu.edu/faculty-and-staff-forms/university-required-forms>.

If you have already posted a position and are in the midst of a search, you are exempt from this process.

For questions regarding this process, please contact the Office of the Vice President for Finance and Administration at 478-445-5148.