

# NEWS UPDATE

## Center for Teaching and Learning



Walter Isaac, is a Professor in the Department of Psychological Science.

### Focus on Faculty

The Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) would like to recognize Dr. Walt Isaac for publishing an essay demonstrating excellence in teaching. The essay titled "The Zeitgeist is Right for Using Student Created Comics as Learning Tools" was posted on the Division 2 PSYCTEACHER listserv in their Essays from Excellence in Teaching (Volume 15).

In the essay, Walt elaborates on the fact a slow upward trend he's witnessed in cited research on comics beginning in the 1970s, and since 2004, there has been a increase in sources referring to comics. He also explains in this essay different approaches to incorporating the use of media into teaching and learning.

Walt has been at Georgia College since 1998. He has been involved in several learning communities throughout his time at Georgia College. Early in his career, Walt began exploring how to incorporate various forms of technology tools into his teaching.

Walt's most often used tool is Kaltura. Kaltura allows him to "flip the classroom" and provide students with informational videos. Kaltura is the video recording and uploading software, incorporated into GeorgiaVIEW (My Media).

This tool provides the mechanism to securely and reliably deliver media to students in his courses. It also provides closed-captioning to all uploaded media.

According to Walt, Kaltura has become an essential tool in his teaching. It allows him to upload his "Welcome to the Course" and "Course Tour" videos. He has a series of video podcasts housed in his Media Public Gallery within his course in GeorgiaVIEW. The podcasts are related to his lectures and provide students with both instruction and information.

Additionally, Walt's students use Kaltura to create audio and video podcasts on topics for discussion. Student groups post audio podcasts early in the semester and then shift to video podcasts. At the end of the course, all students upload a video and edit the closed captioning on an individual video podcast project as a final assignment. Walt incorporates this assignment into his courses because he believes that this is a great experience for students and provides them with a technical skill they can share with others.

### GeorgiaVIEW Updates

**Assignments:** instant notifications are available for students when feedback or evaluations are entered.

**Discussions:** learning outcomes can be aligned to discussion topics. The discussions can now be assessed against the outcomes.

**Rubrics:** quick-links can now be created directly to rubrics also, Learning outcomes can be aligned to the rubric criteria.

[More about GeorgiaVIEW April Updates](#)

## GeorgiaVIEW Tips

### Releasing Final Grades & Import/Export Copy Tool

Can your students see their final grade in GeorgiaVIEW? Releasing final grades quick guide for more information.

Are you in need of copying over course content into another course? Copy previous course content into new course quick guide.

### Quality Matters Rubric Training

The CTL is sponsoring a workshop, Applying the Quality Matters Rubric, sixth edition. Contact Jeanne Sewell if interested.

Applying Quality Matters assists the instructor in designing courses from the lens of the learner and it is strongly recommended that instructors teaching online and blended courses attend this workshop.

Faculty will receive a certificate of completion after the workshop.

### Tips from the CTL

Share and discover free audio stories by using Podcasts.

Learn more about Apple Podcasts and explore how you and your students can use this app to both create and listen to podcasts.

## CTL Welcomes Dr. Vinson

### New Instructional Designer Specialist

- Dr. Simeco Vinson started as Instructional Designer Specialist at the Center for Teaching and Learning effective April 1st.
- Simeco brings a wealth of experience in course design and data analysis from her administration and teaching roles at Mercer University.
- She looks forward to continuing her data analysis work as a part of the Gateways to Completion efforts at Georgia College.



## CTL Updates from the Library

### Year Long JSTOR database trial

Russell Library has arranged a year long trial with JSTOR for all Arts & Sciences Collections not already owned. Access to the trial journals and articles is available through JSTOR, GALILEO, Google Scholar, and FindIt@ links.

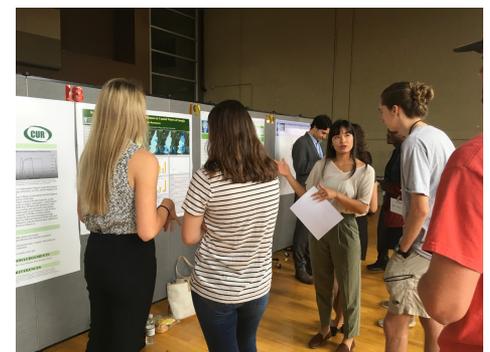
## MURACE News

### GURC Posters at the Georgia State Capitol

- Georgia College students Madeline Drive, Amelia Dubose (representing the Psychology Department), and Nick Palmer, (representing the Physics department) presented their research at the Capitol in March.
- Abigail Quick served as a GC Ambassador for the event.
- Johnny Grant and Holly Croft were extensive contributors to this event.
- The Co-Chairs of the GURC Posters at the Georgia State Capitol confirm that the first-year's event was a success.
- The event drew many positive comments from department chairs, faculty, and visitors to the Capitol, including members of the State Senate and House of Representatives.

### Student Research Conference

- There were a total of 103 presentations at this year's Student Research Conference.
- Ten (10) presentations were selected to be presented at the Southeastern Undergraduate Research COPLAC Conference to be held on the GCSU campus on April 26th and 27th.
- Dr. Karen Berman is working with the 11 students who will be presenting at COPLAC on the delivery of their presentations.



Students presenting at the Student Research Conference on April 5, 2019.