

NEWS UPDATE

Center for Teaching and Learning



Dr. Jordan Cofer
Associate
Provost for
Transformative
Learning
Experiences

Focus on Faculty

The Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) welcomes Dr. Jordan Cofer as the new Associate Provost for Transformative Learning Experiences. He began his position as the new Associate Provost for Transformative Learning Experiences on July 1. Jordan joins us from nearby Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College, where he served as Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning, and Professor of English. Jordan has also previously served as Department Head for English and Interim Dean of Arts and Sciences. He also started the ABAC Teaching and Learning conference in the Fall, the ABAC Summer Writing Workshop, as well as running ABAC's first ever Undergraduate Research Conference. Jordan has been very involved in supporting high impact practices and is an executive board member of LEAP Georgia. He is excited to help support and grow the GC Journeys program.

For Jordan, whose research interest is in Flannery O'Connor, living and working in Milledgeville is a dream come true. He has written and presented several articles and talks on Flannery O'Connor as well as the book, *The Gospel According to Flannery O'Connor* and the forthcoming book *Reconsidering Flannery O'Connor*. He also published on Jean Toomer's Cane (which was inspired by Toomer's time in Sparta, GA) as well as a variety of other authors.

He has also published in *The Kansas City Star* and *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

In 2014, Jordan spent the summer in Milledgeville for the 2014 National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Institute, at Georgia College, so he came to Milledgeville with some familiarity of the best restaurants in town. He was also a USG Executive Leadership (ELI) Institute Scholar in 2014 to 2015. He has been engaged in many different USG initiatives, serving on the USG Teaching and Learning Directors Regent's Advisory Committee, the Momentum Year Approach, Gateway to Completion (G2C), and the Chancellor's Learning Scholars initiatives.

Over the years, he worked closely with several GC faculty and staff members, so he's excited to get started at Georgia College. In his free time, Jordan enjoys distance running and brewing beer.

GeorgiaVIEW Updates

Assignments: You can now manage all assignment categories from a single page, and an eraser was added to the annotation feature.

Navigation: If an image is not used for the user profile picture, her/his initials will be displayed.

Click **July Updates** to learn more about GeorgiaVIEW July Updates

GeorgiaVIEW Tips

The Calendar Tool in GeorgiaVIEW can be used to manage and organize course events and important dates. The Calendar possibilities include the following:

- Create an event
- Create and manage tasks
- Set due dates for homework posted in GeorgiaVIEW

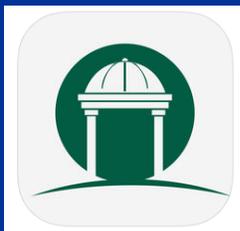
Learn more about the **Calendar Tool** in GeorgiaVIEW.

New Faculty Orientation

The **2019 New Faculty Orientation agenda** has been published and is now available on the Center for Teaching and Learning website. If you have any questions about New Faculty Orientation, please contact the Center for Teaching and Learning.

Tips from the CTL

The Georgia College Mobile App is available for free on the **Apple App Store** and the **Google Play Store**. The official app of Georgia College is a quick and easy access to the faculty and staff directory, campus maps, campus info, news, events, GeorgiaVIEW, Ina Dillard Library, Parking and Transportation, Campus Life, Athletics, etc.



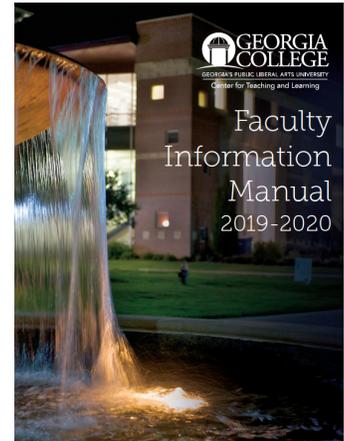
CTL Updates

Student Rating of Instruction Survey (SRIS) Summer 2019

Information Technology is in transition with the Student Rating of Instruction Survey (SRIS) where the delivery platform will be changing beginning Fall 2019. Due to the transition, the SRIS will not be administered this summer. The Center for Teaching and Learning will provide support and training to help you navigate the new platform. More details to come.

Faculty Information Manual

The **2019 Faculty Information Manual** has been published. You will find the Faculty Information Manual on the Center for Teaching and Learning site. If you have any questions about the Faculty Information Manual, please contact the Center for Teaching and Learning at 478-445-2520, or ctl@gcsu.edu.



Academic Affairs Organization Chart

The **Academic Affairs Organizational Chart** has been updated based on new leadership. The Center for Teaching and Learning would like to welcome each of the new members to Georgia College.

CTL Updates from IT

Service Change

Information Technology (IT) would like to announce that there have been staff changes in the Operations, Planning and Budget area of IT. Toi Franks, Operations Manager, retired on Friday, June 28. Cindy Bowen is now assuming the lead role for GC Signatures. IT requests that you use the **GC Signatures Request Form** if you have a form you would like considered for development. Cindy's extension is 7177 and her email is cindy.bowen@gcsu.edu. Maria Gordon and Cindy will work together to cover the other IT related duties over the next few months. Please contact IT through the main number, 1196, or email, it_opb@gcsu.edu.

CTL Updates from MURACE

GURC Conference Open for Abstract Submissions

The Georgia Undergraduate Research Conference (GURC) announced that the Southeast's Preeminent Undergraduate Research Conference application portal is now open for abstract submissions. The submission portal will close September 18, 2019, at midnight. This is a great opportunity for undergraduate students. Visit the **MURACE webpage** for details. The conference will be held at the University of North Georgia's beautiful Gainesville Campus November 1 through 2, 2019. Stay up to date with the upcoming 8th Annual event opportunities, and read about past GURC Conference events.