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### Upcoming Events

- August 15 COE Fall Faculty & Staff Meeting
- Sept. 14 Rural Based HIV Education & Training
- Sept. 14 Building Research Collaborations and Partnerships Between COE Faculty
- Sept. 14 Qualitative Research Workshop
- Sept. 18 STEM Career Fair
- Oct. 3, 2012 Fries Lecture, Dr. Richard Arum (see related article)
- Oct. 13, COE Board of Advisors Meeting
- Oct. 13, COE Alumni Tailgate Party

[More announcements.](#)

### 2nd Curriculum Studies Collaborative a Success

COE's Curriculum Studies Summer Collaborative held in June in Savannah, GA, drew a 50 percent increase in attendance over last year, according to Dr. Daniel Chapman who co-chairs the planning council with Dr. Julie Maudlin. "A collaborative is conceived as a generative space, not just a presentation space," Dr. Chapman explains. As such, it gathers diverse individuals within and beyond the field of curriculum studies and seeks to promote a dialogue and cooperative action among established curriculum scholars. This year's meeting drew 85 participants.

[Click here for more information on next year's conference.](#)

### Dean's Summer Update

As I begin my third year at Georgia Southern, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as COE Dean. It has been a tremendous two years and I'm honored to work with such a strong faculty, staff and administrative team. I'm also proud of our graduates and the important teaching, research and service they do to better our state, nation and world.

Now, to bring you up-to-date on what I've been doing. The summer months have been busy ones. I've traveled throughout the state visiting alumni and attending professional meetings while continuing to build strong relationships and partnerships with the leadership of Georgia school systems. I participated in the Georgia Forward Education Summit and the Science and Mathematics Teacher Imperative meetings. COE also worked with the College of Science and Mathematics to prepare two proposals in response to the Race-to-the-Top Innovation Funds RFP. I'll keep you informed about the status of those proposals as well as other exciting developments at COE throughout the coming months.

Please feel free to contact me. I'm always interested in hearing from our friends and alumni. [Email me at tkoballa@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:tkoballa@georgiasouthern.edu)



Thomas R. Koballa, Jr., Ph.D.  
Dean and Professor

### Academically Adrift Author to Deliver Fries Lecture



At COE's invitation, Dr. Richard Arum, co-author of *Academically Adrift: Limited Learning on College Campuses*, will be the 2013 Norman Fries Distinguished Lecturer, Wednesday, October 3. Dr. Arum raises questions about the quality of the academic and social experiences of college students and calls for refocusing attention on the fundamental



Drs. Daniel Chapman and Julie Maudlin, co-chairs of the Curriculum Studies Collaborative

goals of higher education. Dr. Arum's co-author is Josipa Roksa. Dr. Arum is professor of sociology and education at New York University and Program Director of Educational Research at the Social Science Research Council. The Norman Fries Distinguished Lectureship Series at Georgia Southern began in 2001. It is funded by an endowment in honor of the late Norman Fries, who was the founder of Claxton Poultry. In his more than 50 years in business, Fries built the company from a one-man operation into one of the nation's largest poultry production plants. More information on the lecture will be forthcoming.

### Reading, Ecology, and Math: Georgia Teachers Get Schooled

#### Faculty News



Dr. Lorraine Gilpin was selected as a Fellow in Scholarship in Teaching and Learning for 2012-2013. Her project is entitled "A Multipronged Analysis of Teaching and

Learning in an ESOL Endorsement Course." The fellows program supports faculty in the design, development and implementation of research-based instructional strategies in a course regularly taught.

COE's summer Teacher Quality grant workshops and institutes gave teachers from a dozen Georgia counties concrete ways to engage their students during the new school year. Dr. Sally Brown and Dr. Sabrina Ross conducted an institute for Glynn County K-5 teachers to learn about reading theories, strategies for implementing the ELA Common Core State Standards while empowering students and reducing conflict in the classroom. Dr. Missy Bennett, working with other COE and Georgia Southern faculty, worked with 18 science teachers from 11 counties as they explored the ecology of coastal Georgia's barrier islands, swamps and rivers. Dr. Chuck Hodges also worked with other COE and Georgia Southern faculty to give Glynn County teachers a local context to their lessons by visiting the Georgia Ports authority and Georgia Power's Plant McManus. This approach makes instruction more relevant and meaningful to students. Teachers participated in sessions on problem-based learning, Common Core State Standards for math, instructional design and action research.

#### COE Factoid



There are 19,925 COE alumni.

A key component of each program is providing teachers with practical, user-friendly instruction and examples to take back to their classrooms, and continuing the link between faculty and participants through additional workshops and web-based interaction.

#### First-Day Stories

Alumni, don't forget to send us your first day stories -- those funny or touching moments you remember from your first day as an educator. Send them to [collegeofed@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:collegeofed@georgiasouthern.edu) or post them on [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/georgiasouthern.edu).



Scenes from COE's Summer TQ Workshops



## COE Alumni TAILGATE PARTY 2012

An afternoon  
of FOOD,  
*friends*, &  
FOOTBALL

We're getting together before the Georgia Southern Eagles battle the Wofford Terriers for our first **Alumni Tailgate Party, Saturday, October 13**. We'll have lots of food and drinks for you to enjoy as you visit with your COE friends. So, please don't miss this opportunity to cheer the Eagles on to victory, visit with old friends and make new ones from the College of Education. **We'll be sending out more information as the date gets closer.** In the meantime, if you have any questions, contact Dawn Oliver at [doliver@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:doliver@georgiasouthern.edu)

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