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Women's Leadership Series creates leadership, service opportunities in Statesboro

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The Women's Leadership Series (WLS) kicked off 2017 with its first session, "Perceptions and Identities of International Women in the Workplace" on March 9.

Faculty Team Leaders Arpita Saha, Ph.D., Shainaz Landge, Ph.D., and Ph.D. student Maya Buser De conceptualized this exciting session. The session was composed as a roundtable, with 10 international participants from campus and the community, to share the experiences of being international business members, faculty and students in Statesboro.

WLS is sponsored by the Women's and Gender Studies Program (WGST). The series arose out of a WGST collaborative panel on women and mentoring, led by WGST Director Lisa A. Costello, Ph.D., at the 2016 Diversity, Inclusion and Fairness (DIF) Conference.

"After the WGST panel, so many attendees approached us and said, 'How can we do this again?'" said Costello. "The panel was really fruitful and informative, and I wanted to ensure we could find another way to empower each other to succeed."



The WLS is designed to create leadership opportunities for women to serve the campus and become session leaders for future Series events. It empowers women also to seek leadership opportunities for professional success. Sessions include faculty, students and community members as both panelists and audiences.

The outcomes of the series include defining women's leadership from multiple perspectives, examining women's leadership in various settings and structures, understanding the advantages and challenges associated with women's leadership, considering the ways in which diverse women's leadership activity can empower individuals and/or changes structures, and learning strategies for women's leadership and how they can be applied to create more equitable and fulfilling workplace and classroom spaces.

"WLS grew organically from an expressed need for spaces in which to discuss the advantages and challenges of being a woman in leadership," said Costello. "It also grew out of a desire from the campus community to engage in conversations about leadership across disciplines and across colleges. With representation thus far from almost every college on campus in our sessions, I would say in that respect the Series is already a success."

The WLS will meet next on Friday, April 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. in room 2148 of the College of Education Building. Michele Martin, assistant director of Student Affairs, CRI Programs, will lead a panel titled "Achieving Work-Life Fulfillment."

Men and women who are looking to learn, grow in their careers and network in the area are encouraged to attend the next session. Sessions are free and open by RSVP only. To RSVP for the next session, email Janina Jones at janinajones@georgiasouthern.edu.

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Register your little Eagles for the i²STEMe Experience Summer 2017

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Little Eagles from elementary to high school ages can increase their knowledge of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), this summer through the i²STEMe Experience Summer 2017 at Georgia Southern University.

[Registration](#) is open for the i²STEMe Experience Summer 2017 camp programs. During the Eagle i²STEMe Experience, students will be challenged to imagine, plan, create, improve and inquire in collaboration with their instructors and their peers.

Each camp engages students and encourages exploration and investigation by teaching them how to evaluate problems and design potential solutions in real-world scenarios. Students are also encouraged to learn to apply the engineering design process which combines practical knowledge and their natural creativity to devise potential solutions to some of today's issues.

Some of the courses offered are Girls – Hop To It, a science-based, hands-on nature day camp where girls will learn about reptiles and amphibians; Eagle Expedition, a unique marine science camp with STEM experiences; and two engineering STEM camps: Gear It Up, where students will conduct research experiments designed specifically for intelligent vehicle programming, and The Creators, a camp that introduces the fun of engineering. Learn more about all the courses offered [here](#).

All Eagle i²STEMe Experience programming is created by Georgia Southern faculty who are experts in their fields, and will be monitored and evaluated to ensure that students are engaged in the application of STEM fields, along with the necessary 'soft skills' to create, collaborate and communicate to a variety of audiences – all while having a blast!

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