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# Biology professor featured in American Entomologist Magazine

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James H. Oliver Jr., Ph.D. ('52), was recently featured in the Winter 2016 edition of American Entomologist in a piece titled, "Ticks, Lyme Disease, and a Golden Gloves Champion."

The eight-page-spread, written by Marlin E. Rice, captures the life and research of the Georgia Southern professor of biology emeritus, his contributions to the field and research in Lyme Disease.

In 2013, Georgia Southern named the James H. Oliver, Jr., Institute of Arthropodology and Parasitology, now the James H. Oliver, Jr., Institute for Coastal Plain Science, for the professor, who also served as a director for 19 years in the College of Science and Mathematics.

American Entomologist is a quarterly magazine that publishes articles and information of general entomological interest.

To read the full story, visit <http://ae.oxfordjournals.org/content/62/4/206>.

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# Annual Southern Conference on Children arrives in January

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The Department of Continuing Education will host the 30th annual Southern Conference on Children on Saturday, Jan. 28 at the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center.

This one-day conference allows childcare center directors and personnel, teachers, childcare providers and parents of young children to attend special sessions with information on current childcare trends and other related topics. The theme this year, "Including All Children," has a specific focus on the ways in which childcare personnel and parents can support and nurture diversity in young children.

Kristie Lewis, assistant commissioner for child care services at the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL) and state co-administrator for the state Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) program, will be the first keynote speaker of the conference. Channie Frazier ('04), Lead Pre-K Teacher at Kid's World Learning Center in Statesboro and Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning's 2016 Teacher of the Year, will follow.

The conference is sponsored by the School of Human Ecology, the College of Health and Human Sciences and the Division of Continuing Education.

To register for the conference,

visit <http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/ce/conferences/scoc/scoregistration/>. Early registration is \$60 before Jan. 13, registration is \$85 and \$95 on the day of.

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# Flatbed Picture Planes opens at the Center for Art and Theatre

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Flatbed Picture Planes will be presented in the Contemporary Gallery at the Center for Art and Theatre (CAT) from Jan. 9 to Feb. 3. A reception will be held on Jan. 19 at 6 p.m. at the CAT, and a curator lecture will take place on Feb. 2 at 5 p.m. in the Visual Arts Building, room 2071.

The exhibition examines the functionality of the painted surface in an age of big data and complex networks, questioning how it operates in contemporary information culture and what its representation means in a society that is increasingly organized by abstract networks.

Creators of the exhibit, artists Alicia LaChance, Laura Mosquera and Amy Schissel, have discarded the notions of paintings as a single window into a unified optical or pictorial space, and instead

create dynamic approaches to layering and visual mash-ups in tune with hybridized, jump-cut modes of seeing.

"The idea for this show comes from a brilliant, often overlooked, essay by Leo Steinberg, titled *The Flatbed Picture Plane*," said Gallery Director Jason Hoelscher, MFA, who curated the exhibition.

"Writing in 1968, Steinberg was prescient enough to see that the industrial era was beginning to shift toward an information culture. In the light of this, Steinberg suggested art would need to update its approaches to depicting the world if it wanted to stay relevant to what were, just then, emerging information technologies."

Fast forward nearly 50 years after Steinberg's essay and his predictions have come to pass, and then some.

"In this show I thought it would be interesting to combine Steinberg's idea of the flatbed picture plane – a surface less focused on representing things than on being a work surface where things happen – and combine it with contemporary art's tendency to explore, sample and mash-up the history of art to make everything contemporary again," continued Hoelscher. "The result is this exhibition of work by three contemporary artists from different regions of the United States who create densely worked and layered paintings in which the surface presents overloads of perceptual, conceptual and art historical information with eye-popping density and intricately constructed surfaces – *Flatbed Picture Planes* revived."

All events are free and open to the public.

The Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art (BFSDoArt) is committed to offering quality undergraduate and graduate degree programs that prepare students to become professional artists, designers, art historians and industry leaders. The BFSDoArt is recognized as an accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD). For more information, visit [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/art](http://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/art).

The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) is the largest of the eight colleges that make up Georgia Southern University, and it plays a central role in every student's core of knowledge. CLASS, also described as the University's College of the Creative Mind, prepares students to achieve academic excellence, develop their analytical skills, enhance their creativity and embrace their responsibilities as citizens of their communities, their nations and the world. CLASS offers more than 20 undergraduate degrees and several interdisciplinary minors from its 11 departments and five academic centers. CLASS offers eight master's degrees, two graduate certificates and one doctoral degree. For more information, visit [class.georgiasouthern.edu](http://class.georgiasouthern.edu).

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## **Public Safety welcomes two new officers, first K9 officer**

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*New Public Safety Officers Chad Murray, left, Chris Doyle and Deimos are sworn in as new public safety officers by Georgia Southern Police Chief Laura McCullough.*

Georgia Southern University officially welcomed two new public safety officers and one dedicated K-9 officer to the force. Georgia Southern's Office of Public Safety now has 39 officers who not only serve the University's campus but also assist local agencies.

Officer Chad Murray and Officer Chris Doyle were sworn in by Chief Laura McCullough in a ceremony on campus.

K-9 officer Deimos also is new to Georgia Southern's police department. The Dutch Shepherd is the first canine on the force and the only explosives detection K-9 in Bulloch County. With a trained ability to detect 18 different odors, he will work alongside Patrol Officer Erk McCurdy to assist with explosives sweeps and the needs of other agencies.

"The University's police department continues to grow to meet the demands of a growing University," said Chief Laura McCullough. "We were the first public safety force in Bulloch County to incorporate body cameras and in-car recording systems into our daily work and we are excited to have our first explosives detection K-9."

## **Telfair named APHA President-Elect**

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*Joseph Telfair, DrPH, MSW, MPH*

Joseph Telfair, DrPH, MSW, MPH professor of public health practice and research and dual chair of the Department of Community Health and Health Policy and Management, has been named President-elect of the [American Public Health Association](#) (APHA).

"My approach to, and practice of, leadership is to utilize my knowledge, skills and experience to identify and take on roles that allow me to make the greatest contribution to public health," said Telfair. "Having this leadership gives me a unique and privileged opportunity to serve."

Telfair has nearly 31 years of experience as a clinician, community advocate, academic, evaluator, project director and researcher. He has been a public health faculty member, advocate and leader in three schools of public health for 23 years, working with diverse populations in community-based settings, primary care and public health. Telfair is the Karl Peace Distinguished Professor of Public Health in the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health at Georgia Southern.

As a 28-year member of APHA, Telfair has served in numerous leadership roles such as being a member of both the maternal and child health and social work sections, member and chair of the nominating committee, member of the executive board, finance committee, governance committee, strategic planning committee, social responsibility committee and on the membership development taskforce.

"Based on my years as a member, I have been fortunate to gain vast experience and knowledge of APHA and have continually demonstrated my commitment to the organization and the cause of public health," said Telfair.

Telfair's name was submitted by his APHA sections and by the Georgia Public Health Association to the association's nominating committee. He and one other candidate were then selected and their names were sent forth to a 200 member governing council and 17 member executive board who, after a six month campaign, elected one of those candidates. Telfair won the election.

APHA is the nation's and the world's leading public health organization, representing over 25,000 members from all disciplines of public health in the US and in over 40 countries.

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# Service Corp of Retired Executives chapter opens in Statesboro

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The Savannah chapter of the Service Corp of Retired Executives (SCORE) opened a satellite office at Georgia Southern's Business Innovation Group (BIG) in Statesboro on Jan. 9.

SCORE has been working with Georgia Southern's Veterans Business Outreach Center (VBOC) to open this chapter. VBOC, SCORE and the Small Business Development Center will all be housed at City Campus in downtown Statesboro.

Both VBOC and SCORE are resource partners of the Small Business Administration and mutually supportive of each other. Jeremy Horstman, director of the VBOC, reached out to his SCORE partners and connected with Gary Johnson, who manages new chapter development for SCORE.

"SCORE opening an office in Statesboro greatly increases the capacity of help and support we can provide to small businesses in Statesboro and the surrounding areas," said Horstman. "The Business Innovation Group at Georgia Southern is really becoming a one stop shop with the many resources that we have housed in our facility to help small businesses start and grow."

## **About SCORE:**

The SCORE chapter at Georgia Southern will provide integral business mentoring for entrepreneurs and small business owners in the surrounding areas. Entrepreneurs and small business owners can visit [www.score.org](http://www.score.org) as a resource to locate the nearest SCORE office or identify an online mentor specializing in their industry.

SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses get off the ground, grow and achieve their goals through education and mentorship. For 50 years, SCORE has served as America's premier source of free, confidential business education and mentoring.

## **About VBOC:**

VBOCs are a Small Business Administration (SBA) resource partner and designed to provide entrepreneurial development services, such as business training, counseling and mentoring Services. VBOCs provide pre-business plan workshops, concept assessments, business plan preparations and comprehensive feasibility analysis. The VBOC is funded by a grant from the SBA. [Coba.GeorgiaSouthern.edu/VBOC](http://Coba.GeorgiaSouthern.edu/VBOC)

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