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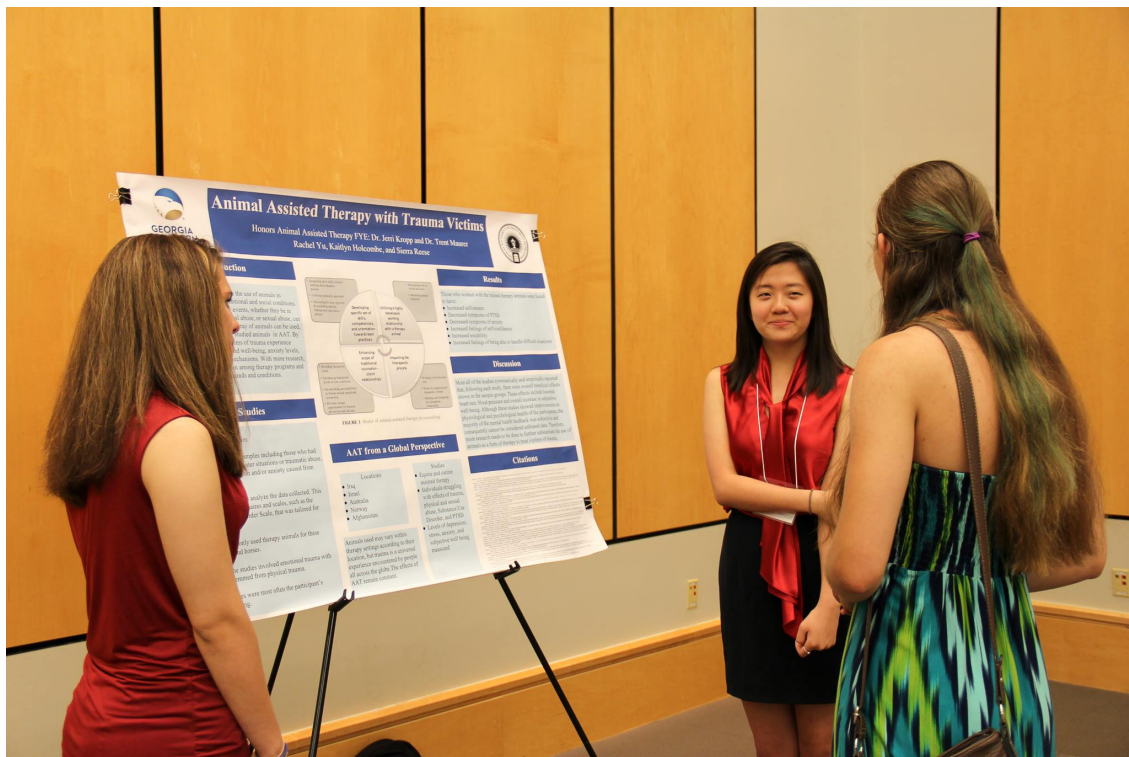
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2017 Honors Research Symposium



Senior-year honors students might agree with T.S. Eliot that “April is the cruellest month” as the honors thesis deadline greets them on the month’s first day, but Chaucer’s take on April as a month of rebirth and awakening perhaps better characterizes the experience of the Honors Research Symposium. On April 21, over 125 honors students presented their work, including both senior theses and poster presentations, bringing the total number of participants to over 800 since 2008.

To see more pictures from the event, click [here!](#)



Students from Georgia Southern's and Armstrong State's honors programs met at the Southern Regional Honors Council annual meeting to discuss the future.

In preparation for Georgia Southern's upcoming consolidation with Armstrong, six honors students from both schools have taken initiative in bridging the gap between the two schools' honors programs.

Students from Georgia Southern include Hannah Dorough (psychology '18), Morgan Gallahue (biology '18), and Caitlin Shelby (graphic design / interior design '20), and students from Armstrong include Kaley Powers (biology '18), Linnea Ryan (history '19), and Leila Caughran (ASL interpretation '20).

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Alumni Update: Blalock Wins Fulbright for Research in Chile



Blalock working on her dissertation research in the archives

After completing her honors thesis in 2011 titled “The Voices of the Lost: How the Poetry and Prose of the Great War Reveal the Mentality of the Lost Generation,” Danielle Blalock (history and Spanish) switched gears and focused her studies on Latin America while completing her Ph.D. in history at the University of Arizona. With the aid of a Fulbright grant, Blalock has the opportunity to travel to Chile to finish her research. She will live in the country for nine months, conducting research for her dissertation, tentatively titled “Collaborative Activisms: Chilean University Student Networks and Mobilization, 1964-1990.” Her research aims to contribute to the historical understanding of universities as political spaces.

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Honors Alumni are encouraged to update their information [here](#)!

Honors Program Travels to Southern Regional Honors Council Annual Meeting



Honors students presenting on the Honors Living Learning Community

Asheville, North Carolina is a unique city. Home to eclectic stores, local art shops, numerous music venues, and a diverse selection of restaurants, its creative vibe provided the perfect backdrop for this year's Southern Regional Honors Council conference (SRHC), which brought in over 700 honors students from a wide range of disciplines. Of these students, twenty-nine were from Georgia Southern, and their presentations covered several forms and disciplines, from a lecture on emotion in Disney films to a panel on consolidating Georgia Southern's and Armstrong State's honors programs.

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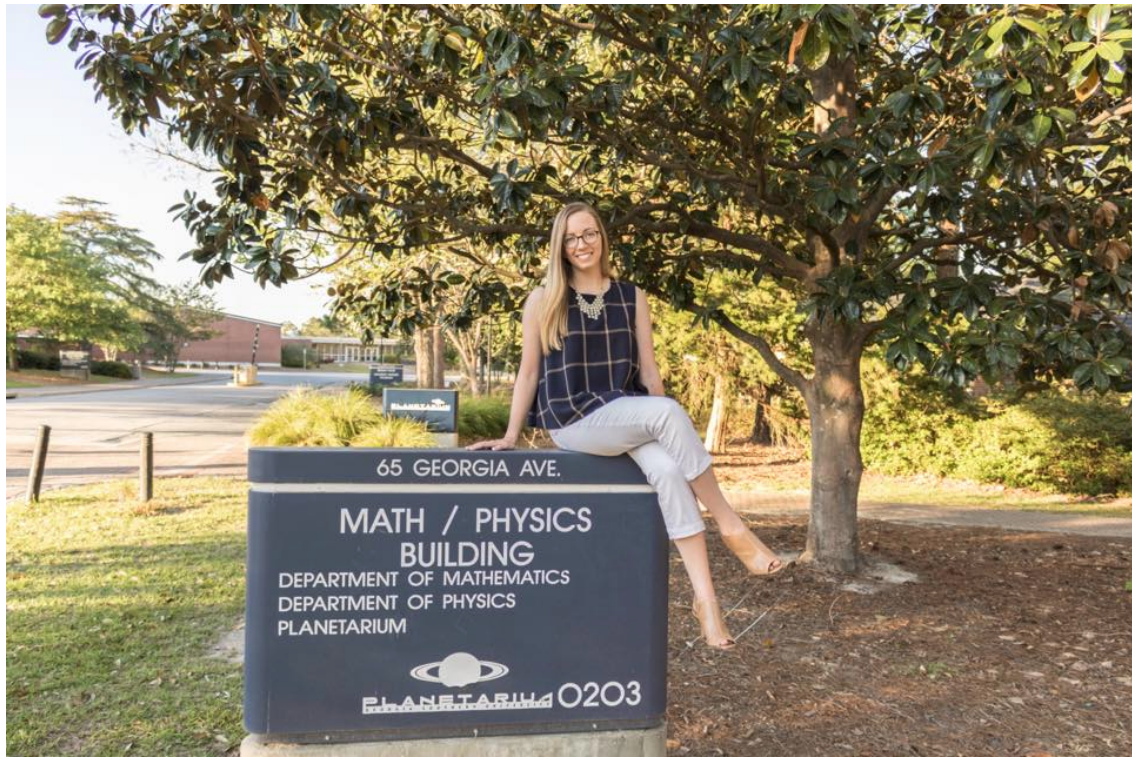
Salena Neuwar Wins GAYC Student of the Year



Salena Neuwar (childhood and family development '17) was named the 2016 [Georgia Association on Young Children \(GAYC\)](#) Student of the Year at the Together for Children Conference.

For more on her win, click [here](#).

Honors in Action: Ashwood at the American Physical Society

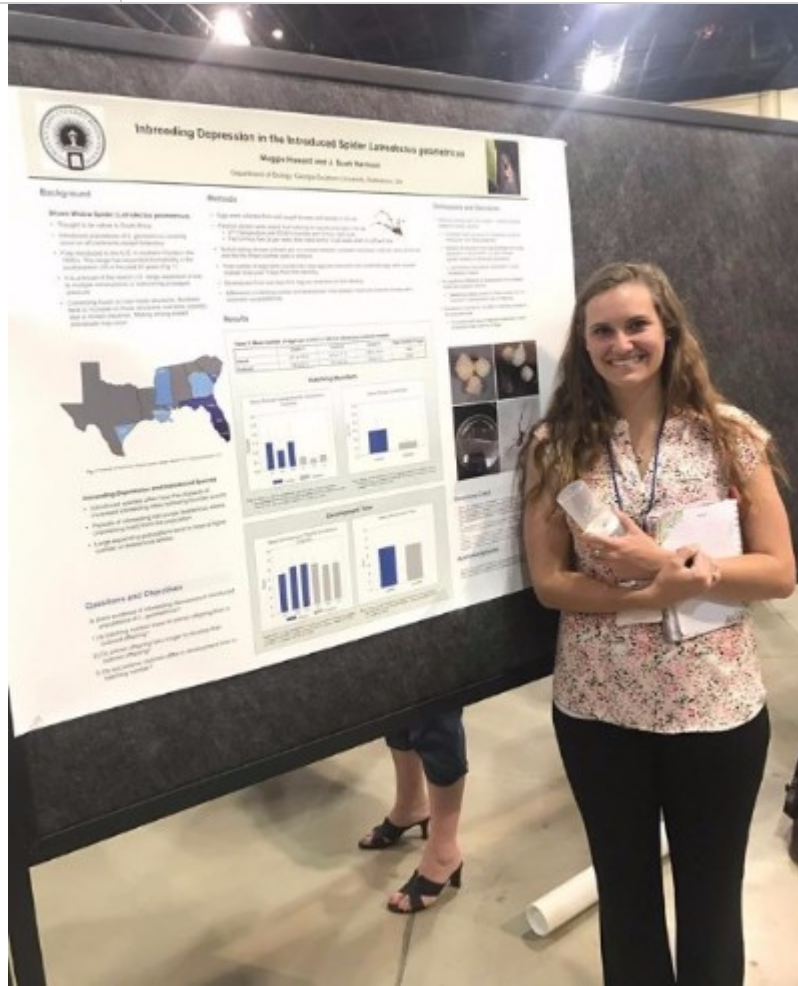


Ashwood outside the math and physics building

After a year and half of research, Elizabeth Ashwood (physics '17) presented her honors thesis at the American Physical Society (APS) March Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. The goal of APS is to unify the scientific community to advance people's awareness of physics. The conference separates over 8,000 presentations into specific categories such as "biological physics and chemical physics" over the course of a week, said Ashwood. She was given the opportunity to present at the level of professionals, instead of presenting with other undergraduates.

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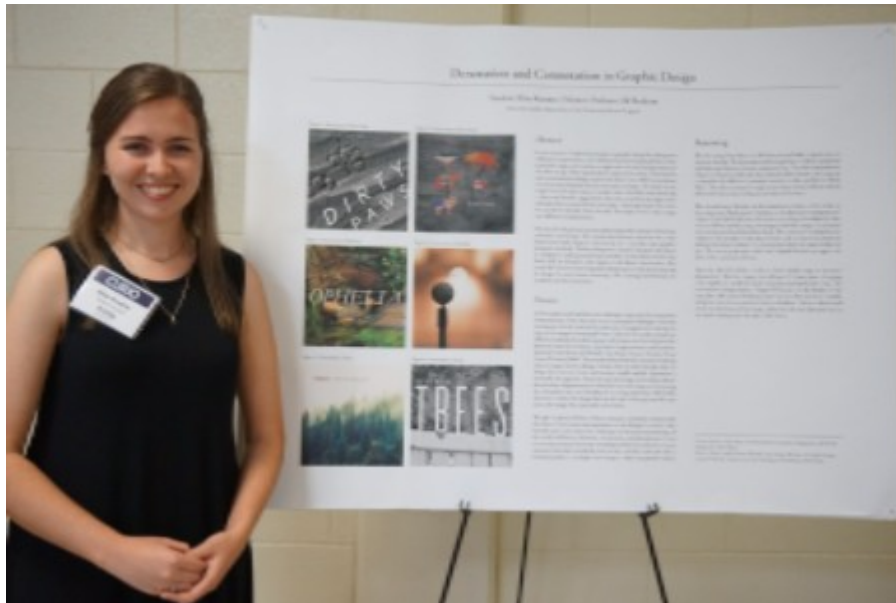
Honors in Action: Howard Wins Award from Association of Southeastern Biologists

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Maggie Howard alongside her winning poster

Maggie Howard (biology and chemistry '17) recently attended the Association of Southeastern Biologists in Montgomery, AL, where she took home the Elsie Quarterman-Catherine Keever Award for best student poster in the field of ecological research. Her research, under the mentorship of Dr. J. Scott Harrison, is titled "Inbreeding Depression in the Introduced Species *Latrodectus geometricus*." "This was a really great experience because I was able to talk to people from many different schools in different fields of biology," she said. "The feedback that I obtained from a different audience than I am used to was very helpful in writing parts of my thesis and improving how I can present the material."

An Awarding Experience



(top to bottom) Charlotte McDonald, Elise Rustine, and Sarah Rogers showing off their award and award-winning research

While many honors students have showcased their research at conferences across the country, symposiums on Georgia Southern's campus have given them the chance to stay local and see their efforts rewarded.

Click [here](#) to read about their accomplishments!



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