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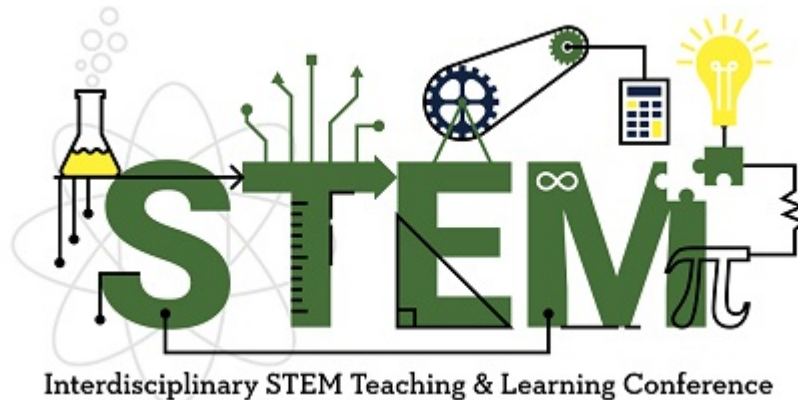
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2018 Interdisciplinary STEM Teaching & Learning Conference to take place at the Coastal Georgia Center

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Georgia Southern University's College of Education and [Institute of Interdisciplinary STEM Education](#) will host the 2018 Interdisciplinary Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Teaching & Learning Conference March 23-24 at the Coastal Georgia Center in Savannah, Georgia.

The conference will engage student-centered best practices and provide a forum for discussing and showcasing the latest advancements in STEM teaching and learning. Participants are invited from all University System of Georgia and Southeast regional colleges and universities, private higher education institutions, research institutions and K-12 schools.

Myles Boylan, Ph.D., and Robert Hodgdon, Ph.D., are this year's keynote speakers. Boylan has been the program director for the Division of Undergraduate Education at the National Science Foundation (NSF) for more than 10 years. He co-leads programs to improve STEM education and increase institutional transformation.

Hodgdon is a 26-year educator, serving students in roles ranging from social studies teacher to behavioral intervention specialist. In addition to teaching seventh-grade life science at Richmond Hill Middle School for the past 13 years, he is a regular contributor to the Georgia Science Teacher Association eObservations monthly newsletter.

Conference attendees will have an opportunity to experience a variety of interactive sessions and workshops centered on K-12 and collegiate STEM resources, tools and strategies. Attendees will be able to interact with STEM poster presenters, network with other STEM professionals and meet the conference speakers.

For a detailed schedule of speakers and sessions and to register for the conference, visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/conted/stemconference2018. Registration includes the pre-conference reception on March 22 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Savannah, 605 West Oglethorpe Avenue, Savannah, Georgia 31401.

For additional information about this conference, contact the Georgia Southern Division of Continuing Education at 912-478-5555 or stemconference@georgiasouthern.edu.

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Georgia Southern University hosts 17th annual Cross-Cultural Counseling and Education Conference

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Georgia Southern University's College of Education and Division of Continuing Education will host the 17th annual Cross-Cultural Counseling and Education Conference for Research, Action and Change on Feb. 9-10 at the Coastal Georgia Center in downtown Savannah, Georgia.

The two-day conference is aimed toward educators of all levels, professional and school counselors, psychologists, social justice advocates, volunteer service providers, social workers and anyone interested in women and gender studies, diversity and cultural issues. Attendees will discover how identity forms throughout the lifespan, from infancy to adulthood, and how this development impacts group dynamics.

In addition, the conference will provide a forum for meaningful discussions centered on topics including race, ethnicity, gender and sexual identity development. Conference keynote speaker Kathryn Norsworthy, Ph.D., is known for her international advocacy for women, LGBTQ and immigrant rights. Norsworthy has spent the past 20 years traveling to South and Southeast Asia to engage in peace and justice-focused projects. She will deliver her presentation titled "Mindful Activism: Building Bridges (Not Walls!) and Swimming Against the Stream."

Peony Fhagen, Ph.D., will present during the William Cross Jr. Lecture Series. Fhagen is known for her expertise in cultural identity development across the lifespan. She is also part of the research team that developed the Cross Racial Identity Scale, which is the most widely used social assessment tool by the American Psychological Association's Society for the Psychological Study of Culture, Ethnicity and Race and most recently developed the Cross Racial-Ethnic Identity Scale.

William Cross Jr., Ph.D., will conclude the conference with a 90-minute presentation on "Identity, Mental Health and Missing Scripts." He will delve into the misinformation surrounding mental health in the African-American population and discuss the high school-to-college pipeline. Cross' work, *Shades of Black: Diversity in African-American Identity*, is considered a classic within the discourse on black identity.

For a detailed schedule of speakers and sessions and to register for the conference, visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/conted/ccissues.

For additional information about this conference from the Georgia Southern Division of Continuing Education, contact Yvette Crick at 912-478-5555 or crosscultural@georgiasouthern.edu.

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