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# GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

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Georgia Southern University, classified as a doctoral/research institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, is a member of the University System of Georgia. As the largest and most comprehensive research institution in southeast Georgia, the University is a residential campus of more than 20,500 students and a premier choice for the state's HOPE Scholars. Students representing 48 states and 89 nations bring a broad array of diverse backgrounds, interests and talents to the University community.

The University's hallmark is its renowned undergraduate experience, which emphasizes academic distinction, excellent teaching, research and student success. Georgia Southern focuses on students and what they value: a well-rounded collegiate atmosphere; a faculty whose first priority is teaching; and a safe, attractive campus environment that encourages learning, discovery and personal growth.

As Georgia's 'large-scale, small-feel' research University, Georgia Southern is known for offering all of the benefits of a major university with the personal feel and individualized attention of a much smaller college. Additionally, with an expanding focus on research, Georgia Southern has created a valuable niche and is attracting a record number of outstanding students from across the state, region and country.

Georgia Southern offers more than 120 degree programs at the baccalaureate, master's and doctoral levels through eight colleges: College of Business Administration, College of Education, College of Health and Human Sciences, Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Information Technology, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, College of Science and Mathematics, Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health and the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies. Georgia Southern is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and has earned special accreditation from professional and academic associations that set standards in their fields. The University continues to expand graduate offerings to meet growing demands.

Founded in 1906, Georgia Southern lays claim to being the most beautiful campus in the state. Comprising more than 900 acres, the University grounds are an arboretum-like treasure featuring gently rolling lawns, scenic ponds and soaring pines. The historic core of campus is the quintessential college portrait – Georgian-style, red-brick buildings with white columns surround a tree-lined circular drive known as Sweetheart Circle. Beyond the traditional Circle, contemporary buildings blend into the existing architecture to showcase the continuing growth and expansion of campus facilities. Major projects recently completed include the construction and renovation of the

Zach S. Henderson Library, the renovation of the Foy Building, Sanford Hall, Ted Smith Family Football Center, the opening of the 1,001-bed Centennial Place residence hall as well as Dining Commons.

Located in Statesboro, a safe All-American Main Street community of approximately 30,000 residents an hour northwest of Savannah, Georgia Southern provides a wealth of enriching opportunities for people of all ages. The University benefits the region and state by engaging in research and providing public services that offer creative solutions to regional challenges. Georgia Southern also extends educational opportunities to citizens at its off-campus center located in Savannah as well as through online learning.

Georgia Southern is recognized for a nationally competitive athletics program with the University's 15 Division I teams. Now part of the Sun Belt Conference, the Eagle's sweeping commitment to excellence has resulted in an unprecedented six NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (formerly I-AA) national championships and NCAA tournament participation in men's and women's basketball, baseball, golf, women's tennis and volleyball. Most recently, the football team won the 2014 Conference Championship in its first year in the Sun Belt.

The University also has an active alumni program serving more than 75,000 alumni around the world. Some of the University's prominent alumni include country music star Luke Bryan; Mike Davis, Executive Director of the U.S. Golf Association (USGA); Hala Moddlemog, President of the Metro Atlanta Chamber; and Dan Cathy, President and Chief Operating Officer of Chick-fil-A.

For more information, visit GeorgiaSouthern. edu.

## **ACADEMIC DISTINCTION**

#### **Graduation with Honors**

Undergraduate students, who accomplish a high level of academic achievement, as reflected by their grade point average, receive distinction as follows:

> Grade Point Average: 3.5-3.69 Cum Laude 3.7-3.89 Magna Cum Laude 3.9-4.0 Summa Cum Laude

Students graduating with honors are distinguished at commencement exercises by a blue and white honor cord attached to the left shoulder of their gowns. Their distinction is recognized by notation on their diplomas and in their academic transcripts.

NOTE: Since programs are prepared in advance of the receipt of final grades, the listing of graduates and honor recipients may, in some instances, be inaccurate. Also, in addition to GPA, there are other requirements to qualify for graduation with honors. The fact of graduation and the receipt of honors are validated by the students' permanent records which are kept by the Office of the Registrar.

#### **University Honors Program Scholars**

The University Honors Program offers a special Honors curriculum to a select group of academically talented students. In addition to high academic standards, the Program requires a substantial commitment to community service and experiential learning. The diplomas of graduating University Honors Program Scholars are distinguished by the Honors designation.

# THE SYMBOLS OF ACADEMIC TRADITION

#### The Mace

Leading the Processional of faculty and administration is the Macebearer, the Moderator of the Faculty Senate at Georgia Southern University.

The Mace is a two-and-one-half foot shaft and sphere of cast Everdur Bronze and carved American walnut. This representation of the ceremonial symbol of office and authority was designed and crafted in 1988 by Thomas P. Steadman, Associate Professor of Art. Its angular forms and low-gloss finishes are reminiscent of the medieval battle mace from which the more scepter-like academic mace evolved.

The design of the Mace blends forms suggested by native flora of South Georgia. The magnolia leaves and stems encircling the head of the mace in a double helix symbolize Georgia Southern's link with its region. A small ballast rock, found on the Georgia coast and traced to probable British origin, is embedded in the finial base of the shaft representing the foundation of the institution.

Regalia

The history of academic attire is also traced to the Middle Ages when it may have been necessary for scholars to wear gowns and cowls for warmth in the unheated halls of academe of the period. The robes and hoods have evolved as ceremonial garments signifying level of degree, academic field, and the awarding institution.

Today's gowns for baccalaureate, masters, education specialist, and doctoral degrees are made of a rayon blend, always black. Bachelors gowns have pointed sleeves and are worn closed. The gowns for the masters and specialist degree, also worn closed, have an oblong sleeve with a base that hangs open at the wrist.

The doctoral gowns have bell-shaped sleeves which may be worn open or closed. It is the tradition of Georgia Southern to reserve hoods for masters and education specialist degree candidates. These hoods are black, three and one-half feet long, lined with the official colors of the institution, and trimmed in velvet in the color of the degree field.

Caps in the form of mortarboards are made of cotton poplin or a similar material. The tassel is the color which reflects the degree.

The ornamental braided cord draped over the left shoulder of some of the baccalaureate graduates is called a fourragère. The design follows French military tradition and signifies special recognition of baccalaureate students graduating with honors.

#### Banners

Banners representing each of the eight Colleges and the University Library are displayed at Commencement. Representation of the Banners signifies the colors of disciplines in the Colleges, and celebrates the University's academic programs.

**Double Eagle** 



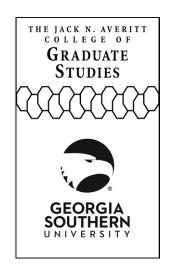
The Double Eagle Society is a new incentive program and a joint initiative between the College of Graduate Studies and the Alumni Association of Georgia Southern. This initiative was created to recognize our alumni who have

earned two (or more) degrees from Georgia Southern: one undergraduate degree and one graduate degree or two graduate degrees.

# **COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY BANNERS**





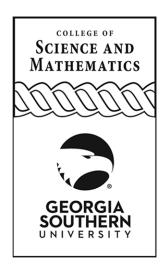














# **ACADEMIC COLORS**

#### Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies

Light Blue Doctor of Education Apricot Royal Blue Doctor of Nursing Practice Doctor of Philosophy Doctor of Psychology Citron Light Blue Education Specialist Master of Accounting Drab

Master of Arts English White White Royal Blue

History Political Science Social Science White White Spanish

Master of Arts in Teaching Master of Business Administration Light Blue Drab

Light Blue Master of Education Brown Master of Fine Arts Pink

Master of Music Master of Public Administration Peacock Blue

Master of Science Applied Economics Biology Copper Science Gold Computer Science Kinesiology Science Gold Sage Green Science Gold Mathematics

Psychology Citron Sage Green

Recreation Administration

Sage Green

Sport Management Master of Science in Applied Engineering Orange

Gold Master of Science in

Applied Physical Sciences Master of Science in Nursing Apricot

#### Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health

Salmon Pink Doctor of Public Health

Kelly Green Master of Healthcare Administration

Salmon Pink Master of Public Health Bachelor of Science in Public Health Sage Green

### **College of Business Administration**

Bachelor of Arts **Economics** 

Copper Bachelor of Business Administration

#### **College of Education**

Light Blue Bachelor of Science in Education

#### Allen E. Paulson College of **Engineering and Information Technology**

Science Gold

Bachelor of Science Computer Science Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering Orange

Orange Bachelor of Science in

Civil Engineering Technology Bachelor of Science in Construction Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Orange

Orange

Orange

Bachelor of Science in
Electrical Engineering Technology
Bachelor of Science in

Science Gold

Information Technology Bachelor of Science in Orange Manufacturing Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Orange

Mechanical Engineering Bachelor of Science in Orange

Mechanical Engineering Technology

#### College of Health and Human Sciences

Bachelor of Science Child and Family Development Maroon Maroon Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design

Maroon

Interior Design Nutrition and Food Science Maroon

Sage Green Recreation

Sport Management Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology Sage Green Sage Green Sage Green Apricot Bachelor of Science in Nursing

#### College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Science Gold Anthropology

Brown

Communication Arts Crimson

English History White White

Aquamarine White International Studies Modern Languages

Pink Music Philosophy Political Science Dark Blue Dark Blue Citron White Psychology Sociology Brown Theatre`

Writing and Linguistics Bachelor of Fine Arts Bachelor of General Studies White Brown Gold & White

Bachelor of Music Pink Bachelor of Science

Communication Studies Silver Aquamarine International Trade

Crimson Journalism

, Multimedia Communication Crimson

Dark Blue Political Science Psychology Public Relations Citron Crimson Sociology Bachelor of Science in White Orange

Graphic Communications Management Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies Science Gold

#### College of Science and Mathematics

Bachelor of Arts Science Gold Biology Science Gold Chemistry

Science Gold Geography Science Gold Geology

Physics and Astronomy Bachelor of Science Science Gold

Geography Geology Science Gold Science Gold Science Gold Mathematics

Science Gold Bachelor of Science in Biology Bachelor of Science in Chemistry Science Gold Bachelor of Science in Mathematics Bachelor of Science in Physics Science Gold Science Gold

### **EMERITUS FACULTY**

President Bartels has recommended to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia that the following faculty members be granted emeritus status upon retirement:

**Dr. James J. Bergin**, Professor of Counselor Education, retired July 31, 2015. Dr. Bergin earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from the University of St. Mary of the Lake (1967) and his Master of Education degree in Guidance and Counseling from Loyola University Chicago (1971). He earned his Doctor of Education degree in Counseling from the College of William and Mary (1974). Upon his retirement, Dr. Bergin had provided 23 years of dedicated service to Georgia Southern University. He began his career as an elementary school teacher in the Chicago Public Schools and went on to serve as an elementary and middle school counselor in Virginia, Illinois, and North Carolina. In 1981, Dr. Bergin entered the higher education arena as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Counselor Education at East Central University. There, he was also promoted to the rank of Associate Professor (1986) and Professor (1990). He joined Georgia Southern University in 1992 as Professor and Chair of what was then the Department of Student Development Programs. Following his three year tenure as chair, he served as Professor and Program Coordinator in the Department of Leadership, Technology, and Human Development until his retirement. As a leader in the Counselor Education Program, he was influential in securing M.Ed. program accreditation by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) for program concentrations in Community Counseling, School Counseling, and Student Affairs. Dr. Bergin considered his greatest achievements to encompass the roles of teacher and mentor for students. His longstanding efforts were acknowledged with the Georgia School Counselors Association (GSCA) Region 12 Counselor Educator of the Year Award in 2012-2013, the GSCA PostSecondary Counselor of the Year Award in 2000-2001, and the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) Post-Secondary Counselor of the Year Award in 1994. His scholarship highlights a myriad of presentations and publications emphasizing school counselor advocacy. In 2009, he was recognized as a "Trail Blazer" in the field by the Education Trust's Center for Transforming School Counseling (NCTSC). His prolific professional service was rewarded with the distinguished American Counseling Association Carl D. Perkins Government Relations award in 1995. Dr. Bergin's professional work seamlessly extended into the community, where he actively served as a consultant to local schools in his capacity as a Licensed Professional Counselor. In recognition of his rich contributions to the program, department, college, University, and profession, Dr. James Bergin is awarded the title of Professor Emeritus of Counselor Education.

Dr. Willie J. Burden, Professor of Sport Management, retired May 31, 2015. Dr. Burden earned his B.A. in Economics (1974) from North Carolina State University and his M.A. in Sport Administration (1983) from Ohio University. He received his Ed.D. in Educational Administration (1990) from Tennessee State University. Prior to joining Georgia Southern in 1999, he was Director of Intercollegiate Athletics and Instructor of Health and Physical Education at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University; Assistant Athletic Director and Guest Lecturer in the Sports Administration Program at Ohio University; Assistant Athletic Director at Tennessee Technological University; and Assistant Football Coach and Instructor in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at Ohio University. During his tenure at Georgia Southern University, Dr. Burden taught 13 different courses in the Sport Management area and served as the Undergraduate Program Coordinator for the Sport Management program for many years. He was well known as an approachable, student centered professor. He had over 16 peer-reviewed publications, including four book chapters in books published by national companies, related to sport administration, student athlete welfare and coaching administration. Dr. Burden has made numerous presentations at the national, regional, and state

levels, and completed multiple service assignments. For his numerous contributions in the school, college, University, and profession, Dr. Willie J. Burden deserves the title of Professor Emeritus of Sport Management.

Dr. Grigory Dmitriyev, Professor of Curriculum Studies, will retire on January 1, 2016. In 1972, he earned a Master of Linguistics in English and German languages with the qualification of a teacher of secondary school from Irkutsk Pedagogical Institute of Foreign Languages in the USSR and taught English at the high school level. In 1978 and 1989, he earned two Ph.D. degrees in Comparative Education from the USSR Academy of Pedagogical Sciences in Moscow. His major research focus has been on educational policies, curriculum theories, multiculturalism, and international education in the USA and other countries. At the time of his retirement, Dr. Dmitriyev will have provided almost 25 years of distinguished service to Georgia Southern University. Soon after joining the University he founded the Center for the Study of International Schooling, serving as its director for eight years. Under his leadership, the Center participated in developing faculty and student exchange with Wuhan University (China), research and student exchange with the United Kingdom (UK), organizing conferences with iNET (UK) and Wuhan University and over 40 colloquia at the University on various global issues in education. Dr. Dmitriyev authored five books and over 100 articles, book chapters, book reviews, and encyclopedia essays, which were published in Australia, Germany, Greece, Italy, Ukraine, the USA, USSR and in the UNESCO Journal. Additionally, Dr. Dmitriyev was among those who initiated the establishment of the Ed.D. in Curriculum Studies program. As a coordinator of this doctoral program, Dr. Dmitriyev facilitated its growth and enhanced its content by bringing his considerable international expertise. As a chair and a member of dissertation defense committees, he contributed to the preparation of over 20 doctors of education. At the undergraduate level, Dr. Dmitriyev represented Georgia Southern in the USG Board of Regents Consortium for Cross-Cultural Teaching of 16 colleges and universities whose successful work resulted in Multicultural Education becoming a core course in the Teacher Education Programs for all future teachers within the state. As a continuation of these efforts, he also participated in the Consortium's Writing Team on the creation of a repository of materials on multicultural education for Georgia teachers. In recognition of his many exemplary contributions to the Department of Curriculum, Foundations, and Reading; the College of Education; the University; and the profession, Dr. Grigory Dmitriyev has earned the title of Professor Emeritus of Curriculum Studies.

Ms. Ann H. Hamilton, Professor and Associate Dean of the Zach S. Henderson Library, retired September 30, 2015. Ms. Hamilton holds degrees from the University of Montevallo (B.A., Mathematics and History), Mississippi State University (M.A., History), Emory University (D.A.S.L. and M.Ln., Librarianship), and a Certificate of Archives Administration from the Georgia Department of Archives and History. At the time of her retirement, Professor Hamilton had provided 23 years of distinguished service to Georgia Southern, concluding a career of over 40 years of service as an academic librarian. Prior to coming to Georgia Southern, Professor Hamilton served at Birmingham-Southern College, Virginia Intermont College, and the University of Alabama. During her time at Georgia Southern, Professor Hamilton served as the Library project manager for the expansion and renovation of Henderson Library from 2000 through 2008. More recently, she led teams that submitted successful applications for National Endowment for the Humanities' funding for Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys and Let's Talk About It: Muslim Journeys. Her campus service has included membership on the Research Advisory Board;

SACSCOC Reaffirmation Team (2013-2015); SACSCOC Leadership Team (2010-2011); American Democracy Project Steering Committee; Faculty Welfare Committee; Faculty Development Committee; Faculty Senate; Y2K Task Force; Athletic Committee; Resource Analysis Committee; and the Senate Operations Committee. Professor Hamilton has been very active in professional associations at the state, regional, and national levels. Some of her service has included representing the Georgia Library Association on the American Library Association (ALA) Council for 12 years, serving as chair or member of the ALA Chapter Relations Committee for eight years, serving as chair or a member of the Association of College and Research Libraries/Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA) Interdivisional Committee on Building Resources for eight years, and serving as president of the Southeastern Library Association and of the Georgia Library Association. She has received the Bob Richardson Award for Significant Contributions to the Georgia Library Association, the Mary Utopia Rothrock Award from the Southeastern Library Association, and the Nix-Jones Award for Significant Contributions to the Library Profession from the Georgia Library Association. For these and other contributions to the Library, the University, and the profession, Professor Ann Hamilton has earned the title of Professor Emerita and Associate Dean Emerita.

Ms. Betty Nelson, Instructor of Special Education, retired July 1, 2015. Ms. Nelson earned her B.S. in Psychology and her M.Ed. in Education from Old Dominion University and joined the faculty at Georgia Southern in 1994. In her almost 21 years at Georgia Southern, Ms. Nelson provided guidance and leadership for both students and faculty in the College of Education's special education programs. As an instructor of Georgia Southern students, she was lauded for her unwavering availability, promptness in responding to student questions and concerns, and her encouragement of open dialogue in all of her classes. A recent student comment perhaps sums her teaching up best when the student wrote that Ms. Nelson "opened her eyes to the reality of the special education world." While she had a positive influence on student learning, Ms. Nelson had perhaps an even greater impact on her colleagues. The collection of individuals involved in the Department's special education programs has changed significantly through the years, but these transitions were made less stressful by Ms. Nelson's presence as the go-to person for a multitude of issues critical to the success of the programs. To say she was an impactful mentor for younger faculty is an understatement, as she effortlessly guided them through the ropes, offering supervision on report writing, programmatic and course revisions, and new program implementation. She at various times held the position of Program Director for both the undergraduate and graduate level special education programs

and was praised by college-level administrators for her positive impact at both levels. Beyond the day-to-day work of teaching students, mentoring faculty, and providing programmatic leadership, Ms. Nelson's other remarkable accomplishments included a steward-like commitment to service both within and beyond the Georgia Southern community. Her many invaluable contributions in this regard include: contributor to the Student Teacher Exchange Program with the United Kingdom and leadership roles in the Special Education and Teacher Education Divisions of the Council of Exceptional Children. Betty Nelson is a multi-talented individual who served Georgia Southern University and the professional community in a variety of positive ways throughout her tenure. Her teaching, mentoring, and service accomplishments stand as splendid examples of the "desired attributes of Georgia Southern faculty" and have earned her the title of Instructor Emerita of Special Education.

Dr. Jerry W. Wilson, Professor of Marketing, will retire December 31, 2015. Dr. Wilson received his Bachelor of Science (1972) and Master of Business Administration (1973) degrees from Arkansas State University. He earned his Doctor of Business Administration from Memphis State University in 1989. Joining the faculty at Georgia Southern in the fall of 1988, Dr. Wilson will have completed over 27 years of distinguished service at the time of his retirement. During his tenure, he cofounded the nationally ranked logistics and intermodal transportation undergraduate program at Georgia Southern. Additionally, he served as chair/acting chair/interim director for numerous departments over the course of six years. During 2012-2013, he served as Interim Associate Dean of the College of Business Administration. His most recent publications have appeared in the Transportation Journal and the International Journal of Case Studies. Currently, he is Editor Emeritus of the Journal of Transportation Management and a member of the Board of Examiners for the American Society of Transportation and Logistics professional certification program (CTL, Certified in Transportation and Logistics). For his many contributions to several departments, the college, the University, and the profession, Dr. Jerry Wilson has earned the title of Professor Emeritus of Marketing.

# HONORARY DEGREES AWARDED BY GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

The Board of Regents approves the awarding of a highly selective honorary degree, which is conferred by University System of Georgia institutions to recognize individuals of notable achievement in an academic field, the arts and letters, their profession or public service. Since 1996, Georgia Southern University has been privileged to confer Honorary Doctoral Degrees to the exceptional individuals listed below.

BETTY FOY SANDERS
THE HONORABLE CARL SANDERS
ALLEN E. PAULSON
THE HONORABLE F. EVERETT WILLIAMS
JACKIE ANDERSON STRANGE
THE HONORABLE ARTHUR GIGNILLIAT
WILLIAM FREEMAN
EMMA KELLY
EUGENE M. BISHOP
HALA MODDLEMOG
LUIS A. AGUILAR

Doctor of Humane LettersDecember 19, 1998Doctor of LettersMay 8, 1999Doctor of Fine ArtsMay 9, 1999Doctor of LettersMay 13, 2000Doctor of LettersMay 5, 2007	Doctor of Humane Letters Doctor of Letters Doctor of Fine Arts Doctor of Letters Doctor of Letters	August 11, 1996 August 11, 1996 June 14, 1997 December 8, 1997 June 14, 1998 December 19, 1998 May 8, 1999 May 9, 1999 May 13, 2000 May 5, 2007
		May 11, 2013

# College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

9:00 A.M. Ceremony

#### **FACULTY MARSHALS**

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies

HANS P. MORTENSEN, M.S., Associate Professor, Art

D. JASON SLONE, Ph.D., Associate Dean and Professor, Literature

and Philosophy

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

CHAD POSICK, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice and

Criminology

JANICE N. STEIRN, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Psychology

#### READERS

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

BRADLEY C. EDWARDS, Ph.D., Lecturer, Literature and Philosophy SARAH MCCARROLL, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Communication

Arts

KEVIN PSONAK, Ph.D., Lecturer, Writing and Linguistics

#### THE PLATFORM PARTY

JEAN E. BARTELS, Ph.D., President

KATHY A. BRADLEY, J.D., Assistant District Attorney, Ogeechee

Judicial Circuit, Statesboro, Georgia

DIANA CONE, Ph.D., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

TERESA E. THOMPSON, Ph.D., Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

STEVEN C. BURRELL, Ed.D., Vice President for Information Technology/Chief Information Officer

SALINDA A. AŘTHUR, M.S., Vice President for University Advancement and President, Georgia Southern University Foundation

ROBERT L. WHITAKER, M.B.A., Vice President for Business and Finance

TRIP C. ADDISON, M.B.A., Vice President for Government Relations and Community Engagement

DEVON JENSEN, Ph.D., Associate Dean, Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies

W. BEDE MITCHELL, Ed.D., Dean of the Henderson Library and University Librarian

CURTIS E. RICKER, D.A., Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences

PATRICIA B. HUMPHREY, Ph.D., Moderator, Faculty Senate

VELMA S. BURDEN, Ed.D., Registrar

CHARLES GLOVER, B.S., President, Student Government Association and Graduate Student, Master of Education, Counselor Education

#### **PROGRAM**

\*PROCESSIONAL Pomp and Circumstance (Military March No. 1, Op. 39) by

Edward Elgar

Performed by: KARLA JAN ROCKER, D.M., Academic

Services Professional and Adjunct Instructor, Music

PATRICIA B. HUMPHREY, Ph.D., Professor, Mathematical MACEBEARER

Sciences

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT PROVOST CONE

> WELCOME PRESIDENT BARTELS

**MEDITATION** DEAN MITCHELL

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER DEAN RICKER

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS MS. KATHY A. BRADLEY

RECOGNITION OF EMERITUS FACULTY PROVOST CONE

CONFERRING OF GRADUATE DEGREES PRESIDENT BARTELS

PROVOST CONE

RECOGNITION OF HONOR GRADUATES PROVOST CONE

CONFERRING OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES PRESIDENT BARTELS

PROVOST CONE **DEAN RICKER** 

\*ALMA MATER BRENNA DUDLEY, Graduate Student, Master of Music,

Performance

\*RECESSIONAL

Wedding Day at Troldhaugen by Grieg Performed by: KARLA JAN ROCKER, D.M., Academic Services Professional and Adjunct Instructor, Music

<sup>\*</sup>AUDIENCE PLEASE STAND

#### JACK N. AVERITT COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

#### Doctor of Psychology

Johnathan Craig Martin

B.S., Gardner-Webb University, 2005 M.A., Gardner-Webb University, 2008 M.S., Georgia Southern University, 2013 Ed.S., Gardner-Webb University, 2008

Dissertation: Examining the Mediating Effects of Perceived Stress and Unconditional Self-Acceptance in

Loneliness-Emotional Distress Relationships Major Professor: Jeffrey Klibert, Ph.D.

#### Doctor of Psychology

Jennifer Leigh Headrick

B.A., Augusta State University, 1998 M.S., Augusta State University, 2002

Dissertation: Excessive Tanning as a Presentation of Body

Dysmorphic Disorder

Major Professor: Thresa Yancey, Ph.D.

#### Doctor of Psychology

Tasia Monique Pinkston

B.A., St. John's University, 2007

M.A., John Jay College of Criminal Justice, 2010 Dissertation: Cues of Colorism: The Psychological, Sociocultural, and Developmental Differences between Light-skinned and Dark-skinned African-Americans

Major Professor: Thresa Yancey, Ph.D.

#### Master of Fine Arts

Graphic Design

Lindsay B. Tyson

B.F.Á., Georgia Southern University, 2004

M.B.A., American InterContinental University, 2006

Thesis: Design for the Greater Good

Major Professor: Onyile B. Onyile, Ph.D.

#### JACK N. AVERITT COLLEGE **OF GRADUATE STUDIES**

#### **COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS** AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Master of Arts

Dinshaw Kaiomars Anklesaria Joseph Douglas Bacot William C. Brant Jennifer Leigh Pennington Downs Christopher John Gillmann Robert Jerome Greene II Matthew Aaron Kleinsorge Kimberly Morgan Knipe Garrett Elizabeth Litton Lilith Akasha Logan Nicolette Breann Pistone Iessica Lashawn Render Rocio Rodriguez Lindsay Shalom Michael James Singleton Porscha T'erra Smith Melanie Sparrow Andrea Ogilvie Stevenson Alan Swirsky Allyson M. Vaughan

Master of Music

Ashley Nicole Akridge Robert Cottle Krystin M. Kicklighter Seth Amaro Messier Paul J. Vogel

#### Master of Public Administration

Megan Louise Baker Nathanael Baker Cinnamon Ivy Dowd Nathan Uriah Barak Israel Griffin Khari Elizabeth Kelly Angela Beecher Monroe Samantha Litton Reid Cavsi Altman Warren Bentley Rankin Wilkerson

Master of Science Rodrick Antoine Leary Elise V. Neville

David J. Welden

#### **COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS** AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

**Bachelor of Arts** 

Marcus Dennard Anderson Mark E. Blankenship Magna Cum Laude Kayla Grace Bohannon Summa Cum Laude John Christopher Bolton Cum Laude Cami Brooke Brannen Michael Creston Brantley George Hamilton Brodnax Jeremy Daniel Busbee Jonathan C. Bush

Karisse Lourdes Carnegie

Olivia Catherine Carter Cum Laude Courtney Renae Causey Jonathan David Chambers Cum Laude Jasmine Kaleya Chaney Cum Laude Christophe Paul Chin Kelley S. Clarke Ashley Lauren Cleveland Anthony Gabito Cliatt Cum Laude Joseph Eugene Cline Michael Alexander Cornelius Solomon H. Crawford Christopher Gage Crook Carley Michael Dawson Magna Cum Laude Sarah Elaine Diller Matthew Alan Dobson Magna Cum Laude Alex Emerson Downie Ashley Nicole Dryman Robert Emmett Eason Sarah Beth Edwards Cady Dakota Ennis Christian Anthony Fleisch Aubrey Lynne Flickinger Sheila Michelle Francois Austen Gallagher Arianna Kristi Gerber Magna Cum Laude Nicholas Bradley Green Brian David Griffin Magna Cum Laude Zachary Edward Hagan Tiffany Migñon Hagans Jeffrey Clark Hammond Nicholas Allen Harris Georgia Ann Hayway Sally Diana Henry Summa Cum Laude Emilio Miguel Hernandez Gregory Marshall Hernandez Steven Scott Hooley Alana Brooke Johnson Ashley Michelle Johnson Kylie Rachelle Jones Amasha Shalik Jordan Jalysha O'hekah Monee Joseph Jared Allen Kessler Tyler Kee Kim Christopher Sean Conklin Lambert Daricus Detavius Larry Anja Lesaja Summa Cum Laude Elliott Strong Lewis Alexander James Lipscomb Phillip Ambrose Lupo Kristen Elizabeth Lynch Amanda Renee Mack-Thomas Jennifer Ashley Maldonado

Zary Greer Manning

Zoe Miller McCook

Cum Laude

Cum Laude

Magna Cum Laude

Christina Marie Martinez

Barbara Jayne McGaughey Dani Lynette McGee Courtney Jemma Meintjes Tori Fitzgerald Miller Ashlynn Elizabeth Morgan Brandon Eric Muggy Benjamin Ethan Murphy Marco Ricardo Osorio Medrano Ibiwumi Oluwabukola Owolabi Rupam Yogesh Patel Brennan James Patrick **Jared Matthew Patton** Scott John Pernett Malik Alonzo Phillips Keiante' Natiq Polley Sarah Katherine Pounds Haley Nicole Rawlins David Collins Rehder Cum Laude Edward Patrick Reid Tracy Ligia Rendic' Thomas Grover Reynolds V Cum Laude Chavonne M. Rogers Murray Morgan Ruffner Jessica Lauren Ruwe Lyndsey Erin Shelton Magna Cum Laude University Honors Program Scholar Kortni Frann Simmons Haze Landon Smith Kyle Sherrieff Smith Brian Charles Taylor Hannah Michelle Thompson Travis Roberts Upchurch Nathan Allen Wade Alyssa La'Brooke Alexandria Waldrop Xavier Alexander Walker Megan Suzanne Weathers Jakob Taylor Williams Justin Lugene Williams Angela Cora Winters Čum Laude University Honors Program Scholar Douglas Chase Worley

**Bachelor of Fine Arts** 

Ashley Michelle Adams Marcus Lafayette Cook Magna Cum Laude Courtney Lashun Coprich Shaunte Rochelle Francois D'antre LaRon Harris Akeem Elijah Hill Jonathan A.J. Hurt

**Bachelor of General Studies** 

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Dissertation: Principals' Perceptions of Bullying Interventions and Strategies in Georgia High Schools

Major Professor: Paul M. Brinson, Ed.D.

**Doctor of Education** 

**Educational Administration** 

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B.S., Mercer University, 2005

M.Ed., University of West Georgia, 2007

Ed.S., University of Georgia, 2012

Dissertation: The Road Less Traveled: Alumni Perceptions of the Georgia Early College High School Initiative

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**Educational Administration** 

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Ed.S., Jacksonville State University, 2008

Dissertation: A Phenomenological Study of Instructional

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Educational Administration

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BS.MAT., Alabama State University, 2009 M.S., Georgia Institute of Technology, 2001 Ed.S., Lincoln Memorial University, 2009

Dissertation: The Effectiveness of a Mentoring Program on

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Dissertation: A Test Score Comparison between Block and

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Major Professor: Jason LaFrance, Ed.D.

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**Educational Administration** 

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Dissertation: An Evaluation of Principals' Perceptions of the Implementation of Georgia's Teacher Keys Effectiveness

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Major Professor: Jason LaFrance, Ed.D.

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**Educational Administration** 

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Dissertation: The Effect of Principal Leadership and Professional Development on Classroom Practices in

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Major Professor: Brenda Marina, Ph.D.

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Dissertation: Fighting on the Frontline: An Examination of Teacher Retention Practices in Urban Elementary Schools

Major Professor: Brenda Marina, Ph.D.

**Doctor of Education** 

**Educational Administration** 

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B.S.Ed., Southwest Texas State University, 1986

M.S., Central Michigan University, 1992

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Dissertation: Army ROTC, Student Engagement, and

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Major Professor: Teri Denlea Melton, Ed.D.

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Curriculum Studies

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Ed.S., Augusta State University, 2007 Dissertation: The Road Less Traveled: A Critical Inquiry of African American Students' Perceptions of Barriers that Hinder Their Participation in Gifted and Advanced

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Major Professor: Daniel Chapman, Ph.D.

**Doctor of Education** 

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Dissertation: The Football Plantation in the South:

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**Doctor of Education** Curriculum Studies

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Dissertation: *Understanding a Sense of School Membership* for Students with Disabilities in Two Middle Schools

Major Professor: Kymberly Harris, Ph.D.

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Dissertation: Curriculum as a Traumatized Body: *Rehabilitating Schooling through the Arts* 

Major Professor: Julie Garlen Maudlin, Ed.D.

**Doctor of Education** Curriculum Studies

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Dissertation: Children want to write...If We let them: A Case Study of Writing in the Elementary Classroom

Major Professor: Michael Moore, Ed.D.

**Doctor of Education** Curriculum Studies

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M.Ed., Georgia College & State University, 2005 Dissertation: The Feminist Stall: Other Women, Atheism,

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Major Professor: John Weaver, Ph.D.

**Doctor of Education** Curriculum Studies

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B.A., Emory University, 1980

M.A.T., State University of New York at Binghamton, 1984 Dissertation: A Re-Tracing in Praise of the Ŭn-Retraceable:

Improvisation and Curriculum

Major Professor: John Weaver, Ph.D.

**Doctor of Education** Curriculum Studies

Mary-Elizabeth Elise Vaquer

B.A., Georgia Southern University, 1997

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Dissertation: Poetics of Curriculum, Poetics of Life: An Exploration of Poetry in the Context of Schools, Society,

Major Professor: John Weaver, Ph.D.

**Doctor of Education** Curriculum Studies

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Dissertation: Assistant Principals as Effective Instructional

Major Professor: Meca Williams-Johnson, Ph.D.

Doctor of Philosophy

Logistics/Supply Chain Management

Heather Lee Monteiro

B.S., University of Maryland University College, 2000 M.B.A., Georgia College & State University, 2011 Dissertation: When Good Relationships go bad: A Quantitative Study of the Dark Side of Relationship

Major Professor: Jacqueline Eastman, Ph.D.

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Dissertation: The Successful Implementation of Supply Chain Management Technology Initiatives: Technological

Readiness as a Key Indicator

Major Professor: Stephen Rutner, Ph.D.

**Doctor of Public Health** 

Community Health Behavior and Education

Tempest D. Hill

B.S., Paine College, 2008

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Dissertation: Public Health Implications Associated with the Practice of Utilizing Automobile Tires to Single Meat in Three Major Cities of Ghana: A Concurrent Mixed Methods Study

Major Professor: Evans Afriyie-Gyawu, Ph.D.

**Doctor of Public Health** 

Community Health Behavior and Education

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B.S., College of Charleston, 2006

Dissertation: Trends in Premature Mortality from Colorectal Cancer in the United States, 2000 to 2010

Major Professor: Hani Samawi, Ph.D.

**Doctor of Public Health** Public Health Leadership

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B.S., Beijing University of Chinese Medicine, 2009 M.Ed., Georgia College & State University, 2011 Dissertation: Examination of Racial/Ethnic Disparities

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# "Freedom"

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Today, Georgia Southern University acknowledges the remarkable achievements of our graduates and celebrates a popular and enduring commencement tradition with the appearance of Freedom, our American Bald Eagle mascot. Freedom's arrival during the singing of the Georgia Southern Alma Mater signifies the conclusion of the commencement ceremony. He serves not only as an ambassador for wildlife, but as an iconic reminder of the strength and majesty of our nation.

Freedom is a male Southern bald eagle that was found knocked out of the nest in Maitland, Florida. Only weeks old and appearing like a "brown ball of fuzz," it was discovered that the young eagle had an injury to his beak and suffered from an infection. Rushed to the Florida Audubon Center for Birds of Prey, Freedom made a complete recovery from the infection, but the injury to his beak was permanent, preventing his release into the wild. With the permission of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Georgia Southern acquired Freedom in 2004.

Through the Georgia Southern University Center for Wildlife Education and Lamar Q Ball, Jr. Raptor Center, thousands of visitors young and old are embraced by the power of Freedom. Freedom is one of three American Bald Eagles housed at the 18-acre sanctuary, located in the heart of Georgia Southern's campus. The Center also contains numerous species of native raptors, reptiles and amphibians.

For more information, visit: <a href="www.GeorgiaSouthern.edu/wildlife">www.GeorgiaSouthern.edu/wildlife</a>.

#### Did You Know?

- The bald eagle is found only in North America.
- The bald eagle became the official symbol of the United States of America in 1782.
- Georgia Southern University adopted the eagle as its symbol in 1960.
- The bald eagle owes its name to the Middle English term "balled," meaning "shining white." The adult bald eagle's head and neck feathers are all white, giving it the name "balled eagle," meaning "white eagle."
- The bald eagle has a wingspan of 6-8 ft., and makes its home along coastlines and large bodies of fresh water.
- Eagles are mature at five years of age.
- Eagles require a 25-mile hunting territory and appear to mate for life (can live as long as 50 years).
- Forty years ago, the bald eagle was nearing extinction with just 417 nesting pairs of birds known in the United States. Today, the bird has made a remarkable comeback and is now off the Endangered Species List.
- In 1983, no nesting pair of eagles could be found in Georgia. Today, Georgia has more than 177 known nesting pairs throughout the state.



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