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COSM faculty receive grant funding

Congratulations to:

- **Dr. Clayton Heller**, with the Department of Physics, who received research funding from the Georgia Institute of Technology.
- **Dr. Alexander M. Stokolos**, with the Department of Mathematical Sciences, who received research funding from the National Science Foundation.
- **Dr. John C. DiCesare**, with the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, who received research funding from the Georgia Centers of Innovation.
- **Dr. Scott N. Kersey**, with the Department of Mathematical Sciences, who received research funding from the University System of Georgia Board of Regents.

Read the list in its entirety which includes faculty across campus: [Research Express News](#)

COSM named the Georgia Southern Student Government Association College of the Year

Congratulations to the COSM Student Government Association (SGA) Senators and thank you for your dedication to the service of your peers in the College of Science and Mathematics.
COSM SGA members:

- Kelsey Boyd
- **Sarai Castillo (College Chair)**
- Chase Colemen
- Hood Souter
- Favour Ukpongson

Learn more about the Georgia Southern Student Government Association (SGA): students.georgiasouthern.edu/sga/

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**COSM faculty participate in Flipped Learning Showcase**

**Dr. Shainaz Landge** of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry along with **Dr. Jorge Villa-Vargas** of the Department of Physics participated and presented at the AY2016-2017 CT2 Flipped Learning Showcase at Georgia Southern. The showcase was the culmination of a year long Faculty Learning Community, during which faculty members designed, implemented and assessed flipped learning modules.

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Biology graduate student awarded Averitt Award of Excellence in Graduate Research

Department of Biology graduate student John David Curlis received the prestigious 2017 Averitt Award of Excellence in Graduate Research. The Averitt Award is the highest honor bestowed upon graduate students within the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies and is funded by the Graduate Student Organization (GSO). John David Curlis’ faculty advisor is Dr. J. Checo Colón-Gaud.

Learn more about the Averitt Awards for Excellence in Graduate Research Instruction.

COSM students and faculty present at the Sustainability Showcase

COSM double major (biology and chemistry) Brandon Hobbs received a Green Eagle Award at last week’s Sustainability Showcase. Green Eagles are students, faculty and staff who exhibit excellence in support of Georgia Southern’s commitment to sustainability. COSM students and faculty who received funding last year via the Center for Sustainability also presented their work at the showcase.

Learn more about the Center for Sustainability: academics.georgiasouthern.edu/sustainability
Chemistry undergrad Nicholas Steese explaining his research:
Quantification of the Reduction of Chemical Waste Produced in the
Organic Chemistry Teaching Labs at Georgia Southern.
COSM undergrad Brandon Hobbs Green Eagle Award recipient with COSM Associate Dean Dr. Lance McBrayer and COSM Dean Dr. Martha Abell.

Biology graduate students John David Curlis and Becky Scott presenting: Development of Platforms to Access Data on Sustainable Biodiversity on the Georgia Southern Campus.

COSM Alum and Advisory Board member Ronny Just will be the Spring 2017 Graduate Commencement speaker.
From the Georgia Southern University Newsroom - Georgia Southern University has selected alumnus Ronny Just, governmental relations manager for Georgia Power, and the Honorable Casey Cagle, Lt. Governor of Georgia, as the speakers for the 2017 Spring Commencement ceremonies set for May 5 and 6.

Just will speak during the graduate commencement ceremony on Friday, May 5 at 1 p.m. in Hanner Fieldhouse, 590 Herty Drive. As the Governmental Relations Manager within Governmental and Regulatory Affairs for Georgia Power, he develops and implements statewide strategies for ensuring informed policymaking around energy and environmental matters. He also directs Georgia Power’s strategic research relationships with Georgia Southern University and the University of Georgia.

In previous positions, Just served as the Environmental Issues and Air Quality Manager for Environmental Affairs, where he oversaw power plant compliance and helped improve working relationships with environmental advocacy groups. He also was the customer service manager for more than 14 business offices in northeast Georgia, serving more than 156,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers. He just celebrated 32 years of service with Georgia Power.

In the Atlanta community, Just is a board member for the Georgia Institute of Environmental Leadership, the Clean Air Campaign, and co-chairs the Georgia Chamber of Commerce Energy and Environment Committee. He holds a Bachelor of Science in biology from Georgia Southern, and his wife, Kim, is also a Georgia Southern alumna.
Last Planetarium Show of the Semester: Litchmond

WHEN
Friday, April 28th, 6-9pm

WHERE
Math/Physics Building and Planetarium, Statesboro, GA, United States

MORE INFORMATION
LICHTMOND is a poetic journey through magic sounds and landscapes of a visionary parallel universe, on a world you may call "Earth 2", which is orbited by two suns. As Earth 2 is untouched by mankind we are immersed in a world full of hovering trees, strange species of flying fish, bubble-like volcano's, surreal sculptures and other impressive objects. This amazing musical audiovisual trip is wellness for the senses and features award winning music by LICHTMOND
featuring Alan Parsons, I Muvrini and Boy George (as co-writer).

Visit the Georgia Southern Planetarium website for more info: cosm.georgiasouthern.edu/planetarium

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