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## Every Day at the Capitol



From Left: Dr. Tammie Schalue, Rep. Jan Tankersley, Dr. Jean Bartels, Dr. Keel, Rachel Neuhauser, Andrew Smallwood, Rep. Jon Burns, Rep. Butch Parrish

Georgia Southern had its official "Day at the Capitol" on February 3, but for University Honors Program students Andrew Smallwood and Rachel Neuhauser, every day this semester is a day at the capitol. Both students are spending the spring in the Georgia Legislative Internship Program.

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The Georgia Southern University Honors Program is designed to foster the development of a critical sense of inquiry, a spirit of creativity, a global perspective and an ethic of civic responsibility. With your investment, the University Honors Program will continue to enrich the lives of students at Georgia Southern University.



The eighth annual Honors Research Symposium will take place at the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center on Friday, April 17, 2015. At this event all of the graduating honors seniors present the results of their honors thesis research. In addition, select underclassmen will deliver poster presentations of their work or works in progress. All are welcome to attend.

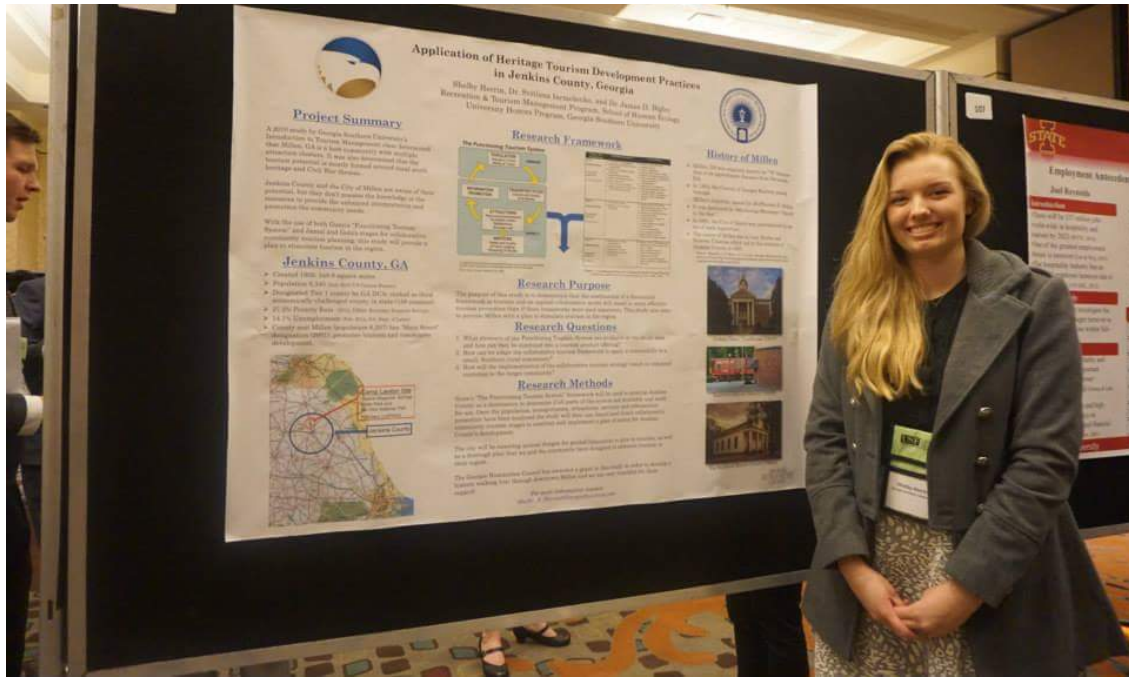
This year, we are adding a banquet following the symposium which will be designed for student presenters, their mentors, as well as alumni. We plan to seat alumni with current students so that they have a chance to interact with current students and share their advice. Also, a smaller group of alumni will deliver a panel presentation and Q&A to provide further advice and support to students. Invitations will be forthcoming.

For questions, contact Dr. Steven Engel at [sengel@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:sengel@georgiasouthern.edu).

Honors Alumni are encouraged to update their information here!

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## Developing Local History



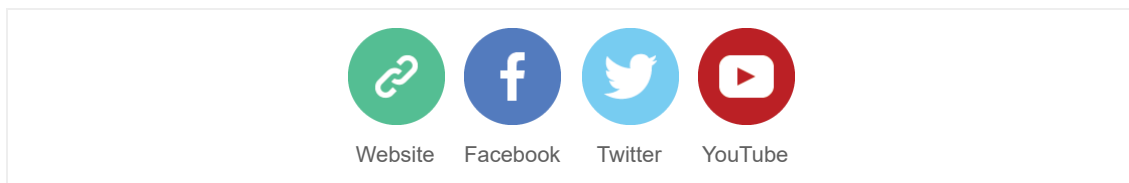
Shelby Herrin presents her poster at the GEGSR Conference at University of South Florida

The landscape of small towns in America has shifted somewhat as fast food chains, gas station mini-marts, and big box stores now populate properties often set close to a highway bypass far from downtown. No longer the sole shopping hub, these towns have begun to rely on tourism to bring people to their centers. Honors student Shelby Herrin has been studying just that; more specifically, she has been looking at heritage tourism in Jenkins County, Georgia.

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To learn more about Honors at Georgia Southern, how to support honors activities, or become involved in honors alumni events, contact Honors Director Steven Engel at [sengel@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:sengel@georgiasouthern.edu)



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