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## COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES

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## Welcome to Georgia Southern University / College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences

The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences welcomes Dr. Christine Ludowise as the new Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Curriculum. Dr. Ludowise has taught at Georgia Southern in the Department of Political Science for the last eleven years, and she has directed the Justice Studies Program for the last ten years. Most recently, she was the recipient of the CLASS 2010 Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Georgia Southern University 2010-2011 Award for Excellence in Contributions to Instruction. With seventeen years of teaching experience and a demonstrable record of scholarship and service, Dr. Ludowise brings a wealth of experience to the dean's office. She replaces Dr. Olivia Edenfield, who is returning to the classroom after six years as Associate Dean. We would like to thank Dr. Edenfield for her dedication and service to this college, and we wish her well as she begins this next leg of her teaching and research.

Summer brings us much to celebrate. In the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, graduate student Kevin Chapman won the Cultural Heritage Center Endowment in the amount of \$1,200. He will receive his award during the fall semester. Professor [Sue Moore](#) and her archaeology students continue to make important discoveries at Mont Repose, a former cotton plantation in South Carolina.

In the Department of Writing and Linguistics, department chair [Randall McClure](#) had his article "How do you know that?: An investigation of student research practices in the digital age" selected by the American Library Association RSS Research & Statistics committee for inclusion in their Reference and Research Review for 2009. This annual bibliography focuses on research published within the last complete calendar year, annotating items of importance to the practice of reference. For an inspiring story of courage and perseverance in the face of a life-altering accident, read about remarkable Writing and Linguistics student [Luke Easterwood](#) and his journey of excellence at Georgia Southern.

Recently, the Department of Literature and Philosophy's *Journal of Commonwealth and Postcolonial Studies* received the highest ranking of "A" by [the European Science Foundation](#). According to the European Reference Index for the Humanities criteria, "A" category journals are "high-ranking international publications with a very strong reputation among researchers of the field in different countries, regularly cited all over the world." Congratulations to Professor Gautam Kundu who serves as editor of this prestigious journal!

From the Department of Communication Arts, [Emily Ullrich](#) will leave for Nairobi, Kenya in order to share the art of film production with children who are hungry to learn. Alumnus [Ben Roberts](#) won an Emmy award for Outstanding Achievement, Television Crafts Achievement Excellence for On-Camera Talent - Anchor - News. Student Haley Higgs earned a PRSSA National Gold Key Award. This award recognizes those students who demonstrate outstanding academic excellence in public relations and leadership

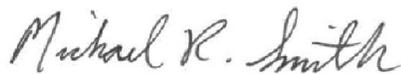
qualities in PRSSA. It is the highest individual honor bestowed upon members of the Public Relations Student Society of America. Awards will be presented during the PRSSA Awards Ceremony and Dinner held Monday, October 18, 2010 at the PRSSA National Conference in Washington, D.C.

And in the Department of Political Science, professor [Robert Pirro](#) was interviewed about the the political primaries in South Carolina and Georgia.

Summer school continues to hum along at Georgia Southern, and we expect a record number of students on campus in the fall with total enrollment probably exceeding 20,000 students for the first time. The College is poised to add new faculty and explore new degree and certificate options in the next academic year.

Speaking of which, I'll close with the announcement of an exciting new degree program in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. Beginning in spring 2011, CLASS will begin offering a fully-online bachelor's degree in general studies (BGS). This new online degree program will combine the convenience and flexibility of an online degree option with the respect and recognition that comes with a Georgia Southern University degree. Prospective students interested in the new online BGS degree may contact Ms. Lisa Sapp in the CLASS Advisement Center at (912) 478-0074 or [lsapp@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:lsapp@georgiasouthern.edu).

Warm Regards,



Michael R. Smith, Dean

## Faculty Meets West African Research Center

In May 2010, thanks to the generous support of a Title VI, U.S. Department of Education grant entitled "Internationalizing the Curriculum for All," 18 faculty members, representing Georgia Southern University's College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, enjoyed a two week faculty development seminar in Senegal.

To conduct this seminar to the highest possible professional standards, we formed an alliance with the West African Research Center, (WARC), Dr. Ousmane Sene, Director. He appointed Mr. Waly Faye, as our in-country program coordinator; together, the two of them treated GSU faculty to an extraordinary experience.

Our trip began with a tour of Gorée Island which put before us the other side of the story of slavery, both its sad history and the magnificence of the Senegalese experience. This tour began a week filled with scholarly lectures in mornings on diverse topics such as politics, education, and Islam in Senegal, followed by afternoon field trips to everything from the National Assembly, to the Grand Mosque(s) in Dakar and Touba, to visiting schools that ranged from Koranic to primary and secondary, and to one-on-one meetings with faculty and administrators at Cheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar and Gaston Berger University in Saint Louis.

After spending a week in Dakar and its environs, the group visited the cities of Saint Louis, Touba, Kaolack, and Toubacouta. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Waly Faye and his assistant Korka Sall, we were able to experience up-close personal aspects of

Senegalese society and its people. Visiting the local markets and villages, having the opportunity to meet with students and faculty at the Islamic University of Touba, and eating lunch (that's lunch for 22) in the home of the local guide exhibited a slice of life that ordinary tourists would never have the opportunity to witness. Ousmane Sene, WARC's redoubtable director, made arrangements for us to stop by his ancestral home in the town of Sokone and treated the group to a musical, dancing greeting, traditional Senegalese Tea, and a meeting with the mayor of this small but vibrant community.

Throughout this journey every evening featured enriching forms of entertainment that ranged from traditional music and dance performances to village wrestling matches at Nemadingue offering not only the sport, but the pageantry, indeed theater, of these athletic events. And, no visit to Africa is complete without encounters with nature; we enjoyed two phenomenal sites, one the Bird Sanctuary of Djoudj and the other through the mangrove forest that surrounds Toubacouta. The tour of the mangrove continued with a visit to a fishing village where we were all greeted with a kiss from its Queen! This incredible day culminated with a picnic lunch on Sippo beach and a stirring lecture from Dr. Sene on his own research on the poetry of Leopold Sedar Senghor.

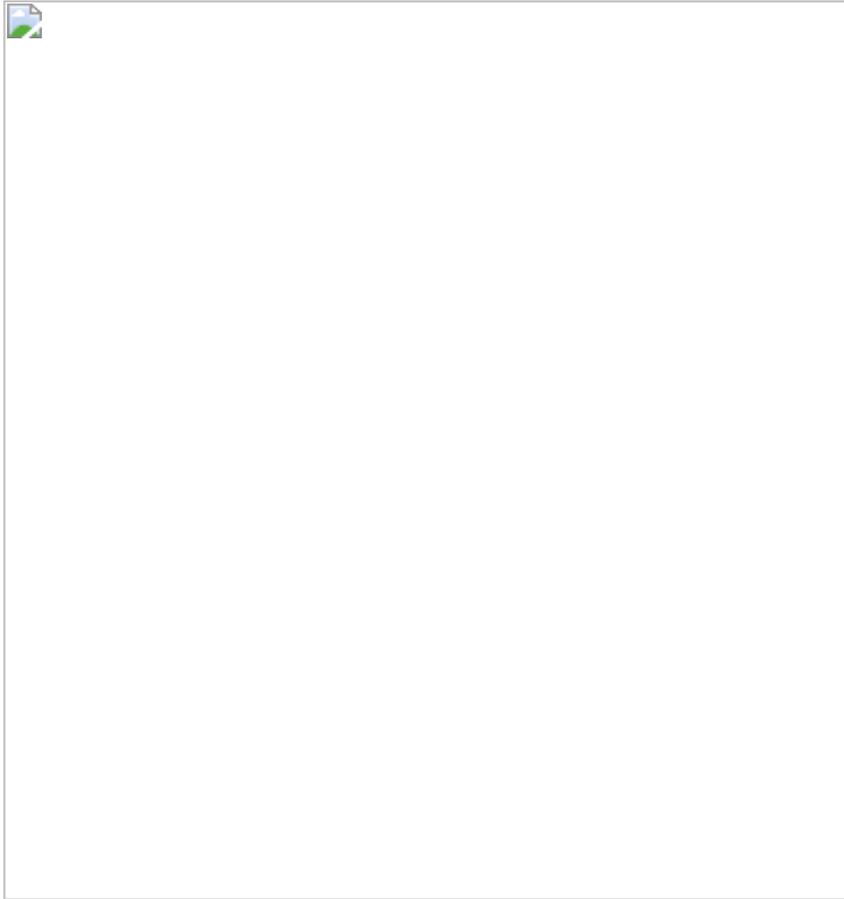
There was no point in time during this Seminar when we were not engaged, learning something more about a world that few of us had ever experienced. There are not enough words in any language to properly recognize and acknowledge the hard work, time and energy that Dr. Sene, Waly Faye, and their support staff put into making certain that our visit was memorable, successful, and indeed magnificent. The hardest part of this trip was absorbing the never ending days filled with activities that opened new intellectual horizons and personal development opportunities with each passing moment. At the end of the journey, everyone needed a vacation to rest and reflect. Over the course of the near future, through further reflection, I am confident that each participant will better understand and develop further as internationalized thinkers and scholars.

John W. Steinberg  
Georgia Southern University



## Student Achievement in Writing & Linguistics

Writing major Patrick Shuler won the Stony Brook Short Fiction Fellowship for his manuscript "You Kill It, You Eat It." The honor carries a \$1,000 prize as well as an all-expenses-paid trip to New York for attendance at the Stony Brook writers' conference.



Patrick Shuler

## Upcoming **CLASS** Events

(Complete [CLASS Event Schedule](#))

**June 21-July 9**  
**9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
Summer Studios 2010  
Visual Arts Building

## Give to **CLASS**

The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences aspires to be nationally recognized for its superior and innovative educational experiences across the humanities, the social sciences, and the arts. Our goal is to provide effective programs that are responsive to the needs of the region and to allow all members of the college—faculty, staff, and students—to serve together to enhance quality of life. If you would like to support **CLASS** in meeting these goals, please visit our [annual campaign website](#).

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