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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

Fall moves into Statesboro, and with it come continued reasons to celebrate in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. On October 9th, we will launch our [Great Minds Lecture Series](#). **Dr. Rich Pacelle**, chair of the Political Science Department, will give a lecture on Obama's Supreme Court. The event is free and open to the public and will be held at 1:00pm in the Carter Recital Hall in Foy. You can [register online](#) today. Also, history major **Camille Daley** and political science major **Joshua Combs** have been chosen as interns for the [Eagles in D.C.](#) Congressional program.

Speaking of the Department of Political Science, we are pleased to also announce that [Teresa MacCartney](#), a graduate of the MPA program and former student and graduate assistant in the Office of the Provost, has been appointed as the implementation director for the Race to the Top funds.

In the Department of Writing and Linguistics, **Sonya Huber's** new book *Cover Me: A Health Insurance Memoir* has been chosen as one of two finalists for the 2010 Grub Street National Book Prize in Nonfiction. Also, **Thomas Klein** has accepted an invitation by the Smithsonian Institution to present a lecture entitled "Sounds of Africa in Gullah and on Middle Caicos" as part of the symposium "Connecting the Worlds of the African Diaspora: the Living Legacy of Lorenzo Dow Turner" in Washington, DC, on Nov 12-13. Representatives from the national press will cover the symposium. A volume of proceedings is planned with the Smithsonian Institution Scholarly Press.

In the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, [Camp Lawton](#) exploration efforts and graduate student [Kevin Chapman](#) continue to receive national and international attention. Additionally, a great resource created and edited, respectively, by faculty members **Nathan Palmer** and **April Schueths** is receiving prominent attention. The site is called [SociologySource.com](#). Nathan started the site last March as a way to share ideas for teaching sociology. It is free and open to anyone. Since last month, the site has had over 600 unique visitors and nearly 3,000 hits. "Teaching the Social World," which is sponsored by the American Sociological Association, is featuring a three-part series on Nathan's website.

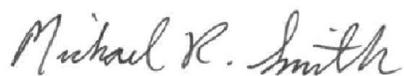
The Department of Communication Arts has been selected to host a regional conference March 4-5, 2011, for the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA).

In the Department of Psychology, **Janie Wilson** has been elected to Fellow status in the American Psychological Association. Fewer than 5% of APA members achieve this recognition, which requires national impact on the field of psychology. Also, [Will McIntosh](#) received the Hugo Award for his science fiction story "Bridesicle." The story is an extension of his research on relationships and technology.

In the Department of Music, [Michael Braz](#) was named an Averitt Center legend.

These achievements and recognitions are instrumental in maintaining our focus on student success, teaching, research and service.

Warm Regards,



Michael R. Smith, Dean

Department of Sociology & Anthropology

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology may be small (10 sociologists, 5 anthropologists and about 180 majors), but what we lack in numbers we make up for in talent and heart. We want to help our students convert innate abilities and a passion for learning into skills and opportunities that will serve them for years to come -- a lofty goal to be sure, but one that is grounded in teamwork.

There is no better illustration of teamwork than Dr. Sue Moore's archeology laboratory. In the arch lab graduate students mentor and supervise the work of undergraduates while Sue watches over everyone's projects. Their hard work paid off recently when Sue and Kevin Chapman, an anthropology student in our M.A. in Social Sciences (MASS) program, garnered international media attention with their discovery of artifacts at Camp Lawton, a Civil War prisoner of war camp situated in Jenkins County, Georgia. In addition to Sue and Kevin, MASS graduate students Mathew Newberry, Mathew Luke, Amanda Morrow, Mary Craft, and Christopher Kowalczyk all participated in the planning, field testing, excavation, and preservation of Camp Lawton artifacts. The public will be able to see what the archeology team has unearthed beginning Sunday, October 10, 2010, at 2 p.m. at the [Georgia Southern University Museum](#). You can stay in touch by visiting their [Camp Lawton website](#) or their [facebook page](#). Or you can become a "friend of the dig" by contributing to either the archeology or the [Camp Lawton fund](#).

Collaboration is at the heart of Mr. Nathan Palmer's new blog, [SociologySource.com](#). He started the site last March as a way to share ideas for teaching sociology. Since last month he has had over 600 visitors and nearly 3,000 hits on the site. Better yet, "[Teaching the Social World](#)," which is sponsored by the American Sociological Association, is featuring a three-part series on Nathan's website. Nathan's post to "Teaching the Social World" can be found at <http://thesocietypages.org/teaching/2010/09/16/survey-methods/>. Another noteworthy event in the department includes Dr. Heidi Altman's appearance in a University of North Carolina TV documentary entitled, [Our State: Cherokee Language](#). Heidi, who is the president of the Southern Anthropological Society and an authority on revitalizing the Cherokee language, has established an online [Cherokee Dictionary](#). On other fronts, Dr. Nancy Malcom traveled to Senegal, Africa, as part of a Title VI grant that focuses on internationalizing the Georgia Southern University curriculum. Dr. Robert Shanafelt traveled to Botswana, Africa, as part of a study abroad and service learning program that focused on global issues such as poverty and environmental sustainability.

Our students are an amazing lot. Here is a sample of their accomplishments: Kevin Chapman, a MASS graduate student and now an employee of U.S. Fish and Game, won this year's [Cultural Heritage Scholarship](#). Amanda Morrow, a MASS graduate student, was invited by conference chair Paul Mardikianhas and head conservator for the H. L. Hunley project to attend [Metal 2010](#). This is a triennial conference of the International Museum Committee for Metal Conservation. Zulema Ibarra, a MASS graduate student, has been working with the Southeast Georgia Communities Project in Lyons, GA, on a domestic violence education and prevention program funded by the Department of Justice. She has been helping the Southeast Communities Project with curriculum development, evaluations, and focus groups. And just last week Sue Moore, Mathew Newberry, Amanda Morrow and Kevin Chapman traveled to

Johnson's Island prison, a Union Civil War POW camp for Confederate officers on the coast of Lake Erie. We are looking forward to hearing about their visit with archeologist David Bush. We hope that alumni and friends will stay in touch with us by visiting our newly remodeled department web site, especially the [What's New?](#) section.

Upcoming CLASS Events

October 1

Art

Empty Bowl Project: Public Throw Day 9:00am-3:00pm
Ceramics Studio

Music

Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Wind Symphony Recital 7:30pm
Performing Arts Center

October 4-21

Art

Exhibition: Damaged Goods
Center for Art and Theatre, University Gallery

October 6-13

Theatre

The Crucible
Black Box Theatre

October 9

Lecture

Great Minds Lecture Series: *The Making of the Obama Court*, Dr. Rich Pacelle 1:00pm
Carol A. Carter Recital Hall

October 14

Music

Channel Noise III: Electronic Music 7:30pm
Carol A. Carter Recital Hall

October 15

Music

Vocal Arts Gala 7:30pm
Carol A. Carter Recital Hall

October 19

Music

Guest Artist: The Maharlika Trio 7:30pm
Carol A. Carter Recital Hall

October 21

CURIO

Undergraduate Research Symposium
7:00pm
Foy Building, Music Library

October 22-23

Music

Guest Artist: Arnold Rawls 7:30pm
Carol A. Carter Recital Hall

October 25-November 30

Art

Exhibition: Behind the Image
Center for Art and Theatre, Contemporary Gallery

October 28-31

Music

Cosi Fan Tutte- Opera Performance
Performing Arts Center

[Complete Calendar of CLASS Events](#)

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Find all the details about the [Eagle Nation on Parade](#) public art project on our [website](#). Contact Sue Bunning at sbunning@georgiasouthern.edu for more information.

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