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Returning to Ireland:
The Wexford-Savannah Axis

Honors students at the Dunbrody Famine Ship and Irish Emigrant Experience in Co. Wexford, Ireland.

While research takes some students only so far as their computer screens, ten honors students recently traveled to Southeastern Ireland to investigate the push and pull factors that contributed to migration from County Wexford, Ireland to
Savannah, Georgia. In the second year of the ongoing transatlantic research project entitled the Wexford-Savannah Axis, honors students embarked on the Honors Inquiry in Ireland Study Abroad Program. Led by Dr. Steven Engel and Dr. Howard Keeley, honors students spent two weeks looking for answers to such questions as why Wexfordians immigrated to Savannah and what they left behind.

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**Incoming Students Attend SOAR 2015**

We welcomed most of our fall 2015 incoming class at the first orientation in June. We enjoyed having dinner with them at Lakeside, and we introduced the new Honors Living Learning Community and Honors Common Read. Students received their copy of *The World Beyond Your Head: On Becoming an Individual in An Age of Distraction* by Mathew B. Crawford. All new first-year students should join the Facebook group to get in on the discussion of this book during the summer (details were sent via email). We look forward to seeing you on campus August 13!
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.

Honors Alumni are encouraged to update their information here!

Elizabeth Ashwood Presents Research
Elizabeth Ashwood presents her research at the Annual Meeting of the American Physical Society's Division of Atomic, Molecular, and Optical Physics in Columbus, OH.

On June 12, Elizabeth Ashwood gave a presentation titled, "Microgravity Gradiometry Measurement Schemes with Multiple-Pathway Atom Interferometers" at the 46th Annual Meeting of the American Physical Society Division of Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics. Ashwood's research, with Dr. Mark Edwards of Georgia Southern and Dr. Charles Clark of the Joint Quantum Institute, explored a “new atom-interferometric scheme for measuring the value and derivatives of the gravitational field in the microgravity environment found in the Cold-Atom Laboratory to be deployed to the International Space Station.”

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