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### Upcoming Events

- April 11 Dessert with the Dean
- April 20 iPad Showcase
- May 11 Graduate Commencement
- May 12 Undergraduate Commencement
- June 4 Southeast Conference on Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports
- June 20 Curriculum Studies Summer Collaborative

[More calendar announcements.](#)

Note: Rural Based HIV Education & Training Conference has been moved to Sept. 14. [Click here for more information.](#)

### Other Faculty News/Publications

**Dr. James Green**, Dept. of Leadership, Technology & Human Development, has been awarded a Fulbright Specialist Grant and will work with faculty and students at the University of Limerick, Ireland, this summer.

**Dr. Andrea Jasper**, Dept. of Teaching & Learning, has published "Special Educators and Non-Suicidal Self-Injurious Behavior: Self-injury Training, Exposure, & Self-Efficacy," in *Teacher Education and Special Education*.

### Ross Named Governor's Teaching Fellow



Dr. Sabrina Ross, Assistant Professor in the Department of Curriculum, Foundations and Reading, recently was named a 2012 Governor's Teaching Fellow. She is one of only two Georgia Southern faculty to receive the honor this year.

The Governor's Teaching Fellow program, established in 1995 by Gov. Zell Miller, provides a unique opportunity for Georgia's higher education faculty to develop important teaching skills, particularly

as they relate to emerging technologies so critical in the 21st century classroom.

"This is a great honor for Dr. Ross and one that is well deserved," said Dr. Thomas Koballa, COE Dean. "Dr. Ross is an exceptional teacher and researcher in critical pedagogy. Her scholarly work in teaching for social justice, black feminist and womanist epistemologies and issues of power in schools is outstanding. Dr. Ross brings distinction to the College of Education," he continued.

As a Governor's Teaching Fellow, Dr. Ross will have the opportunity to work with other elite professors from private and public institutions across the state. Symposia and collaborative work throughout the year allows the fellows to learn new approaches to teaching and fosters an atmosphere of camaraderie and collegiality between professionals in different disciplines. [Read more about Dr. Ross' award.](#)

### Faculty Awarded 2012 Seed Grants

*Teen Intervention and Technology Preparedness Subject of Grants*

Two innovative research projects were awarded 2012 COE Seed Grants by the COE Research Committee.

The first grant was awarded to Dr. Breyan Haizlip, Assistant Professor, Leadership, Technology and Human Development, for her project, "Sisters of Nia (Purpose)." The grant focuses on strengthening three cultural variables among African American adolescent girls (enhancing ethnic



Seed grant recipients Drs. Breyan Haizlip (l) and Lucy Green (r).

Two COE faculty won prestigious university awards for the 2011-12 academic year.



**Dr. Christine Draper**, Dept. of Teaching & Learning, won the *Award for Excellence in Contributions to Instruction*.



**Dr. Michael Moore**, Dept. of Curriculum, Foundations & Reading, won the *Award for Excellence in Service*.

## Around COE



The "John Suddath Hall Memorial Scholarship" leaf was placed on the Wall of Honor Tree on March 23. Some of Mr. Hall's family attended the ceremony. [See Southern Educator, Vol. 1 Issue 2 for information on the scholarship.](#)

identity, promoting an androgynous gender role and strengthening mutually positive relationships and decreasing negative relationships girls have with peers) through group counseling and mentorships.

The second grant was awarded to a group of five faculty, two from Leadership, Technology and Human Development (Drs. Lucy Green and Kathryn Kennedy) and three from Teaching and Learning (Drs. Karen Chassereau, Marti Schriver and Michelle Reidel) for a project designed to familiarize pre-service teachers with technology currently in place in K-12 schools. According to the grant authors, emphasis will be placed on pedagogical practice and planning for effective and meaningful technology use. [Read more about COE's Seed Grants.](#)

## COE Board of Advisors Meets



COE's Board of Advisors met on March 3. Pictured from left to right are Dawn Oliver, COE's Major Gifts Officer; Tom Koballa, Dean; Eddie Pollard; Joseph Barrow; Diane Wood; Dayle Burns; Sheila Hoynes and Tracy Linderholm, Associate Dean for Graduate Education and Research.

## Graduate Center Staff Hit the Road

February and March were busy months for the staff of COE's Graduate Academic Services Center as they traveled across the region for recruiting events and conferences. Director Lydia Cross and Academic Advisor Theresa Duggar hosted question and information sessions for prospective students in Effingham County and Berrien County. Additionally, they hosted a table for prospective students at the National Youth-at-Risk Conference in Savannah and the Graduate School Fair at Georgia Southern.



The center staff also traveled to Miami, Florida, for the Region 4 National Academic Advising Association meeting where they presented on strategies for working effectively with graduate students in a service center. There were over 400 academic advisors in attendance at the conference and information was shared across colleges and universities about best practices in advising.

Upcoming plans for recruitment and travel include the Positive Behaviors Conference in Savannah in June and a trip to Glynn County to meet with teachers and administrators later this semester. Future recruitment dates to school systems for fall semester are currently being made. You never know, they may be in your neck of the woods soon!

## Alumna Honored as Woman of the Year



Dr. Marie Craig Hooks, COE alumna and former member of COE's Board of Advisors, was named the 2012 Laurens County *Woman of the Year* at the 47th Annual St. Patrick's Award Banquet. Dr. Hooks is currently principal of Susie Dasher STEM Elementary School.

## Alumni, we want to hear from you.

At COE we know that it is our alumni and friends who carry the torch for education and serve as our shining example throughout the world.

You are our education family and we are extremely proud of all you have and will continue to accomplish.

Our next issue of **Southern Educator** will feature news from you. [Please fill out our survey today!](#)

## Faculty, Graduate Students Present Papers



COE Faculty & graduate students at Ntl. Assoc. of Professional Development Schools meeting.

COE faculty and graduate students presented at major professional conferences this winter and spring, sharing important research and giving graduate students an opportunity to network. At the National Association for Professional Development Schools meeting, **Dr. Kymberly Drawdy** and her former graduate student (and LCMS teacher) **Jemelleh Coes** presented "Supporting Undergraduate Research in Special

Education Placements for Pre-Service Teachers." **Dr. Missy Bennett** and **Heather Scott** presented with graduate student **Era Roberts** (and Bluffton Middle School teacher) and graduate student **Robert Lindsey** (and Portal Middle/High teacher), "Crossing Borders: Sharing A Standards Based Curriculum Throughout the Partnership." **Dr. Missy Bennett, Heather Scott** and **Pat Parsons** presented "School-University Partnerships: Who Benefits?" **Dr. Cordelia Zinskie** and **Dr. Dee Battle** presented "Increasing the Odds: Highlighting Successful PDS Research." **Dr. Deborah Thomas** and **Pat Parsons** presented "Embedded Blue Ribbon Strategies for Effective Clinical Practice." **Dr. Dan Calhoun** presented at the American College Personnel Association meeting, "When the Leader is You: Challenges in Supervising Professional Staff," and "Transitioning from Practitioner to Professor: Creating New Possibilities."

School Psychology Program faculty and graduate students presented at the National Association of School Psychologists convention. **Drs. Terry Diamanduros, Dawn Tysinger** and **Jeff Tysinger**, as well as recent program graduate **Daniel McNair**, presented on "School Psychologists' Perceptions of Cyberbullying." **Drs. Dawn Tysinger, Jeff Tysinger** and **Kathryn Kennedy** presented on "Preparing School Psychologists to Work in K-12 Online Learning Environments." Other faculty presentations included "Technology's Role in Promoting Social-Emotional Learning" by **Drs. Terry Diamanduros, Beth Downs** and **Stephen Jenkins**. Graduate student **Rhodesia McMillian** presented on "Fostering Character While Improving Academic Achievement Among Minority Students."

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