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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

I hope everyone is well as the holidays approach. As many of you have heard, we will be welcoming [Dr. Ted Moore](#) in April as the new Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at Georgia Southern University. Dr. Moore is currently Vice President for Finance and Planning at the University of South Carolina. He will bring a wealth of experience to Georgia Southern, and we are excited to learn more about his vision for Academic Affairs.

I would like to congratulate alumnus [Christopher Kimbrough](#) for being awarded a Baker & Daniels' 2011 diversity scholarship. Kimbrough is a 2006 political science and philosophy graduate who is currently a second-year student at Indiana University Maurer School of Law. I would also like to congratulate the Hearts and Hands Clinic for their \$120,000 grant from the GA Baptist Health Care Ministry Foundation. "This grant will help solidify the organization as a long lasting non-profit in Statesboro, GA," says Andres Montes, chairman and CEO of the clinic and senior Philosophy and Chemistry double major at Georgia Southern.

In the Department of Communication Arts, professors **Beverly Graham** and **Chris Geyerman** received *Top Paper in Gender Studies* recognition from the Southern States Communication Association for their research paper: *Health as Hegemonic Masculinity: The Symbolic Construction of Health in Men's Health and Men's Fitness Magazines*.

The Department of Writing and Linguistics is proud to announce that **Tina McElroy Ansa** has agreed to serve as the department's Visiting Writer for 2011. Ansa, a resident of St. Simons Island, Georgia, is the author of several acclaimed novels including *Baby of the Family*, *Ugly Ways*, *The Hand I Fan With*, and *You Know Better*. For more information on Tina McElroy Ansa, visit her website at <http://www.tinamcelroyansa.com/>. Ms. Ansa will be teaching a creative writing workshop course, "Writing the Novel," in Summer 2011. Public readings are also planned, and more information about these events should be available soon. This is the second year of Visiting Writer series. In 2010, the Department of Writing and Linguistics hosted Janisse Ray, author of the award-winning memoir *Ecology of a Cracker Childhood*.

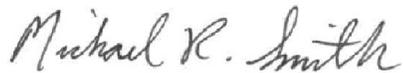
Additionally, the Department of Sociology and Anthropology continues to garner support for their Camp Lawton project. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources honored the [archaeological team](#) for their discovery. Also, the discovery of Camp Lawton prompted a \$500,000 Economic Development [Grant](#) for Jenkins County, Ga.

Finally, we are excited to share that the Great Minds Lecture Series this fall was a success, and we will be offering additional lectures this spring. The spring lectures will be held on the evenings of February 10th, March 10th, and April 14th. We will send out more detailed lecture information in January's *CLASS Notes*. The

November lecture [The Virtue of Interrupted Lives](#), given by **Dr. Hemchand Gossai**, is now available on podcast. This and future lectures will also be available via podcast on the [CLASS Podcasts](#) web page.

Enjoy the holidays. We will see everyone next year!

Warm Regards,



Michael R. Smith, Dean

Department of Psychology

The psychology department is the academic home to over 700 undergraduates, two dozen M.S. students, and 22 Psy.D. students. This makes psychology one of the most popular undergraduate majors at Georgia Southern and the only department in CLASS offering a doctoral degree. Together, these three programs represent the spectrum of psychology. Undergraduates learn foundational concepts and methods. M.S. students conduct more sophisticated research, while Psy.D. students apply the results of research as they learn to provide psychological services. Among our highlights for this year are the expansion of the clinic and faculty winning major awards.

Psychology Clinic

The Psychology Clinic has a new home on Forest Drive and a new director. The new location offers four therapy rooms, where clients receive individual and group services.

The clinic serves adults and children from the community, who pay on a "sliding scale" as their income allows. This allows people of all income levels to receive services. Dr. Amy Luna directs the clinic; she and our clinical faculty supervise therapy with a broad range of clients. Dr. Luna coordinates the services students provide to the community. The number of therapy hours they provide to the community will double as the number of students increases.

Social Psychology in Science Fiction



It might seem unusual for a psychologist to write science fiction, but the questions of relationships and the media that Dr. Will McIntosh explores in his research also serve as themes in his science fiction writing. For his story, *Bridesicle*, Dr. McIntosh won the 2010 Hugo Award. This prestigious international award includes among its past recipients Ray Bradbury, and J. K. Rowling. In *Bridesicle* McIntosh writes about relationships throughout time and how people make quick judgments when meeting someone for the first time, enduring psychological topics.

National Teaching Award

The American Psychological Association recognized Dr. Karen Naufel with its *Jane S. Halonen Award*. This honor is given for excellence in teaching in the first five years of one's career. Dr. Naufel was nominated for the award by a student and was praised for her dedication to students in the classroom and exemplary work in the laboratory, where she studies motivation and health.



New Faces in Psychology

Dr. Jeff Klibert joins us on the faculty. A clinical psychologist, Dr. Klibert studies depression and suicide risk. Ms. Melissa Welch serves now as our academic advisor. Her office is located in the Carroll Building in order to improve her accessibility to students and to coordinate advising efforts with faculty.

Dr. John Murray, who had been serving as Department Chair, left to become Dean at Indiana State University. In his place, Dr. Michael Nielsen is serving as interim chair. Dr. Nielsen is the incoming coeditor of *Archive for the Psychology of Religion*. His expertise also led him to be interviewed recently on the *National Public Radio* program "RadioWest" concerning the Elizabeth Smart kidnapping case.

Upcoming CLASS Events

January 18-February 23

Art

Exhibition: G-Code & Stillmore Roots

January 24

Music

Faculty Recital Series, 7:30pm
Carol A. Carter Recital Hall

[Complete Calendar of CLASS Events](#)

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