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Teaching at Southern

December 2018, The Center for Teaching Excellence

SoTL Commons Conference

Conference dates: January 24-25, 2019

on the Historic Savannah Riverfront at the Hyatt Regency, Savannah.

Early registration deadline is December 14, 2018.

Hosted by the Georgia Southern University Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE), the SoTL Commons is an international conference on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning with an intimate feel - listen to high quality presentations from nationally and internationally recognized speakers and join in conversations with a community of scholars from around the world.

Keynote Speakers:

Dr. Jennifer Friberg, *Cross Endowed Chair in SoTL and Associate Professor of Communication Sciences & Disorders at Illinois State University*

Dr. Jeffrey Karpicke, *James V. Bradley Professor of Cognitive Psychology at Purdue University*

For the most updated conference information and to register for the conference, please visit the [SoTL Commons](#) website. **Please note that Georgia Southern faculty may register at the significantly reduced rate of \$150.**



Faculty Writers' Boot Camp

Monday, December 10 - Thursday, December 13 (All 4 Days)

9:15 AM - 4:15 PM

Cone Hall 2027 (Statesboro)

Writers' Boot Camp is a professional development initiative that provides dedicated time and space for writing. This is not a writing workshop. You don't share your work. You get the work done.



[Register for Faculty Writers' Boot Camp Here](#)

Search "Boot Camp" to register for these events.

Register for Spring 2019 Book Groups

The registration link below will take you to a doodle poll so you can let us know what dates/times work best for your schedule. Reading groups meet for four consecutive weeks on the same day/time, please take this into consideration as you help us select dates for our Spring Reading Groups.

By responding to the doodle poll, you are registering to participate in a book group, unless the time selected does not meet your schedule as indicated in your response.

REGISTER by January 18, 2019

***Critical Reading in Higher Education: Academic Goals and Social Engagement* (2015)**

By Karen Manarin and Miriam Carey

Faculty often worry that students can't or won't read critically, a foundational skill for success in academic and professional endeavors. The authors discuss their findings from collaborative, multidisciplinary research into how students read and offer strategies that can better engage students and provide more meaningful reading experiences.

[Register for "Critical Reading"](#)

Small Teaching (2016)

By James Lang

In *Small Teaching*, Lang shares an approach that "seeks to spark positive change in higher education through small but powerful modifications to our course design and teaching practices." All forms of small teaching require minimal preparation and grading, but have the potential to make a big impact on student learning. What small teaching strategy will you try?

[Register for "Small Teaching"](#)

Teach Students How to Learn (2015)

By Sandra Yancy McGuire

"If you teach students how to learn, and give them simple, straightforward strategies to use, they can significantly increase their learning and performance," claims Dr. McGuire. Her book provides you with a multitude of actionable tools for helping your students grow into self-directed and self-motivated learners.

[Register for "Teach Students How to Learn"](#)

We would like to thank all who participated in the survey to help us select readings for Spring, the three books selected received the most votes from you.



2019 SoTL Award and Fellowship - Applications Now Open

[GS SoTL Award](#)

The Georgia Southern University SoTL Award recognizes Georgia Southern faculty members for a body of work of outstanding contributions to the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL).

Each year a competitive selection process determines one awardee. The award is funded with a \$2,000 stipend through the Center for Teaching Excellence.

Applications are now open through January 22, 2019.
Visit [our website](#) for more information and to submit your application.

[GS SoTL Fellowship](#)

The competitive Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Fellowship Program is designed to foster faculty engagement and leadership in SoTL at Georgia Southern University. The fellowship supports up to two (2) faculty each year in their advancement and completion of quality, innovative SoTL research projects that aim to improve the understanding of teaching and learning. The fellowship is funded with a \$1,000 stipend through the Center for Teaching Excellence.

Applications are now open through January 22, 2019.
Visit [our website](#) for more information and to submit your application.



Registration Open: Spring 2019 Teaching Online Certificate (TOC) Program

Registration is open for the TOC Program in Spring 2019!

The program begins January 28, 2019.

Registration Deadline: January 21, 2019

The TOC Program certifies faculty to deliver and design online courses at GSU. The program consists of three parts: a seven-week online workshop, a four-week course development practicum, and two face-to-face technical training workshops. The estimated time commitment is 36 hours.

For more details, see the [TOC page](#) on our website.



Faculty Development Award Deadlines

Spring Professional Travel Awards

Faculty interested in seeking funds for professional travel between March 2, 2019 and June 20, 2019 should submit applications no later than **5 PM, ET, January 11, 2019**. These travel awards support one's professional development as a teacher-scholar.

For more information, see the "Professional Travel" tab on our [Faculty Awards](#) page.

Summer Stipend Award

The application is due by **5 PM, ET, February 4, 2019**.

For more information, see the "Summer Stipend" tab on our [Faculty Awards](#) page.

Guidelines for these award applications are available on the CTE website. Submit applications online to the CTE via email to phendrix@georgiasouthern.edu.

If you do not receive a confirmation receipt for your submissions within 48 hours, please inquire to Patricia Hendrix at phendrix@georgiasouthern.edu



Governor's Teaching Fellowship

The submission deadline for the fellowship is 5:00 PM on January 2, 2019.

Please make sure to acquire your dean and department chair approval.

Learn more about [Fellowships](#) on our website.



Chancellor's Learning Scholars Faculty Learning Community: Armstrong Campus

You are invited to be a part of a USG Chancellor's Learning Scholars Inaugural Faculty Learning Community (FLC):

Small Changes = Big Results

This FLC will focus on introducing active learning strategies in a course currently being taught by participants. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations about teaching and learning with supportive colleagues. Research shows that making small changes in teaching can lead to big results for students.

This FLC will meet on the Armstrong Campus on Thursdays from 10 - 11 AM. Dates are January, 24, February 7, March 7, March 28, and April 18. Food will be provided.

If interested, please contact **Dr. Glenda Ogletree** at gogletree@georgiasouthern.edu or (912) 344-2602 by **January 17**.



Meet the Staff

Teresa Durham, Administrative Assistant II

Hi everyone, I'm Teresa, the administrative assistant for the Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE) at the Armstrong campus. A large and visible part of my job is to create and distribute this bi-weekly CTE e-newsletter. I act as an assistant to every staff and faculty member within all CTE offices.

Fun facts

- I worked in my position as a student intern for Dr. Nancy Remler, our CTE Director, for seven months in 2017 at Armstrong State University.
- I received my Bachelor's degree in Professional Communication with honors in December 2017 from Armstrong State University.
- Some favorite topics: innovative pedagogy, animals, Harry Potter, and creativity.

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Other Announcements

USG Teaching & Learning Conference Deadline Extended

April 10-12, 2019 | UGA Hotel and Conference Center | Athens, GA

New submission deadline for proposals: December 31, 2018

Proposals should address methods and strategies that are used in higher and post-secondary education settings.

To submit your proposal or find out more information about the conference, visit the [USG Teaching & Learning Conference](#) website.

HAPPY

Holidays



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