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Upcoming this spring!

**MONEY SMART WEEK**

APRIL 22-29, 2017

**SUSTAINABILITY SHOWCASE**

- **HENDERSON LIBRARY** First Floor Exhibit April 9 thru 21, 2017
- **GREEN EAGLE AWARDS & CLOSING RECEPTION** April 20, 3 to 5pm

Student Sustainability Fees at Work!
On Jan. 11, 2017, the University System of Georgia Board of Regents voted to consolidate Armstrong State University and Georgia Southern University. The consolidated university will be named Georgia Southern University and will be led by President Jaimie L. Hebert.

An implementation committee has been formed and is comprised of students, faculty, staff and community members from Armstrong State University and Georgia Southern University. These committee members will spend the coming months examining and working through all aspects of the consolidation. The work of the committee will be submitted to the Board of Regents and the board of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges by the end of this year. If the consolidation plan is approved by both bodies, the tentative timeline for the first entering class of this new university will be in fall of 2018.

“The consolidation of these institutions will enable our University System to better serve students, broaden or redesign academic programs offered in the coastal Georgia region, and reinvest savings into academics to improve student success,” said University System of Georgia Chancellor Steve Wrigley. “While the ultimate purpose of consolidation is to serve students better, we also have the opportunity to tailor degree programs for the workforce needs of the area and strengthen our role in the region’s economic development.”

The action by the board marks the fifth round of consolidation within the University System and follows the six guiding principles for consolidation approved by the board in November 2011:

- Increase opportunities to raise education attainment levels.
- Improve accessibility, regional identity, and compatibility.
- Avoid duplication of academic programs while optimizing access to instruction.
- Create significant potential for economies of scale and scope.
- Enhance regional economic development.
- Streamline administrative services while maintaining or improving service level and quality.

A subcommittee of librarians and library staff from Armstrong and Georgia Southern is expected to be appointed to work out the details of merging two independent university libraries into one library system.

More information about consolidation, and updates as they are posted, may be found at http://consolidation.georgiasouthern.edu.
To coordinate with The Remnant Trust exhibit currently showing in Zach S. Henderson Library through May 5th, the following programs have been arranged by the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences as part of the “Great Minds” lecture series. The series is aimed at helping us understand the significance and influence of many of the works on display. Members of the public may visit the exhibit for free whenever the Henderson Library is open.

**Tues., JAN 31**
*“Wanton Wenches and Nasty Women: Vindicating Women’s Rights from 1792 to 2016.”*
Dr. Anastatia Sims, Professor of History.

**Tues., MAR 7**
*“Plantation Dreams: Locke, Confucius, and the Making of the Low Country”*
Robert Batchelor, Professor of History & Director of Digital Humanities

**Tues., MAR 23**
*“Why Is the Bible a Text? Orality and Writing in the Ancient World”*
Dan Pioske, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies

**Wed., APR 5**
*“Tocqueville and American Liberty”*
Johnathan O’Neill, Department of History Chair

**Wed., APR 19**
*“Jonathan Edwards, Andrew Fuller, and the Recasting of Calvinism in Fuller’s The Gospel Worthy of All Accepetation (1785)”*
Tim Whelan, Professor of Literature and Philosophy

All lectures start at 5:30 PM in the Russell Union, room 2047. Schedule subject to change.
NEW FACULTY: NIKKI RECH

Meet Nikki Rech, Information Services Librarian and Liaison to COSM! A self-professed caffeine addict and avid supporter of citizen science projects (ask her about her love affair with Cornell’s Lab of Ornithology), Nikki has been helping Science faculty and students navigate the complicated world of Scientific Literature for nearly 12 years. She comes to Georgia Southern after 3½ years as the liaison to the College of Science and Technology at Savannah State University. Prior to this, she spent several years as the science librarian at Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee. She currently lives in Rincon, GA, with her husband, Mauro, daughter, Olivia, two ginger tabbies and a chubby little rabbit.

Nikki is passionately soapboxish that science is for everyone, and not just those planning careers in a STEM field. In this Post-Truth climate of Alternative Facts, she hopes to explore ways to extend the outreach of science based evidence and informed decision making to groups that maybe tend to distrust and ignore science. Most of all, she is excited to be joining the team of the Zach S. Henderson Library, and is looking forward to working with the faculty and students of Georgia Southern.
The Zach S. Henderson Library was a proud sponsor of the recent poetry event An Evening of African-American Poetry held in the Emma Kelly Theater on January 21, 2017. This is the second event of the Averitt Center’s annual African Heritage Series that honors the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The event brought together fine and talented local performers to recite the works of famous African-American poets including Jill Scott, Langston Hughes, Maya Angelou, and Paul Laurence Dunbar. Two performers also read their own original poetry. A special feature in this year’s program included voices from the younger generation, according to Theater Director Mical Whitaker. Performers included Myracle Clay-Bennett, Ressie Fuller, Elijah Hall, Thurgood Johnson, Drema Mincey, ChiChi Okafor, Nnedi Okafor, Zion M. Weaver, and Mical Whitaker.

This year’s event also featured a Georgia Southern University alumnus from Atlanta as the guest artist. Derrick Bailey graduated from Georgia Southern in 2007 and has performed as a spoken-word artist for more than 20 years under the stage name Subject2Change. Mr. Bailey performed a selection of poems from his new book My W.H.I.P. (My Words Help Inspire People).

Despite the rain in the late afternoon and early evening before the show, over 60 audience members attended the 90-minute long inspirational multi-media production that blended images, music, and spoken word performances. From my personal observation of the audience reaction during the performance, this year’s event is another successful one.
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for your continued support.

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- 3288  Naomi Davis McElveen Library Art Fund
- 3258  Veronica Davis Derst Library Endowment
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- 0930  Marvin Goss Special Collection Fund

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