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FRC Excellence in Research and/or Scholarly Activity Award Call for Nominations **Deadline: September 21st, 2015, 5PM**

The Faculty Research Committee would like to invite you to submit your nomination for the 2016-2017 competition for the Awards for Excellence in Research and/or Scholarly Activity. Any member of the Georgia Southern faculty or administration may nominate one core faculty member for the award using the online nomination form at <http://research.georgiasouthern.edu/orssp/awards-for-excellence-in-research-andor-scholarly-activity/>

Nominees must have completed 3 years of service at GS prior to nomination. Two awards are given each fiscal year, accompanied by a \$4000 stipend to allow recipients time to devote to their scholarly pursuit. Faculty who have won the Excellence in Research Award in the past 10 years are not eligible to compete. Award recipients must be members of the core faculty during the academic year following election to remain eligible to serve and will participate in the Focus on Excellence Lecture Series, highlighting their scholarly work.

Grant Award Winners

Congratulations to:

Andrew Allen, from the Department of Computer Sciences in the College of Engineering and Information Technology, who received a research grant from the National Science Foundation.

Joyya Smith, from the Department of Educational Opportunity Programs of Student Affairs & Enrollment Management, who received a research grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Matthew Horst, from the Recreational Activity Center Facility Operations, who received a research grant from the Easton Foundation.

Monique Aller, from the Department of Physics in the College of Science and Mathematics, who received a research grant from the University of South Carolina and NASA.

Dominique Halaby, from the Bureau of Business Research and Economic Development in the College of Business Administration, who received a research grant from the Candler County Industrial Authority.

Charles Owens, from the Department of Health Policy and Management in the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, who received a research grant from Draffin and Tucker, CPAs, LLP.

Laura Valeri, from the Department of Writing and Linguistics in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, who received a research grant from South Art.

Junan Shen, from the Department of Civil Engineering and Construction Management in the College of Engineering and Information Technology, who received a research grant from the Georgia Department of

Transportation.

The Office of The Vice President for Research and Economic Development has Relocated

The Office of the Vice President for Research & Economic Development is now located at 261 Forest Drive in Veazey Hall, Suite 2000. The P.O. Box for the office remains the same and is 8140. Should you need additional information, please contact the office at 478-8641.

Easier to Pursue Data Breach Lawsuits

In July, 2015, the United States Court of Appeals issued a ruling to make it easier for plaintiffs to hold companies liable for a data breach. Article III of the constitution requires the plaintiff to have a concrete reason to pursue a lawsuit and that there needs to be a clear link between a data breach and a specific incident or injury. However, concrete connections are difficult to prove; therefore, the Seventh Circuit Court created two standards that can be used: "certain risk" or "substantial risk," which can prompt plaintiffs to avoid possible future harm. Although the Circuit Court did not specify when a certain standard should be used, there are now two applicable standards that can be used in data breach cases which can create less barriers for pursuing lawsuits based on the risk of future incidents or injuries.

To read more about this, click [here](#).

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