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## Little Retires After 25 Years at Georgia Southern University

Merriment & Roast: Friday, April 1; 6 - 9pm



The Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art is a little less colorful these days. As Dr. Bruce Little, Professor of Art and longtime art instructor, mentor to millions, and dedicated art education advocate, prepares for retirement at the end of this academic year, a sentiment is echoing in the halls of the Arts Building: “Dr. Little could never be replaced.” Reflecting on his years as an art educator he states: “Even after all these years of teaching art I still get a thrill out of watching a student make a new discovery. I have seen thousands of students make the same discovery, but when it is the first time for that particular student and I try to be in the moment with them and share in the excitement of their discovery.”

A veteran high school teacher, Little joined the faculty of Georgia Southern in 1988 teaching undergraduate and graduate art education courses, foundation studio courses such as Drawing I, II and Two-Dimensional Design as well as upper level courses such as water Media, Studio Pedagogy, and Aesthetics and Criticism in Art. He has directed the Master of Fine Arts (MFA) Graduate program and chaired numerous thesis committees. His research includes an extensive exhibition record as well as numerous publications including the classic NAEA publication, *Secondary Art Education: An Anthology of Issues*, now in its second edition.



With an EdD in art education, an MFA in painting, and a passion for art advocacy, Dr. Little is revered as an icon of art education in the state. Honored in 2003 by the National Art Education Association (NAEA) as Art Educator of the Year and more recently as the 2010

recipient of Georgia Southern University's College of Liberal Arts and Social Science's Ruffin Cup, Little continues make significant contributions to the field. In the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art, he is known as a "brilliant and demanding" professor of art who stresses the importance of quality teaching practices. His strength of character and efficiency in teaching, scholarship and service is both admired and applauded by his colleagues.

## **Merriment & Roast!**

The Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art will be honoring Dr. Little with a reception at the Center for Art & Theatre Friday, April 1, 2011. Merriment begins at 6pm with a Roasting Ceremony at 7pm; all are invited to attend. Please RSVP or share a story or sentiment about Bruce: email [Julie McGuire](mailto:Julie.McGuire) or visit <http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/art> for more information.

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