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Congratulations to:

Dr. Li Li, with the School of Health & Kinesiology, who received external funding from a private sponsor.

Dr. Jaynie Lee Gaskin, with the Department of Geology and Geography, who received external funding from the American Museum of Natural History.

Meet Derek Larson – Award for Excellence in Research and/or Creative Scholarly Activity



Derek Larson, MFA Yale University, is one of the 2016-17 Award for Excellence in Research and Creative Scholarly Activity recipients. He teaches courses in digital technology and is director of the MFA program. He has been prolific in receiving global residencies, grants and exhibition. In 2013 he was a finalist for the Hudgens Prize in Atlanta and in 2014 he received the SECAC Fellowship Award and David Bermant Foundation Fellowship. He teaches in the Summer Studio Program at VCU and has been featured in The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, The Boston Globe, The Seattle Times and New American

Paintings. Mr. Larson has exhibited nationally and internationally with recent shows in New Orleans, Philadelphia, New York and Boston.

Meet Gulzar Shah – Award for Excellence in Research and/or Creative Scholarly Activity

Dr. Gulzar H. Shah, PhD, MStat, MS, is the Associate Dean for Research at the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health (JPHCOPH). Dr. Shah is a prolific researcher with over 85 publications in the peer reviewed journals and over 120 presentations at professional conferences. Dr. Shah currently serves as the Senior Associate Editor of the Frontiers in Public Health Services and Systems Research, and as the Consulting Editor

for the Journal of Public Health Management and Practice. His research interests include data improvement tools; practice-based PHSSR; eHealth and public health information; public health finances; and higher education research. "I am honored to be recognized for excellence in research – something I do purely out of my passion," he said. "It is humbling in that so many of my colleagues are excellent researchers, and anyone could have been the winner. I am fortunate to have worked with such high quality students and faculty researchers, making me a highly collaborative researcher." Dr. Shah attributes his research productivity to JPHCOPH's research-conducive environment, high quality Georgia Southern student researchers available for collaboration, and an impressive network of collaborators he has managed to maintain in public health agencies and other schools of public health across the country.



National Science Foundation Fall Grants Conference

The **Fall 2016 National Science Foundation (NSF) Grants Conference** will be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The two day event will be held on November 14-15, 2016, at the Omni William Penn Hotel. It will be hosted by Carnegie Mellon University. The fee to attend is \$350.00.

Registration opens on September 8, 2016. It is anticipated that the conference will reach capacity very quickly, so you are encouraged to reserve your place as soon as possible. In addition it is recommended that attendees book their rooms at the same time they register. The Omni William Penn Hotel is offering a reduced rate of \$155.00 per night for a standard guest room, plus applicable taxes. The link for the hotel reservations will be available on the conference website. Further information can be found [here](#).

FY17 Awards for Excellence in Research and/or Creative Scholarly Activity

The Faculty Research Committee would like to invite you to submit your nomination for the FY17 competition for the Awards for Excellence in Research and/or Creative Scholarly Activity. Nominations must be received via the online portal **before 5 PM on September 12, 2016**. Any member of the Georgia Southern faculty or administration may nominate one core faculty member for the award using the online nomination form located [here](#). This award seeks to recognize faculty who excel in their research efforts in addition to fulfilling regular full-time teaching responsibilities. Nominees must have completed 3 years of service at GSU 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.

Fall 2016 Lunch & Learn Workshops at CT2



Join the Office of Research Services and Sponsored Programs, the Office of Research Integrity and the Office of Research Accounting in collaboration with CT2 for workshops on special topics of interest in research and research administration. Boxed lunch and beverages will be provided for registered participants. Spaces are limited and registration is required. All workshops will be held in room 1303 in the CT2 classroom on the ground floor of the Henderson Library. For course registration please click [here](#). Below is a listing of the workshops which are being offered:

NSF Broader Impacts and Intellectual Merit	Thursday, September 15th
Working with the IRB, IACUC and IBC	Thursday, September 29th
Post-Award Activities and Issues for the Principal Investigator	Thursday, October 13th
Basic Introduction to Financial Conflict of Interest Disclosure, University Export Controls and Unmanned Aerial System Flight	Thursday, October 27th
Graduate Student Workshop: Scholarships, Fellowships, Grants and Other Awards	Wednesday, November 2nd
Graduate Student Workshop: Scholarships, Fellowships, Grants and Other Awards	Thursday, November 3rd
Data Management Plans	Thursday, November 10th
Post-Award Activities and Issues for the Departmental Administrator	Thursday, November 17th

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