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Ceramic Artist Kevin Turner visits for workshop, artist talk on handbuilding techniques, translucent porcelain

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Ceramicist Kevin Turner is a Mississippi native who creates high-quality translucent porcelain and fine china-processed artwork that focus on the landscapes of the South. Turner will be visiting the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art for a student workshop from Oct. 2 – 4 and will present a free public lecture on Oct. 3 at 5 p.m. in Arts Building room 2071.

“In my current work I draw upon personal inquiry, as well as memory and experiences to create objects that often refer to the southern landscape, as well as the interactions that exist between the environment and its inhabitants,” Turner mentions in his artist’s statement.

During Turner’s three-day workshop, students will observe a demonstration of his casting and handbuilding techniques and a digital presentation of his past and current research on the development of low fire translucent porcelain, a newly adapted energy-friendly ceramic material.

Turner plans to advance his workshop’s impactfulness by engaging with students through one-on-one and group discussions.

Turner received his Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Mississippi and Masters of Fine Arts from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale and is currently the standing Associate Professor of Art/Ceramics at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. His art has been exhibited and recognized in a variety of competitions and exhibitions across the U.S. as well as South Korea, Hungary, and Croatia.

Kevin Turner's visit is funded by the College Life Enrichment Committee (CLEC) and the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art.

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Animator of the popular '90s animated television series “Doug,” Jim Jinkins will visit the campus of Georgia Southern University on Thursday, Oct. 5.

Having worked on other turn-of-the-millennium Disney series, such as “PB&J Otter,” “Stanley,” and “101 Dalmatians: The Series,” his knowledge of animation and the industry offers credible insight to aspiring animators.

Jinkins’ artist talk will begin at 5 p.m. in Arts Building room 2071. The event is free and the public is invited to attend.

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