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# Southern Educator

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## Upcoming Events

- Oct. 30 Eagle Expo Career Fair
- Nov. 1 Deadline -- COE Faculty Seed Grant Competition
- Nov. 5 COE Faculty Executive Committee Meeting
- Nov. 6 GACE Teacher Certification Exams
- Nov. 6 Grant Writing Tips Workshop
- Nov. 8 HOMECOMING
- Nov. 8 GACE Teacher Certification Exams
- Nov. 10 COE's Art Extravaganza
- Nov. 11 GACE Teacher Certification Exams
- Nov. 11 COE Assessment & Accreditation Committee Meeting
- Nov. 12 COE Research Committee Meeting
- Nov. 13 COE Graduate Student/Assistant Professional Development
- Nov. 14 Educational Leadership Webinar Series
- Nov. 14 Education Career Fair

[More announcements.](#)

## Faculty News

### Books

Assistant Professor **Lucy Green** and Assistant Professor **Stephanie Jones** published *Collaborative Models for Librarian and Teacher Partnerships*, IGI Global.

Assistant Professor **Devon Jensen** published, with B. Whitehead and F. Boschee, *Planning for Technology: A Guide for School Administrators, Technology Coordinators, and Curriculum*

## Two COE Alumni Named Georgia's 2013 National Distinguished Principals

Two COE doctoral alumni have been named Georgia's 2013 National Distinguished Principals through the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP). This year's Georgia winners are Jesse Davis, principal of Feagin Mill Middle School in Houston County, and



Jesse W. Davis  
Feagin Mill Middle School  
Warner Robins, GA

Amy M. Duke  
Springdale Elementary School  
Macon, GA

Amy Duke, principal of Springdale Elementary School in Bibb County.

The program, begun in 1984, was established to recognize and celebrate elementary and middle-level principals "who set high standards for instruction, student achievement, character and climate for the students, families and staffs in their learning communities" according to

NAESP. They will be honored in late October in Washington, DC, as part of National Principals Month. The award-winning principals will also have an opportunity to share best practices during the event. NAESP Executive Director Gail Connelly said of the honorees, "only a principal can move a school from good to great, simultaneously championing children and uplifting the communities they serve." [Read more about these distinguished principals here.](#)

## Goizueta Chair Receives U.S. DOE Award for Project ESCOLAR

COE Goizueta Distinguished Chair Alejandro Gallard is co-principal investigator of a \$2.5 million, 5-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, for a project that helps middle school students with learning disabilities learn science content with online sources. Gallard said part of the project will focus on Latina/o populations.

Project ESCOLAR (Etext Supports for Collaborative Online Learning and Academic Reading) is a collaborative effort between the Center for Advanced Technology in Education at the University of Oregon, Georgia Southern University's College of Education and the Biological Sciences Curriculum Study group. Gallard's sub-award totals more than \$300,000 over the period of the grant.

The project intends to increase opportunities for students



Goizueta Distinguished

Leaders, Corwin Press. Assistant Professor **James Jupp** published *Becoming Teachers of Inner-city Students: Life Histories and Teacher Stories of Committed White Teachers*, Sense Publishers.

Professor **Robert Mayes** with L. Hatfield edited *Quantitative Reasoning in Mathematics and Science Education: Papers from an International STEM Research Symposium*. WISDOM Monograph Series, University of Wyoming.

## Chapters

Assistant Professor **Amelia Davis** published, with C. Bailey, "We're There to Care for Them as a Whole: Art and Reflection in the Clinical Nursing Experience." In V. Caputi (Ed.) *Innovations in Nursing Education: Building the Future of Nursing*. Lippencott, Williams, & Wilkins.

Associate Professor **Charles Hodges** published, with R. Way and S. Shepherd (Georgia Southern University), "Online Teaching: Perceptions of faculty Teaching at a Research University." In A. Sigal (Ed.) *Advancing Library Education: Technological Innovation and Instructional Design*. Information Science Reference Publishers.

Associate Professor **Fayth Parks** published "Frames of Min: Biblical Imagery, Positive Psychology of African Americans, and Gullah Geechee Sea Island People and Their Culture." In L. King-Hammond (Ed.) *Ashe to Amen: African Americans and Biblical Imagery*. Museum of Biblical Art.

## Journal Articles

Assistant Professor **Amelia Davis** published, with R. Mottern and M.F. Ziegler, "Forced to Learn: Community-based Correctional Education" in *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice & Criminology*, 1(2). She also published, with V.K. Ambrose and M.F. Ziegler, "From Research to Practice: A Framework for Contextualized Teaching and Learning," in *Journal of College Reading and Learning*, 43(3).

Professor **Alejandro Gallard** published, with R. Antrop-Gonzalez, "The Use of *De Jure* to Maintain *De Facto* Status Quo," in *Cultural Studies of Science Education*.

Professor **Robert Mayes** published, with F. Peterson and R. Bonilla, "Quantitative Reasoning Learning Progressions for Environmental Science: Developing a Framework," in *Numeracy*, (6)1, article 4. He also published, with R. Forrester, J. Cristus, J. Yestness, N. Peterson and R. Bonilla, "Quantitative Reasoning in Environmental Science: A Learning Progression," in *International Journal of Science Education*.

## Student/Alumni Kudos

- B.S. Ed., Early Childhood Education student **Suzi Hancock** was elected as the 2013-14 State SPAGE President. Second Vice President is **Lynn Murray**, also a B.S.

with learning disabilities to become 21st century innovators, to excel with the general curriculum and be prepared to succeed in college and careers through the use of Collaborative Online Projects in science. These projects are built in an electronic environment that fosters reading comprehension of scientific text and ultimately improves science learning and literacy.

Chair Alejandro Gallard.

## COE Offers Google Apps Training to K-12 Educators



COE's Instructional Resource Center Coordinator Daniel Rivera is helping educators keep pace with new technology and its application in classrooms and schools. In the first of a series, Rivera is offering a 10-hour course to K-12 educators on using Google Apps. The first six hours will be held at the [Eagle Techxpo](#) at Georgia Southern on November 1. The remaining four hours will be online and are more classroom-centered and targeted to teachers and administrators. PLU credit is available. "This is just one of the ways we work together with schools throughout the area," said COE Dean Thomas Koballa. "Keeping pace with educational technology is a must for everyone – our teacher candidates going into schools that have adopted system-wide technology as well as K-12 educators who may need help in getting the most out of the technology." [Click here to contact Daniel Rivera for more information.](#)

## Around COE

### Board of Advisors



Eddie Pollard, Chair of COE's Board of Advisors.

The College of Education's Board of Advisors held their **annual fall meeting this month**. Members are working with COE Dean Thomas Koballa on several projects supporting the college's mission and growing its active alumni base. Board Chair Eddie Pollard recently became the Flint River Academy Head of School. He has more than 25 years of experience as a principal from multiple schools in the Fayette County school system. In 2011 Pollard was honored as a National Distinguished Principal by the National Association of Elementary School Principals. Board member Joseph Barrow recently was

named the new superintendent of Fayette County Schools. He is also President of the Georgia School Superintendents Association. Read more about [COE's Board of Advisors here.](#)

### Georgia Southern is New GACE Test Site

Students and educators now have the convenience of taking the **Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators (GACE)**



Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators®

tests on the Georgia Southern University campus. The exams are computer based and administered through ETS (Educational Testing Services) through their Prometric and iBT centers. The tests are scheduled by ETS. Georgia Southern's center numbers are: iBT Center #: STN14503A, COE IRC Room 2165 iBT Center #: STN13819A, Cone Hall Room 2002



Ed., Early Childhood Education major.

- Georgia Power announced the winners of its new teacher grants for 2012-13. They are **William Basby**, now teaching at



Bleckley County High School and **Callie Boatright**, now teaching at Tattall County High. Both

graduated with a B.S.Ed., Special Education, 2013. Pictured is L-R: Callie Boatright receiving check from Randy Mayfield, Manager of Georgia Power in Tattall, Evans and Bryan counties, with COE supervising faculty Betty Nelson.

- Melissa McCallar** and **Nikki Lukkarinen**, 2013 graduates of the Ed.S., Instructional Technology program, were selected as the recipients of the Mable Wyche Underwood Grant from the Georgia Library Media Association. The media program at Bradwell Institute, where both are media specialists, was named the 2013-2014 Exemplary Media Program of the Year for High School.
- Melissa Purcell**, 2007 Ed.D. Curriculum Studies, was named the Georgia Library Specialist of the Year.



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## Donuts with the Dean

Students, faculty and staff had an opportunity to meet informally with **COE Dean Thomas Koballa** on October 16. The dean hosts several "donuts" get-togethers throughout the academic year.

## Clinical Associates Meet

Clinical Associates, administrators and educators from **schools partnering** with COE, met this month to discuss new developments at the College, teacher candidate placements and improving teacher candidate effectiveness and student success. COE has 36 Clinical Associates. COE's strong relationship with its partner schools is built through frequent and open communications.



*Pat Parsons, director of COE's Office of Field Experiences & Partnerships, at one of two meetings held for clinical associates.*

## Briefs:

- COE hosted 35 science teacher educators at the 2013 **Southeastern Association of Science Teacher Educators (SASTE)** conference

earlier this month. COE Dean Thomas Koballa and University Provost Jean Bartels were on hand to greet attendees. The association's president is Alejandro Gallard, COE's Goizueta Distinguished Chair. The association's President-elect is Katie Brkich, assistant professor in COE's Department of Teaching and Learning. Brkich was also the conference chair.



*L-R: COE Dean Thomas Koballa, Katie Brkich, Provost Jean Bartels, Alejandro Gallard, and Steve Hein with University mascot "Freedom."*

- COE Associate Professor Hsiu Lien Lu, Department of Teaching and Learning, was named president-elect of the **Georgia Educational Research Association (GERA)**. Associate Professor Kymberly Drawdy is treasure/secretary of the association. Both Lu and Drawdy are actively involved in the association and annual conference. The association recently held its annual meeting at the Coastal Georgia Center in Savannah, GA. GERA is an affiliate of the American Education Research Association.
- COE's new National Youth-At-Risk Center hosted its first **Youth-At-Risk Conference, West**, in Las Vegas, NV, last month attracting 127 participants from 28 states, Canada and Puerto Rico. The 25th annual Youth-At-Risk Conference will be held

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- **Eagle QuaRC (Qualitative Research Community)** recently held its third workshop since its inception in fall 2012, with more than 35 participants from across campus and disciplines. Eagle QuaRC was initiated by COE faculty members Christopher Brkich, Department of Teaching and Learning, and Robert Lake, Department of Curriculum, Foundations and Reading, with the goal of creating and supporting a community of researchers at Georgia Southern and eventually expanding to the region.
- COE's **Graduate Academic Services Center** Director Lydia Cross and Academic Advisor Theresa Duggar presented at the National Academic Advising Association's annual meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, this fall. Their presentation was sponsored by the Commission for Advising Graduate and Professional Students. Center staff have also attended a number of recruitment events at Georgia Southern and across the state, including events at Georgia College and State University and Savannah State University. [Click here for more information on COE's graduate programs and the Graduate Academic Services Center.](#)

## Alumni News

### 1970-79

**Amanda (Bruner) McRee** ('71 B.S. Ed. Spanish) is employed by the Deerfield-Windsor School in Albany, GA.

**Nancy Lee (Douglas) McCullough** ('73 M.Ed. Early Childhood Education ) is retired from the Duval County School System in 2011. She taught in the pre-K program at Parkwood Heights Elementary School and now works as her husband's business manager at the Fliz Corporation in Jacksonville, FL.

**Jerry L. Cox** ('76 B.S. Ed.) retired from his position as the Department of Army/Civilian Contracting Officer in Fort Stewart, GA.

### 1980-89

**Robert E. Rump** ('82 M.Ed. Science Education) works as the Energy Education Specialist at Appling County Schools and Cenergistic. He retired from classroom teaching in 2009 after 33 years at Appling County High School. Robert is president of the Appling County Retired Teachers Association.

### 1990-99

**Eugenia (Mills) Fulcher** ('99 Ed.D. Curriculum Studies-Instructional Improvement, M.Ed. Adult and Technical Education), has just completed serving as chair of the Medical Assisting Education Review Board, which is responsible for the curriculum taught in Medical Assisting Programs that are CAAHEP accredited. She and her husband have published three editions of Pharmacology: Principles and Applications and two editions of Math Calculations for Pharmacy Technicians. She is retired and serves on the Board of Directors for the Georgia Southern Alumni Association.

**Michael Ray Woodward** ('99 M.Ed. Educational Leadership) works for the Forsyth County Board of Education as the Athletic Director for Forsyth Central High School.

### 2000-09

**Jill Knight** ('00 B.S. Ed. Social Science Education) is a 14 year veteran teacher at Mayo High School for Math, Science and Technology in Hartsville, SC, and was named the 2013-14 District Teacher of the Year for the Darlington County School District.

**LaMarcus Hall** ('08 M.Ed. Higher Education Administration) is now Assistant Director of Student Life and Development at Ivy Tech Community College in Indianapolis, IN.

**Melanie Lockett** ('09 ) was named the 2013-14 Monroe County Schools Teacher of the Year.

**2010-**

**Nat Hardy** ('12 M.Ed. Higher Education Administration) is the Director of Graduate Studies and Online Learning at Savannah State University. After completing his M.Ed., he co-chaired the Department of Liberal Arts for the 2012-2013 academic year and was subsequently asked to be Director of Graduate Studies. "My M.Ed. degree has been a catalyst for success since I completed it last year," Nat said.

**Donna Jill** (Whilden) Roy ('12 Ed.D. Curriculum Studies) works for Spalding High School in Griffin, GA.

