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Georgia Southern alumnus discovers new human relative

A Georgia Southern alumnus is leading a group of scientists who claim to have found the bones of a new species in our human ancestry.

Paleoanthropologist Lee Berger (‘89) led a team of 30 scientists deep inside a cave in South Africa where they discovered more than 1,500 fossils, representing 15 individuals from the Homo genus, but with significant differences from any known species. Berger and his team named the new species Homo naledi, and it is the first discovery of its kind in the world.

Photo: Georgia Southern alumnus Lee Berger (right) holds the skull of the newly identified Homo naledi with South African Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa (left) at a press conference last week. Image credit: Keystone.

Patti Solis Doyle to Speak during Hispanic Heritage Month at Georgia Southern

Patti Solis Doyle, political organizer and campaign strategist, will share her thoughts on “Shaping the Future of Hispanics in the U.S.” in observance of Hispanic Heritage month. The Multicultural Student Center at Georgia Southern will host Doyle on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 7 p.m. in the University’s Russell Union Ballroom.

Doyle, named one of the “100 Most Influential Hispanics” by Hispanic Business, was the first Hispanic woman to lead a presidential effort in the United States. She served in the White House, acted as campaign manager for Hillary Clinton and founded one of the largest and most successful fundraising campaigns for Democrats to date.
A Day for Southern: Together We're Better
Forty-two years ago, a few volunteers from Statesboro and Bulloch County joined with University officials by participating in the first "A Day for Southern" campaign. Since then, alumni and friends from across the state have joined this tradition of support and this year we invite you to participate again. Make your "A Day for Southern" gift on Tuesday, Sept. 15, to support your favorite college, department, area or center here on campus. Remember, every gift matters!

Learn More

Technology Innovation Seminar Series begins at Herty Center this week
Herty Advanced Materials Development Center will host the first lecture of the Technology Innovation Seminar Series on Thursday, Sept. 17, from 3–4 p.m. Celine Manoosingh, Ph.D., assistant professor of civil engineering at Georgia Southern, will discuss "Integrated Life Cycle Assessment: A Practical Approach to Environmental Decision-Making." Manoosingh's research focuses on product development in the area of sustainable infrastructure.

For more information about the Herty Center and its programs, visit Herty.com.

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**Explore your world at the Study Abroad Fair**
On Tuesday, Sept. 22, Georgia Southern University will host the Annual Study Abroad Fair from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom. Representatives from study abroad programs offered by the University, other Georgia schools and independent program providers will be on hand to talk with interested students. These representatives will provide program dates, academic information, program costs and other pertinent information. This is a great opportunity for program providers to market their programs to students and for students to learn more about study abroad opportunities.
Open Access Week is a global event to learn about the potential benefits of Open Access. Open Access encompasses the free, immediate, online access to the results of scholarly research, and the right to use and reuse those results as needed. Henderson Library will be sponsoring a lecture series during Open Access Week, Oct. 19–25. The Library is planning a session on Faculty Rights as Authors, co–presented with Legal Affairs, and would like to offer one more session. Please complete this brief survey to help us to pinpoint what interests you as well as your availability.

In the Media...

Georgia Southern University Presidential Search Committee Named
Georgia Southern Newsroom

Every Georgia Southern University police now wearing body cameras
Atlanta Business Chronicle

Georgian takes part in African discovery
The Augusta Chronicle

Eagles Reign on WMU
Statesboro Herald

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Alumna selected as Colquitt County Board of Education Assistant Superintendent
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