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Ross Named Governor's Teaching Fellow

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Dr. Sabrina Ross, assistant professor in the Department of Curriculum, Foundations and Reading, recently was named a 2012 Governor's Teaching Fellow. She is one of only two Georgia Southern faculty to receive the honor this year.

The Governor's Teaching Fellow program, established in 1995 by Gov. Zell Miller, provides a unique opportunity for Georgia's higher education faculty to develop important teaching skills, particularly as they relate to emerging technologies so critical in the 21st century classroom.

"This is a great honor for Dr. Ross and one that is well deserved," said Dr. Thomas Koballa, COE Dean. "Dr. Ross is an exceptional teacher and researcher in critical pedagogy. Her scholarly work in teaching for social justice, black feminist and womanist epistemologies and issues of power in schools is outstanding. Dr. Ross brings distinction to the College of Education," he continued.

As a Governor's Teaching Fellow, Dr. Ross will have the opportunity to work with other elite professors from private and public institutions across the state. Symposia and collaborative work throughout the academic year allows the fellows to learn new approaches to teaching and fosters an atmosphere of camaraderie and collegiality between professionals in different disciplines.

In nominating Dr. Ross for the award, Georgia Southern President Dr. Brooks Keel said that Dr. Ross encourages students to "critique the social contexts that give rise to various educational, economic and legal practices that become common knowledge." Dr. Keel said, "an absolute piece of effective teaching is maintaining the connections between teaching and research activities. Through research and writing on social justice issues, Dr. Ross remains grounded in the theoretical issues that inform her classroom pedagogy."

Dr. Ross joined the COE faculty in 2009. She received her B.A. in psychology, M.S. in human development and family studies, and Ph.D. in curriculum and teaching/cultural studies from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

"We are extremely excited for Dr. Ross to share what she learns as a Governor's Teaching Fellow. So much of what the Governor's Teaching Fellow program fosters is directly aligned to our mission to

facilitate access to learning opportunities that are authentic, student-centered and technology-rich,” Dr. Koballa said.