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Reflective Educators for Diverse Learners

September 2017

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Upcoming Events



September 22

Deadline for Spring 2018
Camps Life Enrichment
Committee (CLEC) Proposals
[More Information](#)

September 29

Deadline for early registration
National Youth At Risk West
Conference | San Antonio, TX
[More Information](#)

September 27

Institute for Interdisciplinary
STEM Education (i2STEMe)
Open House Reception
COE 3161 | 2-5pm
[More Information](#)

September 28

Future Georgia Educators Day
Co-hosted with PAGE
[Register Here](#)

Two COE faculty named University Excellence Award recipients



During Georgia Southern University's annual convocation held on August 9, two of the six University-wide Awards for Excellence were captured by College of Education faculty members.

Wendy Chambers, Ph.D. (pictured on right), was named a recipient of the 2017-2018 Award for Excellence in Contributions to Instruction, and **Cordelia Zinskie, Ed.D.**, received an Award for Excellence in Service.

Both full tenured professors in the Department of Curriculum, Foundations and Reading, Chambers and Zinskie have been with the College for 24 years.

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College of Education names annual faculty and staff award winners



October 6

Georgia Educational Research
Association (GERA) Conference
Augusta, GA
[More Information](#)

October 7

Rescheduled from 9/9/17
EduMakers Unconference
COE buildings | 9am-Noon
[More Information](#)

October 26-28

National Youth At Risk West
Conference, San Antonio, TX
[More Information](#)

[See COE Event Calendar](#)

Georgia Southern COE Employment Opportunities

The College of Education at Georgia Southern University does not currently have open faculty positions. Check the link below for updates on when positions become available.

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The Jack Miller Faculty Awards are given annually to recognize Georgia Southern University College of Education (COE) faculty for demonstrated excellence in areas of teaching, service and/or scholarship. Awards can be given in each area along with an additional Educator of the Year Award, which recognizes scholarship in all three of the considered areas.

For the 2017-2018 academic year, four COE faculty members received Jack Miller Awards including (pictured l-r) : **Aslihan Unal, Ph.D.** , **Amanda Wall, Ph.D.**, **Michelle Reidel, Ph.D.** and **Julie Garlen, Ed.D.**

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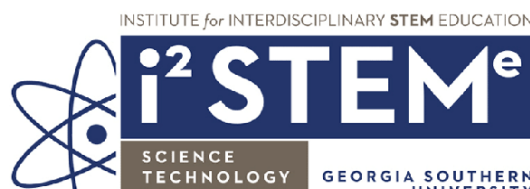
The Betty-Ware Wray staff award is given annually to a College of Education (COE) staff member who has excelled in his or her job performance as well as University service.

During the College's annual meeting on August 9, Undergraduate Teacher Education and Accreditation's (UTE) senior administrative secretary, **Carol Fox**, was named the 2017-2018 award recipient.

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i2STEMe joins the College of Education

Open house reception to be Sept. 27



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Forward
to a Friend

This summer, the College of Education (COE) welcomed the Institute for Interdisciplinary STEM Education (i2STEMe) as a new outreach center for the College. Effective July 1, the Institute moved under the College's organizational structure and relocated their administrative offices to the COE's classroom building, room 3161.

"This move will allow i2STEMe to better serve all the faculty of Georgia Southern University by strengthening the connection between education and STEM content faculty, providing expertise in broadening impacts and serving as a resource for faculty interested in STEM education," said Institute Coordinator Kania Greer, Ed.D.

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College welcomes new faculty and staff

Georgia Southern University's College of Education (COE) is excited to welcome new members to the College team this semester including 10 faculty and two staff members.

New faculty members include: **Christina Abney, M.Ed.**, **Francine Baffa, Ph.D.**, **Elizabeth ("Betsy") Barrow, Ed.D.**, **Shelli Casler-Failing, Ph.D.**, **Chianti Grant-Culver, M.Ed.**, **Summer Pannell, Ph.D.**, **Peggy Shannon-Baker, Ph.D.**, **Carl ("Kip") Sorgen, Ph.D.**, **Courtney Toledo, M.Ed.** and **Steven Tolman, Ed.D.**

Staff members who joined the College within the past year included **Gwennetta ("Gwen") Jones** and **Julie Beth Lynch**.

>>> [Read bios for new faculty/staff.](#)

Additional Headlines

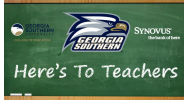


Alumna is Georgia Council for Exceptional Children Teacher of the Year
Jasmine Ennis ('15) receives award at annual IDEAS Conference

COE's Institute for Interdisciplinary STEM Education partners with STEM



Academy of USA for international teacher development



COE and Synovus celebrate local educators with "Here's to Teachers" campaign *A "Synovus Teacher of the Game" to be honored each home football game*



Be a hero like COE's Meca Williams-Johnson

A Day for Southern deadline extended to Wednesday, September 20



6th Annual Rural HIV Research and Training Conference to be rescheduled

Hurricane Irma causes conference to be postponed



Registration discount for National Youth At Risk West Conference ends 9/29

Conference to be held October 26-28 in San Antonio, TX

Faculty Updates

The following College of Education faculty were promoted to the rank of Professor in fall 2017: **Yasar Bodur, Ph.D.**, Dept. of Teaching and Learning; **Julie Garlen, Ed.D.**, Dept. of Teaching and Learning; **Jeff Tysinger, Ph.D.**, Dept. of Leadership, Technology and Human Development; and **Meca Williams-Johnson, Ph.D.**, Dept. Curriculum, Foundations and Reading.

Amanda Glaze, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Dept. of Teaching and Learning, has been invited to speak at **HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology** in Huntsville, Alabama on September 27. HudsonAlpha is a nonprofit institute dedicated to innovating the field of genomic technology and sciences across a spectrum of biological challenges. Glaze will speak to the HudsonAlpha science education team about issues related to teaching and learning of culturally sensitive topics. She will also tour the institution as a guest.

William Reynolds, Ed.D., associate professor in the Dept. of Curriculum, Foundations and Reading, served as editor for a book published June 2017. "**Forgotten Places: Critical Studies in Rural Education**" critically investigates and informs the construction of the rural, rural identity and the understanding of the rural internationally. This book promotes and expands the notion of critical understandings of rural education, particularly in the areas of race, class, gender and LGBTQ, with conceptualizations of social justice.

Peggy Shannon-Baker, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Dept. of Curriculum, Foundations and Reading, was appointed to the **Mixed Methods International Research Association** (MMIRA) Board of Directors. MMIRA aims to create an international community to promote interdisciplinary mixed methods research. The mission of the Association is to engage with the international community to support mixed methods research. Shannon-Baker will serve a one-year term.

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Retired educator stays active in the community



Jan Anderson in the Oak Grove One Room School

Jan Anderson is a retired educator and alumna of Georgia Southern University. An active volunteer in Bulloch County, she served as the president of the Bulloch County Historical Society and Regent of the Archibald Bulloch Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR).

Anderson's commitment to the College of Education is best demonstrated by her efforts to create the Oak Grove One Room School Scholarship. This goes hand-in-hand with the actual Oak Grove One Room School that she was able to locate, restore and

transport back to the University. The schoolhouse is now located at the Botanic Gardens and is a living history display for school groups when they visit the Gardens. For her efforts, Anderson was the NSDAR's National Historic Preservation Medal and National Individual Award for the preservation and restoration of the Oak Grove One Room School.

In 2005, Anderson was named the Georgia Southern University College of Education Alumna of the Year.

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