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Upcoming Events



December 15

Deadline for fall 2017
commemorative brick orders
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December 25-January 1

Winter Break
University Closed

January 8

Spring 2018 classes begin

January 15

Martin Luther King Jr Holiday
University Closed

January 19

COE Faculty & Staff Meeting
at Student Union Ballroom AB,
Armstrong Campus
10am - 3pm
[More Information](#)

January 29

Deadline for GS Faculty
Research Committee internal
awards competition
[More Information](#)

February 2

College of Education Visit Day
Russell Union | 12 - 5pm
Statesboro Campus
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February 9-10

Cross-Cultural Counseling &
Education Conference for

College of Ed alumna named state's 2017 top school psychologist



Georgia Southern University College of Education alumna **Amy Pierce** ('08,'10) was named School Psychologist of the Year by the Georgia Association of School Psychologists (GASP) during the organization's 47th annual fall conference in Jekyll Island, Georgia held Oct. 16-18.

This annual award recognizes an outstanding school psychologist in the state by examining the individual's range of psychological services, job performance, respect of fellow coworkers, students and parents, and a demonstrated pride of the school psychology career.

The school psychologist for Banks County School System in Homer, Georgia, Pierce is a two-time graduate of the University with a master's and specialist degree in school psychology. Prior to earning her graduate degrees at Georgia Southern, Pierce was working in the community mental health field in Maine.

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Higher education administration graduate candidates present at state conference

Research, Action and Change
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February 23-24

International Critical Media
Literacy Conference
More Information

March 4-7

National Youth-At-Risk
Conference - Savannah
More Information

March 20

Education Career Fair
Nessmith-Lane Center,
Statesboro Campus
10am - 1pm

March 23-24

Interdisciplinary STEM Teaching
& Learning Conference
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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Five graduate students represented Georgia Southern University's College of Education (COE) at the Georgia College Personnel Association (GCPA) and Georgia Housing Officers (GHO) Joint Conference hosted at Armstrong State University on Nov. 9-10.

Presenters included: M.Ed. Higher Education Administration candidates **Jasmine Brown** and **Katie Green**; and Ed.D. Educational Leadership candidates **John Banter** (pictured left), **Tiffany Davis** and **John Egan** (pictured right).

The theme of this year's joint conference was, "Chart Your Course Towards Best Practices." A practitioner-based event, presentations centered on professional development and organizational techniques for both the higher education and housing arenas.

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Alumna spearheads award-winning technology project

The Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) recently named Jenkins County School System (JCSS) the 2017 recipient of the Richard B. Lewis Memorial Award for outstanding technology integration and media utilization programs.



The County's achievement centered on their Innovative Teacher Technology Project (ITTP) that was developed during the 2013-2014 school year. At the forefront of the ITTP project is Georgia Southern University College of

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Education alumna **Julie Chance** ('85, '13, '15, '17).

Chance serves as the Director of Federal Programs and Professional Learning for JCSS. "As the overseer of both of those programs and because we funded ITTP through federal money, it was my responsibility to help develop the program as one of our school improvement strategies," she said.

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i2STEMe hosts fall STEM Experience for Effingham students



Faculty from various disciplines on Georgia Southern University's campus participated in the fall 2017 STEM Experience hosted by the College of Education's Institute for Interdisciplinary STEM Education (i 2 STEM e) on Nov. 3.

Lisa Stueve, Ed.D., the Institute's outreach specialist, explained that STEM Experiences are "interactive hands-on lab experiences for K-12 students in STEM situations campuswide" with faculty often participating from many of the University's colleges.

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Additional Headlines



Potential students join COE for fall Visit Day

Health & physical education major Grayson Fincham was featured speaker



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COE professor speaks to students at scholarship showcase

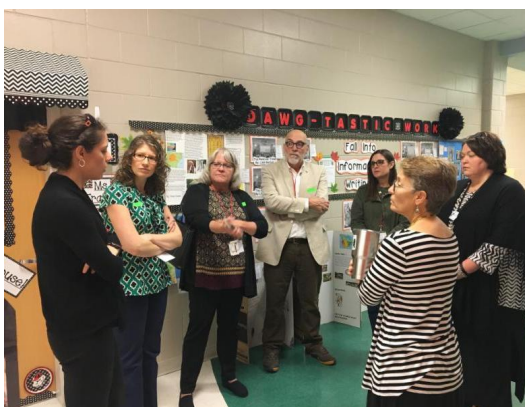
Meca Williams-Johnson, Ph.D. selected as featured speaker for Southern Scholars



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Faculty Updates



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The Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children held their annual conference in Savannah on Nov. 7-10. **Karin Fisher, Ph.D.**, assistant professor in the Dept. of Teaching and Learning, collaborated with Armstrong State University faculty members **Barbara Serianni, Ph.D.**, **Kelly Brooksher, Ed.D.**, and **Nedra Cossa, Ph.D.**, to take conference participants and special education professors from all over the country, on a site visit to Savannah's Hesse K-8 School. Leah Colby, assistant principal at Hesse K-8 School, conducted a 90-minute tour of the school including visits to inclusion and self-contained classes. Cossa added information on how Armstrong students are placed at the

Elizabeth Barrow, Ed.D., assistant professor in the Dept. of Teaching and Learning, participated in a roundtable presentation at the 97th annual conference of the **National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS)** held Nov. 17-19 in San Francisco, CA. Barrow's presentation, titled "Sociolinguistic Awareness: How Student-Teaching Abroad Raises Awareness About the Importance of Language," highlighted how four pre-service teachers came to understand the importance of language during a one-month student teaching and internship. As part of a larger study, participants, with no specific cultural sensitivity training, were asked to define intercultural competence (ICC) at various points throughout their experience (pre-departure, during the internship, and after re-entry).

Barrow also recently co-published an article in the latest issue of **Contemporary Issues in Technology and Teacher Education (CITE)**. " **The Role of Photoblogs in Social Studies Classroom: Learning About the People of the Civil War** " examines the concept of photoblogs, such as **Humans of New York**, and details a lesson plan that incorporates technology the replacement, amplification and transformation framework to modify a traditional social studies lesson on the American Civil War into an engaging and inquiry-based lesson. Students researched individuals who lived during the American Civil War and created their own digital storyboard using technology to engage in more meaningful instruction.

Assistant professor in the Dept. of Teaching and Learning **Amanda Glaze, Ph.D.** was interviewed by **Newsweek** as an evolution education expert in a story about the resurfacing of a controversial 1997 video featuring an Alabama U.S. Senate candidate. **[Click here to read the story on Newsweek.com](#)**.

During the 2017 **Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT)** International Convention, **Charles Hodges, Ph.D.**, associate professor in the Dept. of Leadership, Technology, and Human Development, received the AECT's Presidential Award. The award acknowledged Hodge's commitment and exceptional work in advancing **TechTrends**, a leading journal for professionals in the educational communication and technology field. Hodges serves as the editor of the journal.

Hodges also recently published an article with COE alumna **Rachel Harris, M.Ed.** (Counselor Education, '10) in the **Journal on School Educational Technology**. "**Self-efficacy: A rationale for badging in learning contexts**" uses self-efficacy as a basis for implementing digital badging, an assessment and credentialing mechanism that is housed and managed online. Self-efficacy beliefs have proven to be an important influence on an individual's learning success. The rationale includes a summary of learner self-efficacy, a description of current applications of badging, and potential applications and impacts of using badging for learning to enhance learner self-efficacy.

A dark blue banner with a white swoosh on the right side. The text "GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY" is in small white capital letters. Below it, "COLLEGE OF EDUCATION" is in large white capital letters. At the bottom, "SUPPORTERS" is in large gold capital letters.

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