Upcoming Events

No Fee November
The application fee is waived for all undergrad applications during November 2018.
More Information

November 15
Education Career Fair
Statesboro Campus
Nessmith-Lane Center
10am - 1pm

November 16
Education Career Fair
Armstrong Campus
Student Union Ballroom, 2nd fl.
10am - 1pm

November 19-23
Thanksgiving Holidays for Students; No classes

November 22-23
University Closed for Thanksgiving Holidays

Georgia Southern team awarded more than $750,000 for teacher development grant

A team of Georgia Southern University professors led by College of Education's (COE) Lacey Huffling, Ph.D., has been awarded a $763,897 grant from the Gulf Research Program (GRP) of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (under award number 200009821).

The grant will fund the first two years of Okefenokee - Understanding Real-world
Relevance through Suwannee Watershed Assessment and Monitoring Project (OUR2SWAMP). Created by Huffling and her colleagues, the project will offer a summer on-site learning experience at the Okefenokee Swamp in Georgia as well as continued professional development for both in-service and pre-service teachers.

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Adult ed. alumnus receives national award

![Image of an award ceremony]

Alumnus Kenya "Ken" Harrison (Armstrong State University, 2010) was recently awarded the Malcolm Knowles Award for Outstanding Adult Education Program Leadership sponsored by the American Association for Adult and Continuing Education (AAACE).

The award recognizes teams or individuals for outstanding leadership to programs that demonstrate particular effectiveness, relevancy, creativity, immediacy, institutional cooperation or collaboration and legislative impact.

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Georgia Southern ranked in most affordable online master’s in national elementary ed list

Georgia Southern University was recently named to the list of 25 most affordable online options for a...
master's in elementary education by SR Education Group. Ranked No. 19, the College of Education's M.Ed. in Elementary Education is the only higher education institution in the state of Georgia to be included in the top 25 ranking.

"We are extremely proud of our program," said Katie Brkich, Ph.D., M.Ed. Elementary Education program director. "We get amazing teachers from all over the state who want to take their teaching to the next level or become teacher leaders in their schools, and we are proud to support them through their growth."

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School psychology students claim awards at state conference

Three psychology graduate students in Georgia Southern University's College of Education (COE) claimed all student awards during the 48th annual Georgia Association of School Psychologists (GASP) fall conference, held on Jekyll Island in October.

Ed.S. School Psychology program candidates (pictured l-r) Shanice Murphy, Courtney Smith and Jessica Martin received recognition for their strong academic performances as well as dedicated service in GASP or the school psychology field.

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Undergraduate special education majors present at state conference
Five seniors present research on classroom discipline observations

College of Education offering student travel grants

Centennial Plaza Brick orders due Dec. 31
Engraved commemorative brick placed on Statesboro Campus

College seeks feedback on monthly newsletter

Cross-Cultural Counseling conference registration deadline Dec. 31

International Critical Media Literacy Conference announces keynote speakers

Annual youth conference taking nominations for "High Flying Schools"
National Youth-At-Risk conference is scheduled for March 3-6 in Savannah

Faculty Updates

Amanda Glaze, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Dept. of Middle Grades and Secondary Education was published in the Fall 2018 edition of "God and Nature Magazine." The magazine article, titled "A Walk Within Two Worlds: Faith, Science, and Evolution Advocacy," provides research and personal insight from Glaze about the bridging of the gap between faith and science and how she personally stands firm as both a religious individual and a scientist.

Glaze was also invited to speak at the University of Georgia on November 16 as a part of the Georgia Initiative for Climate and Society Fall 2018 Seminar Series. Glaze will present "Bridging Science and Public Opinion: talking Science in a Post-Fact Era" at 3:30 p.m. in the Geography-Geology Building, Room 200C.

Charles Hodges, Ph.D., professor in the Dept. of Leadership, Technology and Human Development, edited a book that includes current research on self-efficacy and emerging technologies. Self-Efficacy in Instructional Technology Contexts provides international perspectives across broad areas of K-12 education, higher education, teacher self-efficacy and learner self-efficacy to capture a diverse cross section of research on these topics. Authors contributed from the U.S., Australia, Canada, Cyprus, Indonesia, Norway, and Turkey. College of Education affiliated authors include Teri Melton, Ph.D., associate professor in the Dept. of Leadership, Technology and Human Development, Matthew Dunbar, director of the Graduate Academic Services Center,
and Delores Liston, Ph.D., professor in the Dept. of Curriculum, Foundations and Reading. The volume was released in October.


Glenda Ogletree, Ph.D., associate professor in the Dept. of Elementary and Special Education, was selected to participate in the inaugural cohort of the Chancellor's Learning Scholars Program. The program includes representatives from each institution in the University System of Georgia (USG). Selected program participants have demonstrated an expertise in and passion for working with faculty colleagues to enrich courses and deepen student learning. Participants in the Chancellor's Learning Scholars program will receive a USG Certificate of Teaching Excellence and other recognition; will develop greater expertise and autonomy in their classrooms through enhanced pedagogical knowledge; and will benefit from a community of teacher scholars across the USG and a repository of course products that will be useful to other faculty.

Ogletree will serve a two-year appointment as a facilitator of Faculty Learning Communities (FLC).

Fayth Parks, Ph.D., associate professor in the Dept. of Leadership, Technology, and Human Development, gave a presentation at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Rockville, MD. The Scientific Briefing was organized by the NIH Office of AIDS Research (OAR), Behavioral and Social Sciences Section. Parks’ topic was HIV and Rural Health. Disproportionately affecting rural communities, the opioid epidemic has hidden casualties such as outbreaks of HIV and HCV infections among people who inject drugs. The OAR coordinates the scientific, budgetary, legislative, and policy elements for the NIH HIV research portfolio.

Pat Parsons, Ed.S., recently retired from the College after 30 years of service with Georgia Southern University. During her time at Georgia Southern, she worked as a demonstration teacher at the Marvin Pilman Laboratory School and the remainder of her service with the COE. For the last 13.5 years, Parsons coordinated placements and school partnerships as the Director of Field Experiences and Partnerships/Clinical Practice. During her tenure, Parsons was noted for several accomplishments including the implementation of Clinical CAMP to prepare teachers to host the College’s teacher candidates; enhancing and expanding the International Study Opportunity for student teachers; implementation of edTPA that resulted in nearly 100% pass rates; expansion of school partners, clinical supervisors and clinical associates that collaborate with the College; and providing leadership and guidance for field and clinical experiences during the consolidation with Armstrong State.

Including her years of service as a classroom educator, Parsons dedicated 44 years of her life to the education field. Parsons will be greatly missed. Pictured (above, l-r) are Lisa Akers, Sherry Smith, Parsons and Deborah Thomas, Ph.D.

Several College of Education (COE) faculty members participated in the annual meeting of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) held in Kansas City, MO, Oct. 23-27. Presenters from the COE included: Mete Akcaoglu, Ph.D., Charles Hodges, Ph.D., Elizabeth Downs, Ph.D., Bryan Griffin, Ph.D., Lucas Jensen, Ph.D., and Jackie Kim, Ed.D. Contributors included: Jonathan Hilpert, Ph.D. and Terry Diamanduros, Ph.D.

Aslihan Unal, Ph.D., (pictured left) associate professor in the Dept. of Elementary and Special Education, received
the Georgia Educational Research Association (GERA) Distinguished Paper Award on Oct. 5. Hosted by the State and Regional Educational Research Associations (SRERA), this award selects a paper that reflects the high quality of research presented at state and regional conference. Unal's paper, "An examination of K-12 Teachers' Assessment Beliefs and Practices in Relation to Years of Teaching Experience," compares data from 87 public school teachers and suggests that as teachers' years of experience increases, the value they place in assessment increases as well. As a part of the award, Unal will receive a guaranteed slot at a session at a SRERA session during the 2019 Association of Educational Research Association (AERA) Meeting. Pictured with Unal is Kymberly Harris, Ph.D. (on right).

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College of Education seeks feedback on monthly newsletter

Complete survey for a chance to win a COE backpack and swag

The College of Education is looking for your input on the Southern Educator, our monthly newsletter. Please complete the survey below to tell us how we are doing and provide your valuable feedback. Submissions completed by December 14 at noon will be entered for a chance to win a College backpack filled with swag!

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