Upcoming Events

**August 8**
University Fall Convocation for Faculty and Staff | 9:30am  
Statesboro Campus

**August 8**
University Fall Convocation for Faculty and Staff | 1:30pm  
Armstrong Campus

**August 8**
Instructional Resources Center Drop In Open House  
Armstrong Campus, UH 126  
3:30-5pm | More Information

**August 9-10**
Operation Move-In (OMI)  
Armstrong Campus  
Volunteer Here!

**August 10**
Operation Move-In (OMI)  
Statesboro Campus  
Volunteer Here!

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School psychology grad student attends advocacy institute in Washington, DC

Throughout her graduate education at Georgia Southern University, **Courtney Smith** has become an advocate for her future career field of school psychology.

"Not many people know what school psychologists are," Smith said. "They often get us confused with school counselors, and that is why it is so important to advocate for the profession and awareness of our role in the schools."

Smith serves as the University’s student representative on the Georgia Association of School Psychologists (GASP) Executive Board and has been an active member of the Georgia Southern School Psychology Student...
August 17
COE Volunteer Day at People of Action Caring for Kids (PACK)
Savannah, GA | 11am
More Information

August 13
Classes begin for fall semester
University Semester Schedules

August 13-16
Drop/Add for Full Term
Fall 2018 Courses

August 29
College of Education Headshots
Statesboro Campus, COE 1100J
Armstrong Campus, PAC 110
8 am - Noon; 1-4 p.m.
More Information

September 3
Labor Day
University Closed

September 21-22
Rural HIV Research and Training Conference | Savannah, GA
More Information

September 22
STEMFest 2018
Statesboro Campus
10am-4pm | More Information

September 27-29
Georgia International Conference on Information Literacy | Savannah, GA
More Information

October 5
Georgia Educational Research Association (GERA) Conference
Macon, GA
More Information

Southern School Psychology Student Association (SPSA). Throughout her time in the Educational Specialist program, Smith has participated in career events, speaking to prospective applicants and coordinating campus activities for School Psychology Awareness Week.

>>> Read full story.

College alumna, staff member selected as Google Innovator

Hollie Sisk poses for a picture at the Google for Education Certified Innovator Program. This summer, Georgia Southern University alumna and staff member Hollie Sisk ('01,'05) became one of only 1,700 individuals in the world and 14 in the state of Georgia who are Google for Education Certified Innovators.

Sisk, who joined the College of Education in June as the coordinator of the Instructional Resources Center on the Armstrong Campus in Savannah, attended the 2018 Google for Education Certified Innovator program in Venice, California on July 9-11.

>>> Read full story.

i2STEMe School Outreach accepting 2018-19 memberships
Georgia Southern University College of Education will soon begin offering materials and supplies for K-12 science and social studies content and curriculum through the Institute for Interdisciplinary STEM Education (i2STEMe) School Outreach program.

Formerly hosted by the Georgia Southern Museum as Project SENSE (Science Education Network for the Southeast) and Project BESSIT (Be Engaged in Social Studies Teaching), the i2STEMe School Outreach program offers equipment, materials and activity kits that enhance science and social studies curriculum and provide hands-on, inquiry based learning.

The program is a paid service that provides opportunities for membership at the school system, individual school or individual teacher level. Annual memberships range from $2,500 for entire school systems to $250 for an individual teacher.

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Six COE alumni named to "40 Under 40"

On August 1, Georgia Southern University Alumni Association announced the "40 Under 40" Class of 2018.

Six individuals with degrees from the College of Education (COE) were included the list. Congratulations to COE alumni including: Caroline Bevillard (M.Ed. Higher Education), Memory Liles (M.Ed. Higher Education), Briney Mobley (B.S.Ed. Early Childhood Education, M.Ed. Educational Leadership), Dominique Quarles (M.Ed. Higher Education), Hollie Sisk (B.S.Ed. Special Education, M.Ed. Instructional Education).
Additional Headlines

**College of Education invited to serve Savannah community on Aug. 17**
Faculty, staff to assist People of Action Caring for Kids (PACK)

**Rural HIV Research and Training Conference to be held Sept. 21-22**
Conference enters sixth year with COE’s Fayth Parks, Ph.D. as conference chair

**Georgia Educational Research Association conference now accepting proposals**
Deadline for proposals is August 31

**Sign up to receive new COE Research Briefs** (see right hand column to join mailing list)
Series to start back in August, includes practical application of current research

Faculty Updates

**Amanda Glaze, Ph.D.**, assistant professor in the Dept. of Middle Grades and Secondary Education, was interviewed as an evolution education expert by Scientific American. Featured in the August 2018 edition of the publication, Glaze spoke about her experiences of approaching evolution education, particularly in the Southeastern United States, in the classroom and appropriate approaches to teaching students about evolution without discounting their religious beliefs. The article, titled "Bringing Darwin Back," can be found starting on page 57 of the edition.

Glaze also published a chapter in *Evolution Education Around the Globe*. The chapter, titled "Controversial Before Entering My Classroom: Exploring Pre-service Teacher Experiences with Evolution Teaching and Learning in the Southeastern United States," provides a lens for teaching evolution in an area where it is perceived to be controversial and the implications of studies having translational value to teaching and learning evolution around the world.

**Chuck Hodges, Ph.D.**, professor in the Dept. of Leadership, Technology and Human Development, serves as the editor of *TechTrends*, a leading journal for professionals in the educational communication and technology field. The Journal recently moved to No. 9 on Google Scholar’s annual list of **Top 20 Journals in Educational Technology**. TechTrends was also accepted into the Emerging Sources Citation Index earlier this year.

**Robert Mayes, Ph.D.**, professor in the Dept. of Middle Grades and Secondary Education, published "The 21st Century STEM Reasoning" earlier this year in the US-China Education Review. The article, co-authored with Bryon Gallant, features the framework and benefits of the Real STEM Project which focuses on the development of interdisciplinary STEM education within the school and community. Also discussed are focusing classroom teaching to real-world, hands-on student engagement and structured around project-based, place-based and problem-based learning.

**Peggy Shannon-Baker, Ph.D.**, assistant professor in the Dept. of Curriculum, Foundations and Reading, will be presenting at the **Mixed Methods International Research Association** (MMIRA) Conference in Vienna, Austria, August 22-25. Shannon-Baker has been accepted to complete three presentations on topics including integrating visual methods in mixed methods research,
teaching mixed methods research, and reflexivity in mixed methods research. She will also present on behalf of the MMIRA Board during the panel discussion on the Association's new initiatives.

William Reynolds, Ed.D., associate professor in the Dept. of Curriculum, Foundations, and Reading, has been named a Senior Editor for The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Education. Reynolds has also been named the co-editor of The International Journal of Critical Media Literacy published by Brill Publishing.

Lesley Roessing and Patricia Wachholz, Ed.D., professor in the Dept. of Elementary and Special Education, received the 2018 Affiliate Journal Award from the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). The award recognizes Roessing and Wachholz for their editorial achievements of the journal "Connections," the official journal of the Georgia Council of Teachers of English (GCTE). The award will be accepted during the NCTE annual conference held in Houston, Texas in November.

School Psychology professors (pictured l-r) Jeff Tysinger, Ph.D., Dawn Tysinger, Ph.D., and Terry Diamanduros, Ph.D., of the Dept. of Leadership, Technology and Human Development, presented at the 40th International School Psychology Associate (ISPA) Conference held July 26-28 in Tokyo, Japan. The paper presentation, "Crisis in K-12 Online Learning Environments: Frequency and Preparedness," focused on the results of a research study which examined online educators’ perceptions of and preparedness for various types of crises. The conference was held at Tokyo Seitoku University and was attended by participants from 44 different countries.

Supporting COE, Georgia Southern is more important now than ever

Three-time alumna of the College of Education (COE), Barbara Christmas Golden, ('66,'79,'84) earned a B.S.Ed. in English Education, a M.Ed. and Ed.S. in School Administration and Supervision, all from Georgia Southern University. As a educational leader in the state of Georgia, Golden has paved the way for many in her profession, working in various roles including high school English teacher, principal and president of three statewide educational organizations. In addition to serving as the first female chair University's Board of Trustees, she has also been the recipient of the College of Education Alumna of the Year award in 1992 and the Georgia Southern University Alumna of the Year award in 2011.

"I believe in Georgia Southern," said Golden. "The University prepared me well, and the real-world experience coupled with what I learned from my professors has played a strong role in my educational career."

Golden and her husband, Bill, have had a tremendous impact across many programs at Georgia Southern through their...
generous philanthropic giving. Golden serves as an unwavering ambassador for the COE and for the University.

"My heart is with the College of Education," she added.

Golden encourages others to join her in supporting the talented students and innovative faculty in COE by making a gift today. "We're on the brink of a new day at Georgia Southern. This is a critical time to support the University as we become more ambitious in our mission and serve a diverse student population."

For information on how you can support the College of Education, please contact John Ramfford at jramfford@georgiasouthern.edu.