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Scott Selected as a 2017 American Society of Interior Designers Ones to Watch Scholar

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Angelita Scott, Ph.D., assistant professor in the College of Health and Human Sciences, has been selected as a 2017 American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) Ones to Watch Scholar. Scott has worked in the interior design profession for nearly 15 years and currently teaches interior design courses in the School of Human Ecology.

The ASID Ones to Watch program seeks to identify and recognize individuals who are considered rising leaders in the interior design industry. To be considered for the program, the individual has to demonstrate exceptional leadership potential and have a willingness to push boundaries within the interior design profession.

Requirements for eligibility included the following:

- Be actively employed in the interior design industry;
- Have five to fifteen years of experience in the interior design industry;
- Be on a path to a senior and/or executive-level position in the interior design industry;
- Be employed by a firm with at least 25 employees;
• Be part of an under-represented group in industry management roles including women, members of racial and ethnic minority groups, LGBTQ and persons with disabilities; and

• Be fully committed to participate in the Ones to Watch scholars program if selected.

In addition to meeting a set of eligibility requirements, individuals had to submit a letter of recommendation, an essay on leadership, an essay on their impact in the interior design profession, a curriculum vitae and their teaching portfolio. “I am especially honored to be one of the scholars for the inaugural Ones to Watch program. To be among the eight scholars is extremely humbling and exciting,” stated Scott.

During the two-year program, scholars will receive one-on-one and group leadership coaching, gain volunteer experiences to enhance their leadership potential, receive complimentary registrations and travel stipends to select ASID national programs, have access to mentors and peer networking and earn national media exposure. “Being in a position to have a seat at the table with national and international leaders in interior design and related professions is truly a gift. In addition to my personal growth, I am so proud to represent and bring further notoriety to Georgia Southern University.”

“I am proud to be a member of an organization that recognizes the importance and value of diversity in leadership positions. Creating a program to support leadership of individuals in under-represented groups expressly shows they are committed to equality in the workplace and the profession of interior design,” stated Scott.