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Poet James Longenbach to visit Armstrong campus on October 4

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Sponsored by the College of Arts and Humanities at the Armstrong Campus of Georgia Southern University, the Armstrong Visiting Writers Series presents acclaimed poet <u>James Longenbach</u>, who will give a reading at Savannah Coffee Roasters on Thursday, October 4, 7:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

A 2017 National Book Critics Circle Award Finalist, Longenbach's poetry collection *Earthling* "confronts our deepest fears in clear and haunting language, from a poet of extraordinary gifts" (American Academy of Arts and Letters). Published in *The New Yorker*, *Paris Review*, and *The New York Times*, James Longenbach is a recipient of the American Academy of Arts and Letters Award in Literature and fellowships from Oxford University, the NEH, and the Guggenheim and Mellon foundations. Longenbach is the Joseph Henry Gilmore Professor of English at the University of Rochester in Rochester, New York, where he lives with his wife, the novelist Joanna Scott.

"Through hosting poets and novelists who teach in graduate programs at universities in the southeast and beyond, the Visiting Writers Series exposes students to great writing while providing them the opportunity to interact with great writers to whose programs they might apply after graduation," said Dr. William Belford, Director of the Visiting Writers Series and Senior Lecturer of English at Georgia Southern University's Armstrong Campus. "Furthermore, in hosting the readings at a centrally located public venue, the series serves the local community and the campus community alike."

Additional support for the event is provided by the Department of Writing and Linguistics, the Department of Literature at the Armstrong Campus of Georgia Southern University, and Gail and Mickey Rountree, in memory of their son Rhett Morgan Rountree, among other patrons of the series. For additional information, contact Dr. William Belford.

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