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International Schooling Center Strengthened with New Director

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Georgia Southern University's College of Education has announced that the Center for International Schooling (CIS) will begin work in fall 2014 under the appointment of Dr. Brenda Marina, associate professor in the Department of Leadership, Technology and Human Development. Marina also is program co-director for the Higher Education Administration Programs in Educational Leadership.

"The center's mission is to promote the exploration of global education and awareness of global education issues from P-12 to higher education," said Thomas R. Koballa, Jr. Ph.D., dean of the College of Education. "Dr. Marina's brings a rich professional background to the position through teaching and leadership roles in international organizations. Her research interests in cultural competence and the global achievement gap make her a perfect match for the center," Koballa added.

Marina said the center will work towards developing collaborations across Georgia Southern University and other entities (local, national and international) to facilitate joint projects in global education, organize forums on global educational issues, support and engage in research on global and international issues, Marina said. In addition, she said her goal is to enhance the center website which may serve as a clearinghouse of information pertaining to global education research, outreach and policy.

Joining Marina at the center are Professor Cordelia Zinskie, Department of Curriculum, Foundations and Reading, and Assistant Professor Lina Soares, Department of Teaching and Learning, who will be the lead faculty.



Dr. Brenda Marina has been named the new director of COE's Center for International Schooling.