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Vidalia® Onion Oral History Performance Opens at the Black Box Theatre

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“Reflections on the ‘Sweet Life’: The Vidalia® Onion Oral History & Performance Project” opens a three-day run at the Black Box Theatre at the Center for Art and Theater on Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free, and donations will be accepted at the door.

The Vidalia® Onion Oral History Performance is adapted and directed by Rebecca Kennerly, Ph.D., from interviews conducted by her and her students of her Performance, Culture, and Communication course from 2013-15. The students in the performance are members of the Performance Works Players from the Department of Communication Arts.

The project collected a broad range of stories that represent the cultural diversity of the persons whose lives have been affected by the growth of the Vidalia® onion industry in southeast Georgia.

The project includes stories from farmers, agricultural agents, marketing professionals, social service providers, migrant workers and their families, and Georgia Southern University students who grew up in the area.

“Reflections on the ‘Sweet Life’: The Vidalia® Onion Oral History & Performance Project” will take the stage at the Black Box Theater Dec. 3-5 and will be reprised at the Patti Pace Performance Festival on Jan. 29. All performances will start at 7:30 p.m.

The proceeds from donations will go to benefit the Southeast Georgia Communities Project, The Vidalia® Onion Museum, and the Patti Pace Performance Fund.

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Youssef Salhi, M.A., a Lecturer in Arabic in the Department of Foreign Languages, was one of five professors from American universities selected for the prestigious Qatar Exchange Fellowship/Malone Fellowship.

The Malone Fellowship has been offered by the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations since 1984 and provides its participants with first-hand exposure to the region’s considerable cultural, economic, political, and social diversity.

Salhi will travel to Qatar with a scholarly delegation later this month and will meet with government officials, social and business leaders, educators, students, journalists, and artists. During the 2016-17 academic year, he will engage in a variety of activities, speaking engagements, and events pertaining to Qatari-U.S. relations and to Qatar’s role in regional and world affairs.

Salhi received his Master’s of Arts in Humanities with a concentration in Linguistics from the University of Louisville. Prior to Georgia Southern University, Salhi held full-time positions at Eckerd College and at the University of Tampa.

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