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Georgia Southern Faculty Named APHA Social Worker of the Year

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Dr. Joseph Telfair, Chair and Professor of Community Health at the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health and President Elect of the American Public Health Association, has recently been named as this year’s recipient of the Insley-Evans Public Health Social Worker of the Year by the Award’s Committee of the Public Health Social Work Section of the American Public Health Association for his many years of service to the field of public health social work, his research contributions to the fields of adolescent health, and his record as an academic administrator. A reception will be held in his honor during the Association’s annual meeting.

This award is named for two leaders in the field, Virginia Insley and Juanita Evans, who both played significant roles in the founding of public health social work education, research, and services. Virginia Insley was the first Chief Social Work Officer for the Maternal and Child Health Bureau. She served from 1955 to 1980 and Juanita Evans succeeded her, holding the position from 1980 to 2000.