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Waters College of Health Professions faculty Janet Buelow, Ph.D. and Paula Tillman, DNP, RN presented research in January at the second annual European Conference of Health Education and Research Conference in Dublin, Ireland.

Buelow and Tillman presented a regional case study on interprofessional education titled “Empower Savannah-Serving the Poor within an Interprofessional Health Professions Course.” The research was co-authored by Georgia Southern professors McKinley Thomas, Ed.D., and Helen Taggart, Ph.D.

The presentation focused on data the faculty collected from 80 students who participated in the Operation Empower Health – Greater Savannah event held on the Armstrong Campus in May 2018. During the event, troops from every branch of the military provided medical, dental, vision and veterinary services, totaling more than $4.5 million, for more than 9,000 people and 3,000 animals at no cost. Faculty collected both qualitative and quantitative data on a student’s attitude toward poverty.

The European Conference of Health Education and Research Conference promotes interdisciplinary cooperation and critical understanding of the latest research in the field of health workforce education, training and development. To present at the conference, faculty had to submit their research topics and be selected.