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Georgia Southern associate dean named to National Advisory Mental Health Council

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Joseph Telfair, DrPH, associate dean of public health practice and research in Georgia Southern University’s Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, has been appointed to the National Mental Health Advisory Committee (NAMHC).

The NAMHC advises U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar and the directors of the National Institutes of Health and the National Institute of Mental Health on all policies and activities relating to the conduct and support of mental health research, research training and other programs of the institutes.

“I am greatly honored to have been given this opportunity to serve our profession and represent our college and University on this important national advisory committee,” said Telfair. “The prospect to contribute to decisions over the next several years that will make a difference for multidisciplinary researchers is very much appreciated.”

Telfair’s advisory role will pertain to public health research and practice, community-based research, and issues of health inequities and translational research — all areas in which his national and global expertise has been recognized. His appointment runs through September 2023.

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Georgia Southern to offer new online Master of Public Health in Fall 2020

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Beginning in Fall 2020 Georgia Southern University will offer its first fully online Master of Public Health (MPH) degree with a concentration in applied public health.

“For those who do not have the ability to enroll in one of our on-campus MPH concentrations, the online applied public health option would be ideal for anyone passionate about improving health and making a difference in their community,” stated Interim Dean Stuart Tedders, Ph.D.

Students will complete a broad-based program of study with a focus on public health education, information and advocacy, and with the flexibility to tailor their elective options. Students will apply their skills and knowledge to become front-line public health practitioners or public health leaders.

Academic advisors and technical support will be provided to all students enrolled in the online master’s program. Additionally, the online program includes a field experience located within reach of the student’s location. Applications are now open for Fall 2020 enrollment. For more information, visit Georgiasouthern.edu/jphcoph.

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Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health Eta Sigma Gamma chapter receives national award

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The Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health chapter of Eta Sigma Gamma (ESG) chapter has been presented with a 2020 Chapter Achievement Award.

Eta Sigma Gamma is a national honorary society for the profession of health education, and the mission is to elevate the highest standards, ideals, competence and ethics of professionally trained practitioners in the health education discipline through teaching and education, service and research.

“The Gamma Upsilon chapter of ESG is very honored to receive this award,” said associate professor Joanne Chopak-Foss, Ph.D. “This is the first national recognition that we have received in 23 years of being a chapter. Thank you to our former officers who have graduated.”

Chopak-Foss and assistant professor Tilicia Mayo-Gamble, Ph.D., serve as co-sponsors of the ESG chapter on the Statesboro Campus. Current student members are Caycie Allison, Taraya Bratton, Markiyah Davis, Lajuana Osborne, Ashley Reyes and Paige Simmons. Associate professor Nandi Marshall, DrPH, will serve as the chapter sponsor for the new Epsilon Omega chapter on the Armstrong Campus.

The award will be presented in March at the Eta Sigma Gamma Annual Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony in Atlanta, Georgia.

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