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Costello recipient of University's Excellence in Service Award

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Dr. Lisa A. Costello, a professor in Writing and Linguistics and Director of the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) Program in Statesboro, was awarded the University's Excellence in Service Award for 2019-2020 at the fall 2019 University Convocation ceremony. Dr. Costello's service, like her research and teaching, is interdisciplinary and has a wide impact. As a Writing Professor, she has served a leading role in department policy revision and consolidating the curriculum for the department. As Honors Coordinator for Writing and Linguistics, she also worked with a team to build online thesis modules for Honors students across campus who might be working on a thesis without a mentor. She volunteers her expertise in the community in education, serving as a Parent Council member for Bulloch County Schools and working on the Health Education Committee.

As Director of the WGSS Program, she has led the Women's Leadership Series on campus for three years that provides workshops and lectures, and professional development opportunities for faculty, staff, and students, and has given presentations on campus on topics like Title IX. She also has been instrumental in bringing a wider range of LGBTQ+ resources to campus with the help of a donor grant. Her work with her Co-Director on consolidating the curriculum integrates a strong major on all three campuses. She is also a member of the Sexual Assault response Team and serves as Faculty Advisor for the GS-NOW student group.

As a scholar of Holocaust Studies, Rhetoric, and Gender, she has worked in the community to provide lectures in high schools and nonprofits about the Holocaust and the #MeToo movement. Nationally she has worked with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum to build an online database that helps teachers nationwide teach the Holocaust with primary documents that highlight issues of nationality and of gender and the Holocaust.

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