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Georgia Southern University hosts ribbon cutting ceremony for new Military Science building

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(L-R): Senator Jack Hill, Dr. Teresa Thompson, Regent Laura Marsh, Col. Nelson Kraft, Col. Retired David Lee, Col. Retired George Fredrick, LTC Erik Kjonnerod, Dr. Jaimie Hebert, Dr. Jean Bartels, Mr. Trip Addison, LTC Retired William Roberts, and Mr. Robert Whitaker

Georgia Southern University's award-winning Army ROTC Eagle Battalion now has a new world-class building in which to learn, network and grow their skills. Today, Georgia Southern University President Jaimie Hebert, Ph.D., hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for the University's new Military Science building. When classes resume next week for the spring semester, cadets will continue their studies in the new facility.

"Georgia Southern is proud to open this special place where the mission reflects the very culture of this University, a culture that puts student success above all else," said Hebert. "I am honored that we are able to officially open the doors today."



Located at the corner of Forest Drive and Old Register Road, the 32,000-square-foot space replaces the 10,000-square-foot building the Army ROTC Eagle Battalion has occupied for nearly a decade and supports a growing cadre of the best and brightest men and women from across the country. The new Military Science building consists of four classrooms, a state-of-the-art computer lab, conference room with VTC capabilities, 25 Cadre and staff offices, and

a 5,000 square-foot multipurpose room for a variety of uses from indoor trainings to events and ceremonies. The new building also provides secure storage space for the program's equipment.

In April 2014, Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal approved the state budget, which included \$9.5 million in funding to the University, allocated for the construction of a new Military Science building.

"We appreciate the University leadership and our state legislators who recognized the needs and provided the means to build a world-class facility for our Army ROTC here at Georgia Southern," said LTC Erik Kjonnerod, professor of Military Science. "This new facility is a testament to the dedication and support of our mission to provide our Army and nation with top quality commissioned officers."

The Georgia Southern Army ROTC Eagle Battalion program began in 1980 and serves as the Green to Gold counterpart battalion for both Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield. Georgia Southern's program is currently the largest of its kind in the southeast United States, with 175 cadets at the University, and also boasts of the largest Army ROTC Nursing program in the nation. The University's program is one of few ROTC programs in the country to meet or exceed the required number of Army Commissioned Officers over the last decade.

The U.S. Army Cadet Command at Fort Knox, Kentucky, announced in 2016 that Georgia Southern University's Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program was one of the eight winners of the prestigious MacArthur Award for the 2014-2015 school year. Georgia Southern was selected as the top program from 6th Brigade Army ROTC, which includes 39 programs from six states and Puerto Rico. This marks the Eagle Battalion's third MacArthur Award since 2009.

Most recently, the Army ROTC Eagle Battalion earned first place in the Task Force Georgia Ranger Challenge Competition.

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Professor Anastatia Sims to speak at Great Minds Lecture series Jan. 31

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Dr. Anastatia Sims

Anastatia Sims, Ph.D., professor of history in Georgia Southern University's College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS), will open the 2017 Great Minds Lecture series on Jan. 31 in the Russell Union, Room 2047.

Sims' lecture, "Wanton Wenches and Nasty Women: Vindicating Women's Rights from 1792-2016," will relate to and use documents from the Remnant Trust Exhibit. The Exhibit is a world-class collection of manuscripts and first and early edition works in their original forms with the goal of elevating the public's understanding of individual liberty and human dignity through the precedent setting, hands on availability of the world's great ideas in original form.

Sims' lecture will focus on Mary Wollstonecraft's "A Vindication of the Rights of the Woman" and Elizabeth Cady Stanton's "Address to the Legislature of New-York, Adopted by the State Woman's Rights Convention."

"In the late 1700s as cries for liberty, equality, and recognition of the inalienable rights of man swept across America and Europe, Mary Wollstonecraft raised her voice in defense of what seemed to many the most revolutionary idea of all," Sims said. "When A Vindication of the Rights of Woman was published in 1792, the belief that women were inferior to men was so firmly entrenched in law, religion, and custom that few people dared to imagine a society in which gender equality was the norm. Wollstonecraft ignited a debate over 'woman's place' that still echoes today."

Other lectures in this series will also relate to and feature documents from the Remnant Trust Exhibit, which will be on display in the Zach S. Henderson Library beginning Jan. 18. Other University faculty presenting in the lecture series include Robert Batchelor, Ph.D., on March 7, Dan Pioske, Ph.D., on March 23, Johnathan O'Neill, Ph.D., on April 5 and Tim Whelan, Ph.D. on April 19. All lectures in the series are free and open to the public. For more information on the 2017 Great

Minds Lecture visit class.georgiasouthern.edu/greatminds. For more information on the documents on display at Georgia Southern University visit <http://georgiasouthern.libguides.com/remnanttrust>.

Student receives grant for athletic performance research

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Melissa Stack

Melissa Stack ('15), graduate student in the School of Health and Kinesiology, has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$844.06 from the Graduate Student Professional Development Fund (GSPDF) at Georgia Southern University for her research, "The effect of chronic L-carnitine and carbohydrate supplementation on body composition, perceived exertion and athletic performance in female endurance athletes."

Stack applied for the grant in fall of 2016 and was selected by the Graduate Student Organization based on merit and an essay regarding how this grant might help her in her discipline and field.

The GSPDF is a competitive funding opportunity that helps financially support graduate students with travel to program-related events and with thesis or dissertation-related research while enrolled at Georgia Southern. Stack's grant will be used for

research to increase the understanding of carnitine and its role inside the body and to determine whether or not supplementation plays a role in enhancing athletic performance.

"Because of the generosity of the Graduate Student Organization and Georgia Southern University, the financial burden placed on me to pursue my research will be reduced," said Stack. "I am sincerely honored to have been selected as the recipient of this award, and I am grateful for the opportunities it will provide me. Thank you, Georgia Southern, for making this funding available to graduate students."

To learn more about the Graduate Student Organization, visit <http://cogs.georgiasouthern.edu/gso/>.