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Georgia Southern University will begin a series of entertaining, life-enriching workshops for women titled "Eat, Play, Learn" at the Coastal Georgia Center in Savannah on April 16, 2011.

The workshops, sponsored by the University's Department of Continuing Education and Public Services, will focus on ways women can re-charge, revitalize, and renew their spirit. Each session will feature a presentation by a dynamic speaker, lunch, and a chance to browse and purchase unique items from a select group of specialty vendors.

The series kicks off Saturday, April 16 at 11:00 a.m. with actress, singer, storyteller and educator Marlena Smalls. Smalls is the founder of both The Hallelujah Singers and The Gullah Festival, which attracts 20,000 visitors annually to Beaufort, South Carolina. Also, she is a singer of sacred music, gospel, jazz and blues, as well as an educator, historian, storyteller and actress. Smalls, who played the part of Bubba Gump's mother in the film *Forest Gump*, will entertain and inspire with her stories and songs.

On Saturday, May 21 New York Times best-selling author Karen White will bring her brand of Southern charm and spirit to the series. White is the author of 11 books including *Folly Beach*, *The House at Tradd Street*, and *Falling Home*.

Savannah dermatologist and author Rebecca Campen, M.D. will share the secrets women need to know about taking care of themselves and their skin at any age when the series concludes on Friday, September 16.

Early registration for the series is going on now through April 4th. Tickets for each event are \$25 per person when purchased by April 4th. After that date, the ticket price will be \$35 in advance and at the door.

All events will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will be held at the Coastal Georgia Center on Fahm Street in Savannah. For more information about the series or to register online, please visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/eatplaylearn.html> or call toll-free 1-855-478-5551.

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