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Georgia Southern University has named Carolyn (Lynn) Woodhouse interim dean of the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health (JPHCOPH) effective June 1, 2011. Woodhouse replaces Charles Hardy, Ph.D., who is retiring from Georgia Southern University.

Woodhouse joined Georgia Southern University in August 2007 to serve as associate dean and professor of Community Health Behavior and Education. In addition to her role as interim dean, she will continue as a professor in the College. Prior to joining Georgia Southern, she served as the director of the East Stroudsburg University (Pa.) M.P.H. program in Community Health Practice from 1987 to 2007.

Woodhouse's areas of expertise include public health systems and services, workforce development, accreditation, and evaluation research methods. She is currently principal investigator of a multi-year statewide, multi-site asthma intervention program evaluation involving several members of Georgia Southern's faculty and staff.

Her professional service is extensive. She was a board member of the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). She also served on the governing council of the American Public Health Association (APHA) and is currently a member of the APHA Education Board. She is involved in supporting public health in the state of Georgia, including service as co-principal investigator for the new Georgia Practice-Based Research Network (PBRN), which recently received research funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. She has received multiple professional awards for her work in public health education research and workforce development from APHA, the national Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE), and a distinguished alumna award from the University of Cincinnati's College of Education. In addition, she is an elected fellow of both the Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) and the Royal Institute of Public Health in London.

Woodhouse received her M.Ed. and Ed.D. from the University of Cincinnati. She received her M.P.H. in Public Health Practice from the University of South Florida.

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Retiring Georgia Southern University music professor Michael Braz, Ph.D. will give a farewell performance to benefit music scholarships on Sunday, May 15, 2011.

Braz plans to join the Peace Corps after his retirement from Georgia Southern University this month. He will be assigned to Armenia where he will teach English as a second language. The concert is not only a chance to see Braz take the stage one last time before he begins his two-year commitment with the Peace Corps, but it is also the chance for friends, colleagues, former students, and music lovers to ensure Braz's legacy continues. Proceeds from the concert will be used to endow a Michael Braz Music Scholarship Fund.

The concert will be held in the Carol A. Carter Recital Hall of the University's Foy Building at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and a reception will follow the performance. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact the University's Music Department at 912-478-5396.

Braz has been a faculty member at Georgia Southern University for 24 years. Throughout his career, Braz has collaborated with numerous orchestras, music festivals and ensembles ranging from chamber music to jazz and rock around the world, and is also an accomplished composer.

In his many years as a music educator, Braz has served as associate director of the Miami Choral Society, the conductor/musical director of the Boy Singers of Maine, and the founder/director of Tallahassee's Capital Children's Chorus and the Statesboro Youth Chorale. He has held several leadership positions in state and national music associations and has also served as the president of the Statesboro Arts Council.

Braz is the recipient of several awards including the University's President's Medal, the Award for Excellence in Service, the Ruffin Cup faculty award from the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences and the Humanitarian of the Year from the *Statesboro Herald*.

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