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Georgia Southern University's Department of Writing and Linguistics, Department of Music and Campus Life Enrichment Committee will present acclaimed fiction writer Eleanor Henderson on Monday, Sept. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Information Technology, Room 1004.

Henderson will read from her debut novel, *Ten Thousand Saints*, a coming-of-age story that revolves around the punk rock and "straight-edge" music scene in New York City in the 1980s. The story focuses on young people who discover their identities within the musical milieu that defines them.

Both a popular and a critical hit, three different New York Times book reviewers named *Ten Thousand Saints* among the 10 best books of 2011. The New Yorker, O Magazine, Amazon, Newsweek/Daily Beast and a several other magazines and newspapers also have included the novel in their best books list. Henderson was featured on PBS' NewsHour earlier this year, and iTunes singled out *Ten Thousand Saints* for special attention, in part because of the novel's focus on music.

The novel's domestic success has spurred interest internationally; it has been published in Great Britain and France, and will appear in Italy in 2013.

"It is wonderful to have such an internationally renowned author visit Georgia Southern," said Eric Nelson, professor of writing at Georgia Southern University. "We are pleased to be able to present a writer of Eleanor's caliber to our students and the community."

The Sept. 24 lecture will also feature a book signing and attendees will have the opportunity to ask the author questions about her work and the writing process.

Henderson was born in Greece, grew up in Florida, and attended Middlebury College and the University of Virginia, where she received her MFA in 2005. Her fiction has appeared in *Agni*, *North American Review*, *Ninth Letter*, *Columbia*, and *Salon*, among other publications. Her story "The Farms" was nominated for a Pushcart and selected by Alice Sebold for *The Best American Short Stories 2009*. Henderson's nonfiction has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Poets & Writers*, *The Virginia Quarterly Review* and on *All Things Considered*.

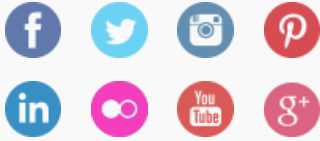
From 2006 to 2010 she taught at James Madison University in Virginia. Now an assistant professor at Ithaca College, she lives in Ithaca, N.Y., with her husband, Aaron, and sons Nico and Henry. Her current writing project is a novel set in southeast Georgia.

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The Garden of the Coastal Plain at Georgia Southern University, formerly Georgia Southern Botanical Garden, will host its annual Rhythm and Brews beer tasting event on Sept., 28 2012, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Proceeds from the event will support the Garden.

Atlanta's popular Mosier Brothers Band will heat up the fall heritage garden with bluegrass-laced rock and alternative music while guests enjoy unlimited tastings of craft beers and food from Big Bad Wolf barbeque of Statesboro.

The event will be held at the Garden in Statesboro, a quick ride from Savannah. Tickets are available through Sept. 22 for \$40 per person. After Sept. 22, tickets are \$50 per person. Guests must be 21 or older to attend, and proper ID is required. Tickets are available by calling the Garden with a major credit card at 912-871-1149.

The Atlanta-based The Mosier Brothers Band are 30-year veterans of bluegrass-infused rock 'n' roll. Jeff Mosier, founder of the band, plays the electric banjo while his brother Johnny plays the electric and acoustic guitar. Big Bad Wolf will park their smoker on wheels behind the Garden's restored Weathervane Barn, and the mouthwatering smells of barbeque smoke will greet Rhythm and Brews guests. Follow the music through the fall gardens to the

large field between the Barn and the historic Oak Grove One Room Schoolhouse to the beer tasting tent, where each guest will receive a commemorative beer glass. Guests will have the opportunity to visit numerous vendors each offering unlimited samples of a varieties of beer.

Centered on an early 20th century farmstead, the Garden at Georgia Southern University offers visitors a unique view of the cultural and natural heritage of the Southeastern Coastal Plain, an area rich in unique and endangered plants. The Garden's nearly 11-acre site, located in the middle of the growing city of Statesboro, includes walking woodland trails, the Bland Cottage, a Heritage Garden, a Rose Arbor, a Children's Learning Garden, a Camellia Garden, a Native Plant Landscape Garden, a Native Azalea Collection and the Bog Garden. The Garden promotes knowledge and appreciation of the native plants and animals of the southeastern coastal plain, connects people to the natural and cultural heritage of the region and inspires environmentally responsible behavior.

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