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Robert I. Strozier Lecture Series showcases Armstrong Campus faculty research

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Robert I. Strozier Faculty Lecture Series



*Photography
Professor Bridget
Conn*

This semester, Georgia Southern's College of Arts and Humanities will continue the Robert I. Strozier Lecture Series on the Armstrong Campus in Savannah in honor of the former Professor Emeritus of English who was a beloved figure for more than four decades. The annual event features Armstrong Campus faculty members who present their research on a variety of topics.

All lectures will take place at the Ogeechee Theatre in the Student Union on the Armstrong Campus from noon-1 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

On Friday, Jan. 26, Photography Professor Bridget Conn will present a lecture, "Kodachrome Rumors: Why Outdated Technologies Thrive in the Art World." She will discuss how technologies evolve from commercial tools into the methods with which artists make work. Conn holds a MFA with concentrations in photography, mixed media and installation from the University of Georgia and a BFA in studio art from Tulane University.

The remaining schedule is listed below:

- Friday, Feb. 16, Engineering Professor Cameron Coates, Ph.D., will discuss, "Journey to Mars: Test Activities at the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center," highlighting NASA's plan to send humans to Mars by the 2030s. A fixture on the Armstrong Campus since 2002, Coates was selected as a NASA Marshall Space Flight Center Faculty Fellow at the George C. Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, for the last two summers. He earned master's and bachelor's degrees in aerospace engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology.
- Friday, March 23, Anthropology Professor Laura Seifert will present, "Digging Savannah: Monks, Freedman, Ghosts and Myths." Her lecture will focus on recent research at both the Benedictine Monastery and Freedman

School on Skidaway Island, and the Sorrel-Weed House on Madison Square. While new historical details bring up thorny issues of privilege and descendant communities' access to their own past, she will also discuss how to introduce new histories to old sites and how to address archaeological findings that contradict historical myths. Seifert holds master's and bachelor's degrees in anthropology from East Carolina University.

- Friday, April 13, Chemistry Professors Sarah Gray, Ph.D., and Sarah Zingales, Ph.D., will present, "Optimization of the Brewing Process: How Beer is Made." The talk will cover the general brewing process and the ingredients that go into making beer, as well as what leads beer to skunk, and how you can avoid it. In addition, their collaboration with a local microbrewery, Southbound Brewing Company, will be discussed. Gray earned a doctorate in analytical chemistry from the University of Montana and was a Postdoctoral Fellow at Trinity College. Zingales holds doctorate and master's degrees in organic chemistry from Georgia State University.

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Childcare conference unites providers, teachers and experts

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Georgia Southern University will host the 31st Annual Southern Conference on Children from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20, in the Nessmith-Lane Center at 847 Plant Drive in Statesboro.

This year's conference theme is "Nurturing Healthy Children," and childcare staff and directors, teachers and parents of young children will spend the day learning key information about early childhood development and education.

The one-day conference will provide participants with valuable information and continuing education training hours on current child care trends and other related topics presented by local and regional leaders in childhood development, early childhood education and special education. Sessions will highlight various topics, from infant and toddler nutrition to science-focused projects for youngsters. There will also be special sessions with Child Care Resource and Referral of Southeast Georgia program trainers, in addition to a director's track specifically designed for owners, directors and administrators.

Past participants at the annual conference have included preschool, Pre-K and kindergarten teachers, as well as family child care business owners from across the southeastern region.

The 31st Annual Southern Conference on Children is sponsored by Georgia Southern University's Waters College of Health Professions, School of Human Ecology and the Division of Continuing Education. To register, call the University's Continuing Education Center at (912) 478-5555 or visit <http://georgiasouthern.edu/conted/conferences/scoc>.

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Governor Nathan Deal recommends funding for two Georgia Southern projects supporting workforce development

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Two Georgia Southern University projects have been included in [Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal's recent budget recommendations](#) to the General Assembly for the upcoming fiscal year. Gov. Deal's budget priorities include building an educated workforce capable of meeting future job demands.

Now the fourth largest public university in Georgia, Georgia Southern is fully focused on its mission to serve the region and the state by developing the workforce. Georgia Southern will serve as an intellectual catalyst for southeast Georgia, promoting innovation and growth.

Gov. Deal appropriated \$49.9 million in construction funding for the new Engineering and Research facility on the University's Statesboro Campus. An allocation of \$4.9 million for the project's planning and design was included in the FY 2018 budget. Georgia Southern's College of Engineering and Computing has experienced 60 percent growth in student enrollment over the last five years. The multipurpose building with 157,000 square feet of space will allow for the College's growth of approximately 1,000 students, and will provide learning opportunities for 4,000 students currently housed across the University's Armstrong Campus in Savannah and Statesboro Campus. Beyond teaching, this facility allows the University's faculty and students to engage in research, support regional industry projects, as well as attract and support new industries planning to start in or relocate to the region.

Gov. Deal also included \$2.7 million in equipment for the new Waters College of Health Professions facility on the Armstrong Campus. The FY 2018 budget included \$22 million in construction funding for the new facility. Currently under construction, the 63,000 square-foot building will feature a state-of-the-art simulation suite, enabling students to learn with virtual patients in a hands-on, team-oriented environment that will allow the University to support student success and help meet the needs of the regional workforce. Georgia Southern University is the top producer of undergraduate health professionals in the University System of Georgia.

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