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Georgia Southern University hosts 17th annual Cross-Cultural Counseling and Education Conference

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Georgia Southern University's College of Education and Division of Continuing Education will host the 17th annual Cross-Cultural Counseling and Education Conference for Research, Action and Change on Feb. 9-10 at the Coastal Georgia Center in downtown Savannah, Georgia.

The two-day conference is aimed toward educators of all levels, professional and school counselors, psychologists, social justice advocates, volunteer service providers, social workers and anyone interested in women and gender studies, diversity and cultural issues. Attendees will discover how identity forms throughout the lifespan, from infancy to adulthood, and how this development impacts group dynamics.

In addition, the conference will provide a forum for meaningful discussions centered on topics including race, ethnicity, gender and sexual identity development. Conference keynote speaker Kathryn Norsworthy, Ph.D., is known for her international advocacy for women, LGBTQ and immigrant rights. Norsworthy has spent the past 20 years traveling to South and Southeast Asia to engage in peace and justice-focused projects. She will deliver her presentation titled "Mindful Activism: Building Bridges (Not Walls!) and Swimming Against the Stream."

Peony Fhagen, Ph.D., will present during the William Cross Jr. Lecture Series. Fhagen is known for her expertise in cultural identity development across the lifespan. She is also part of the research team that developed the Cross Racial Identity Scale, which is the most widely used social assessment tool by the American Psychological Association's Society for the Psychological Study of Culture, Ethnicity and Race and most recently developed the Cross Racial-Ethnic Identity Scale.

William Cross Jr., Ph.D., will conclude the conference with a 90-minute presentation on "Identity, Mental Health and Missing Scripts." He will delve into the misinformation surrounding mental health in the African-American population and discuss the high school-to-college pipeline. Cross' work, *Shades of Black: Diversity in African-American Identity* is considered a classic within the discourse on black identity.

For a detailed schedule of speakers and sessions and to register for the conference, visit GeorgiaSouthern.edu/conted/ccissues.

For additional information about this conference, contact Yvette Crick at 912-478-5555 or crosscultural@georgiasouthern.edu.



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Georgia Southern University's Armstrong and Liberty campuses offer out-of-state tuition waivers to residents of Alabama, Florida, South Carolina and Tennessee

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SAVANNAH, Ga., Feb. 1, 2018 – The University System of Georgia (USG) has approved out-of-state tuition differential waivers to residents of Alabama, Florida, South Carolina and Tennessee for Georgia Southern University's Armstrong Campus in Savannah and the Liberty Campus in Hinesville.

"The University System of Georgia system benefits from some of the nation's most affordable tuition rates," said Georgia Southern University Director of Admissions Amy Smith. "We are excited to welcome and support out-of-state students at Georgia Southern and are pleased to extend affordable options

to our neighboring states."

At present, out-of-state students make up approximately 9 percent of the University's student body. Without the waiver, out-of-state students pay tuition that is roughly three times more than that of their Georgia-based peers.

Janna Elizabeth Hines, a Communication Sciences and Disorders major from Columbia, South Carolina, chose to study on the Armstrong Campus for various reasons, but primarily because it provides a quality education with a reasonable price tag.

"I am able to attend the Armstrong Campus for a cheaper amount than the in-state schools I applied to," noted Hines. "This saves my family and I money, and relieves a situation that would have otherwise been stressful. I also get to experience living outside of South Carolina, and so far, I am really enjoying it."

Abby Warren, a second-year nursing student from Jacksonville, Florida, appreciates the opportunity to attend Georgia Southern with the out-of-state waiver while earning a solid degree and practicing her independence.

"I chose Georgia Southern Armstrong Campus because they offer my degree program — with great credibility — and the comfort of being just two hours from home," said Warren. "It is close enough for me to head home in case of an emergency, but it is also far enough so that I can feel independent and on my own. Being a part of this school has opened so many doors and helped me step outside of my comfort zone."

Georgia Southern has repeatedly been ranked nationwide for its 'Best Value' by College Affordability Guide, Top Masters in Education, GradSchoolHub.com and Affordable Colleges Online, among many others, for providing rigorous undergraduate, graduate and online degree programs that remain affordable.

For more information on Georgia Southern's out-of-state tuition waivers available to students on the Armstrong and Liberty campuses, please visit <http://admissions.georgiasouthern.edu/requirements/out-of-state/>.

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