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Georgia Southern philosophy professor invited to India to discuss research on emotion

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Georgia Southern Philosophy Associate Professor Maria Magoula Adamos, Ph.D., center, is pictured with students from Jadavpur University in Kolkata, India.

While the word emotion dates back to 16th century France, the examination and study of its cognitive and biological complexity within humans dates back to ancient Greece and China. Georgia Southern Philosophy Associate Professor Maria Magoula Adamos, Ph.D., continued those studies on a recent trip to India, where she shared her research on the philosophy of emotion.

Adamos was invited to India by Department of Philosophy Head Atashee Chatterjee Sinha, Ph.D., and Deputy Coordinator Centre of Advanced Study, Phase V, Proyash Sarkar, Ph.D., from Jadavpur University in Kolkata, India for the week-long trip.

"They were interested in my research and invited me to give a series of lectures on the philosophy of emotion, which is my main area of specialization," Adamos said.

Adamos spoke with several of her colleagues at Georgia Southern who are from India, including Gautam Kundu, Ph.D., from her department to help prepare for her trip.

Adamos' lecture topics included what emotions are, how the different emotions are related, whether there are conceptual relations between the different aspects of emotion, and the unity or oneness of emotion. She said the students at Jadavpur were very receptive.

"They seemed to know all my papers that I had published, and they were very well prepared," Adamos said. "This was a great honor and doesn't happen very often."

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Center for Sustainability seminar series continues with David Orr

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Georgia Southern's Center for Sustainability (CFS) will kick off its 2018-2019 Seminar Series with renowned environmental leader, David W. Orr, Ph.D, with a lecture titled *The Climate of Democracy*. An Emeritus Paul Sears Distinguished Professor of Environmental Studies and Politics, Orr served as Counselor to the President of Oberlin College for 10 years.

Orr's seminar will highlight the intersection of climate change and democracy, building on his recent book, *Dangerous Years: Climate Change and the Long Emergency* (Yale, 2016). The event will be held on the Statesboro Campus in the Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 24. The lecture will be simulcast to the Ogeechee Theatre on the Armstrong Campus.

Orr has authored more than 220 articles, reviews, book chapters and professional publications. He is also the author of eight books including, *Down to the Wire: Confronting Climate Collapse* (Oxford, 2009) and *The Nature of Design: Ecology, Culture, and Human Intention* (Oxford 2004), and is the co-editor of three others.

In the past 25 years he has served as a board member or advisor to 10 foundations and on the boards of many organizations including the Rocky Mountain Institute, Bioneers and the Aldo Leopold Foundation. He is currently a Trustee of the Alliance for Sustainable Colorado, Children and Nature Network and the WorldWatch Institute.

He has been awarded nine honorary degrees and a dozen other awards including a Lyndhurst Prize, a National Achievement Award from the National Wildlife Federation and leadership awards from the U.S. Department of Energy. Orr's design work for the Peter B. Lewis Gateway Center on Oberlin College's campus also garnered a spot on the Building Design and Construction list for "52 game-changing buildings of the past 170 years."

He is the founder of the Oberlin Project and a founder of the journal *Solutions*. His current work is on the state of American democracy. To learn more, visit www.stateofamericandemocracy.org.

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