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Georgia Southern professor appointed to U.S. Breastfeeding Committee

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Nandi A. Marshall, DrPH, assistant professor in the Georgia Southern University Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health (JPHCOPH), has been selected to serve on the United States Breastfeeding Committee (USBC).

Specifically, Marshall will sit on the CRASH Committee, formed by the USBC board of directors in 2013 to enhance USBC governance, membership, personnel and coalitions’ ability to build structures, systems, and a culture of inclusiveness, and mutual support for all peoples in regards to breastfeeding. “CRASH” is a mnemonic for the following essential components of culturally competent health care: consider Culture, show Respect, Assess/Affirm differences, show Sensitivity and Self-awareness, and do it all with Humility.

“I am honored to have been appointed to the CRASH committee for the U.S. Breastfeeding Committee,” said Marshall. “I am looking forward to continuing the national dialogue around not only normalizing breastfeeding, but also addressing diversity, equity and inclusion, which are all cornerstones of the CRASH committee.”

The USBC is an independent nonprofit coalition of more than 50 organizations that support its mission to drive collaborative efforts for policy and practices that create a landscape of breastfeeding support across the country. Marshall will serve two three-year terms.

Marshall will also begin new roles as the American Public Health Association Science Board Chair and Joint Policy Committee Co-Chair, and the education and training co-lead for the Georgia Society for Public Health Education.

Marshall is an assistant professor in the Department of Health Policy and Community Health on Georgia Southern’s Armstrong Campus.

The mission of JPHCOPH is to improve health, eliminate health disparities and health inequities of rural communities and underserved populations globally through excellence in teaching, public health workforce development, research, scholarship, professional service and community engagement.

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Artist brings unique collection to Georgia Southern Statesboro Campus

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Multimedia artist Lily Kuonen's work has never been described as conventional. Her playntings, a combination of a play and a painting, are an end-result of her varied and playful approaches to contradiction, opposition, integration and connection. Some of Kuonen’s playntings will be on view at the Center for Art and Theatre's Contemporary Gallery on the Georgia Southern University Statesboro Campus starting Jan. 14.

Kuonen’s work aims to redirect the viewers’ focus from the material object itself to the importance of the relations it embodies. Her most recent exhibition, “Playntings: —> —>,” shows the latest results of her explorations into artistic synthesis and repurposing.

“I’ve been aware of Kuonen’s work for close to a decade now, and it never ceases to amaze and intrigue me,” Gallery Director Jason Hoelscher said. “Lily has a great ability to take elements and objects we've all seen before and arrange, combine or layer them into weird new combinations that simultaneously seem perfectly logical yet strangely absurd and weird. Her playntings evoke a response that’s part ‘what a weird idea!’ and part ‘that's so obvious, why didn’t I think of that?’”

Kuonen received her Master of Fine Arts in painting from the Savannah College of Art and Design and her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art from the University of Central Arkansas. She is currently foundations coordinator and associate professor of art at Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, Florida. She serves as SECAC affiliate representative for the board of Foundations in Art: Theory and Education, and she is president of the Integrative Teaching International board. Kuonen also regularly contributes exhibition reviews and interviews for BURNAWAY Magazine in Atlanta. She has exhibited her work both nationally and internationally.

The exhibition will be on view from Jan. 14 to Feb. 8. A gallery talk with the artist and a closing reception will be held at the Contemporary Gallery on Feb. 7 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

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