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# Georgia Southern to host 16th annual South East Coastal Conference on Languages & Literatures

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The 16th annual South East Coastal Conference on Languages and Literatures (SECCLL), featuring keynote speaker Kim Potowski, Ph.D., is set for April 11 and 12. The conference is hosted by the Georgia Southern University Department of Foreign Languages and will be held at the Georgia Tech Savannah Campus.

The conference, sponsored by Vista Higher Learning, provides language and literature scholars, researchers and graduate students from the region and beyond a platform for academic exchange that is marked by its collegiate, informal and inclusive atmosphere.



Potowski is a professor in the Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). In addition to being the founding director of UIC's study abroad program in Oaxaca, Mexico, she also serves as the director of the Heritage Spanish program.



Her presentation, the subject of her 2013 TEDx talk, "No Child Left Monolingual: Why and How to Become a More Linguistically Inclusive Nation," details the myths about language in the United States and highlights the importance of multilingualism in a continuously diversified society.

SECCLL covers a broad range of topics in Arabic, French, German, Spanish, Hispanic linguistics, classics, comparative literature, and East Asian/Chinese as well as topics in literature, culture, pedagogy and film.

#SECCLL19

April 11-12, 2019

Savannah, Georgia

Early bird registration ends Feb. 2 and includes a welcome reception on April 11, as well as the Keynote Banquet Luncheon the next day. Participants from both public and

private institutions of higher education are encouraged to attend. Those interested in finding out more information may visit [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/conted/seccll](http://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/conted/seccll).

For more information from the Division of Continuing Education, please contact Deedee Southerlin, Ed.D., at [seccll@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:seccll@georgiasouthern.edu) or 912-478-5555. For more information from the SECCLL director, you may email Jorge W. Suazo, Ph.D., at [suazoj@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:suazoj@georgiasouthern.edu).

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# Roland S. Martin named 2019 annual MLK Celebration Speaker

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Georgia Southern University will welcome noted journalist and author Roland S. Martin as the 2019 annual Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Celebration Speaker on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at noon in the Student Ballroom on the Armstrong Campus and 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center on the Statesboro Campus.

Martin is the host and managing editor of #RolandMartinUnfiltered, the first daily online show in history focused on news and analysis of politics, entertainment, sports and culture from an explicitly African-American perspective.

Named four times as one of the "150 Most Influential African-Americans in the U.S." by Ebony magazine, Martin has worked as morning drive reporter for KRLD/1080 AM, news director and morning anchor at KKDA-AM in Dallas, city hall reporter for the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and county government and neighbors reporter for the *Austin American-Statesman*.

He is the author of three books, *Listening to the Spirit Within: 50 Perspectives on Faith, Speak, Brother! A Black Man's View of America* and *The First: President Barack Obama's Road to the White House as originally reported by Roland S. Martin*. He has also written pieces for *Ebony* and *Essence*.

In his career, Martin has been awarded more than 30 awards for journalistic excellence, including being named the Journalist of the Year in 2013 by the National Association of Black Journalists for his extensive focus on voter suppression and other issues of concern to African-Americans during the 2012 election.

He is a 1991 graduate of Texas A&M University and the recipient of five honorary degrees. He is both a life member of the National Association of Black Journalists and of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. He is married to the Rev. Jacquie Hood Martin.

Each year, Georgia Southern's MLK Celebration provides an opportunity for the campus and community to gather and celebrate the life and legacy of the Martin Luther King Jr.

The MLK Celebration is sponsored by the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs and the Office of Multicultural Affairs. For more information on the MLK Celebration, visit <https://students.georgiasouthern.edu/multicultural/mlk-commemoration-2/>.

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