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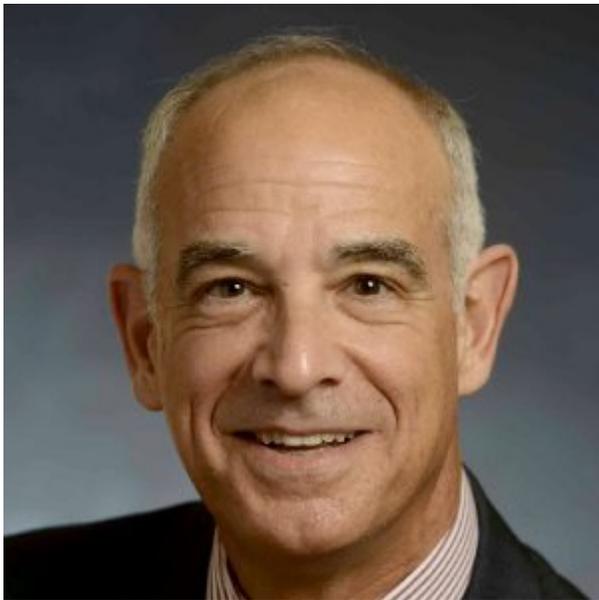
This episode of Faculty Spotlight features Jian Zhang, M.D., Dr.P.H., professor of epidemiology in the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health at Georgia Southern University. Dr. Zhang and a team of researchers have conducted several studies of the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey to track the misperceptions and relationships that children, adolescents and adults have with obesity. The studies have received national media attention, and the papers have been published in a wide range of academic journals, including the *International Journal of Obesity* and the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Georgia Southern welcomes retired Army Major General David Rubenstein to speak at Healthcare Symposium

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There will be an emphasis on leadership at the 2019 Healthcare Symposium. Retired Army Major General and former Deputy Surgeon General David Rubenstein will be the event's speaker, which is hosted by the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health (JPHCOPH) at Georgia Southern University. The symposium will be April 10 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in room 2071 of the Arts Building on the Statesboro Campus.



General David Rubenstein

In Rubenstein's talk, "To Lead Others, First Lead Yourself," he will speak about current issues in health care before transitioning to a discussion about leadership across all careers and career stages. He will ask attendees to consider the leader development of themselves and their teammates from the point of view as an executive and mentor.

"We are very pleased and honored to once again to have General David Rubenstein as our special guest speaker for our annual healthcare symposium," said Associate Professor and Distinguished Fellow in Healthcare Leadership James Stephens, DHA. "He is an internationally known speaker on healthcare leadership."

Rubenstein ended his 35-year Army career as the Army's Deputy Surgeon General and Commanding General of the Army Medical Department Center and School. Concurrently, he was also Chief of the Army Medical Service Corps. He is a

graduate of Texas A&M University and the Army War College, and he has a master's degree in health administration from Baylor University. He has been listed in six Who's Who publications and has twice been included in Modern Healthcare's lists of 100 most influential people in health care.

His professional credentials include being a board-certified health care executive who is a past chairman of the American College of Healthcare Executives. He is chairman of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States (AMSUS), The Society for Federal Health Professionals, and he represents the public on committees of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education and the American Board of Medical Specialties. He has authored numerous peer-reviewed professional articles and book reviews and is a clinical associate professor of health administration at Texas State University.

The 2019 Healthcare Symposium is sponsored by East Georgia Regional Medical Center and JPHCOPH.

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.

Georgia Southern University, a public Carnegie Doctoral/R2 institution founded in 1906, offers 141 degree programs serving nearly 26,500 students through nine colleges on three campuses in Statesboro, Savannah, Hinesville and online instruction. A leader in higher education in southeast Georgia, the University provides a diverse student population with expert faculty, world-class scholarship and hands-on learning opportunities. Georgia Southern creates lifelong learners who serve as responsible scholars, leaders and stewards in their communities.

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Georgia Southern, East Georgia State College sign agreement supporting student success

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East Georgia State College President Robert G. Boehmer and Georgia Southern University President Shelley C. Nickel sign memorandum of understanding.

A renewed agreement between Georgia Southern University (GS) and East Georgia State College (EGSC) streamlines the path to success for students who want to keep advancing their education while also taking advantage of comprehensive student life experiences.

The presidents of GS and EGSC formalized a history of collaboration between the two institutions dating back to 1997 by signing a new memorandum of understanding this week. The institutions are partnering to make it easier for students who start at EGSC to progress into academic opportunities on the GS Statesboro Campus that serve the region and enhance the workforce of southeast Georgia. The effort will support student educational goals, student success, and increase degree retention and degree retention rates for both institutions.

“As we look to the future, we realize we need to be more intentional about how we recruit and retain students, in order to graduate more students,” said Shelley C. Nickel, president of Georgia Southern University. “This is one step in that direction. We hope to build similar relationships with our partners throughout the region, to provide the best possible opportunities for the citizens of our region.”

To assist students, EGSC will move its administrative, faculty and academic support offices to the Nessmith-Lane building on the GS Statesboro Campus.

Georgia Southern will provide public safety, information technology and other infrastructure services.

“East Georgia State College appreciates and highly values its partnership with Georgia Southern University,” said Robert G. Boehmer, president of East Georgia State College. “This new memorandum of understanding will enhance our ability to create direct pathways without loss of time or credits, enabling students to move from an associate degree at East Georgia State College to a bachelor’s degree at Georgia Southern and then to employment in this great region. Thank you to President Nickel and her team at Georgia Southern for the vision to make these enhanced opportunities available to the deserving students we serve together.”

The formalization of a Cooperative Academic Program brings together EGSC’s mission to offer learning support and associate degree core courses with opportunities for transfer to bachelor degree programs at GS. The program utilizes the unique strengths of both institutions to improve access to higher education and contribute to regional economic development by providing students with the needed skills to make an impact when they enter the workforce.

The program promotes the Complete College Georgia goals by providing students who are not fully prepared for admission to GS with a convenient and affordable access point and enables them to participate in courses and programs of study designed to specifically prepare them to transfer to GS to earn a bachelor's degree while still earning an associate degree at EGSC. In turn, it also creates an access point for reverse transfer to EGSC in order to earn an associate degree when needed.

This new agreement will improve administrative efficiency for both institutions and help both universities serve students more effectively. EGSC courses taught by the college's faculty will be offered on the GS Statesboro Campus. The courses offered will be primarily those that enable students to complete an associate of arts and/or sciences degree and to successfully transfer to GS without loss of academic credit. Georgia Southern will provide additional administrative spaces needed for these courses to be delivered.

About East Georgia State College

East Georgia State College (EGSC), an associate degree granting liberal arts institution of the University System of Georgia, provides affordable access to associate degrees, targeted bachelor's degrees and transfer pathways to other institutions, enabling all students to achieve their academic goals with minimum delay and expense. EGSC also contributes to the region's economic vitality through its locations in Swainsboro, Statesboro and Augusta by producing an educated work force and continuously engaging the community through public service and cultural enrichment. Visit ega.edu.

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