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Center for Irish Studies Presents Event on Scots-Irish Heritage

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Georgia Southern University's Center for Irish Studies will present a two-day symposium about Scots-Irish heritage and culture, with a special focus on Scots-Irish experiences in many parts of the American South. The symposium will be held Sept. 11 and 12, 2009 at the Coastal Georgia Center on Fahm Street in Savannah.

"More than five million Americans claim Scots-Irish ancestry, and many of these people have a great interest in learning more about their heritage," said Howard Keeley, director of Georgia Southern University's Center for Irish Studies. "This event will allow people to meet and discuss the Scots-Irish experience with some of the leading scholars in the field in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere."

The symposium, "Frontiers and Fringes," is co-sponsored by the Institute of Ulster-Scots Studies at the University of Ulster in Ireland. Topics include the Scots-Irish settlements in Georgia and the archeological finds discovered there, Scots-Irish literature, and the relationships of the Scots-Irish with German settlers in America.

The acclaimed five-man Smokey's Farmhouse Band will perform a concert of Scots-Irish Appalachian bluegrass music on Friday, Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Coastal Georgia Center. The concert is free for symposium attendees. Non-attendees may purchase \$10 tickets at the door.

Admission to the symposium is \$20 per day, or \$30 for the entire two-day event. For more information or to register, go to <http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/irish/frontiers>.

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