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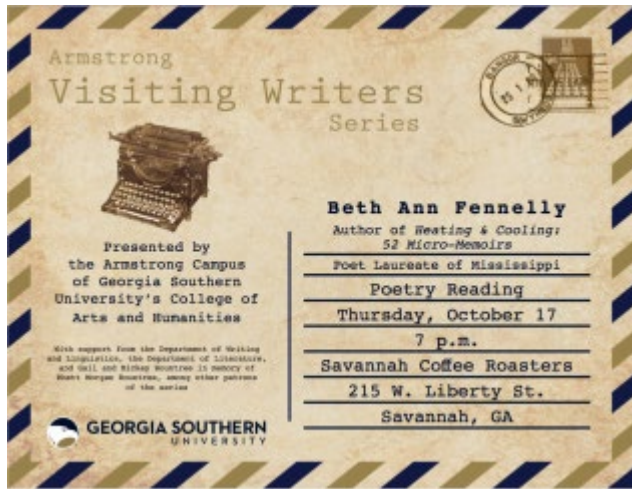
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Georgia Southern to host reading with acclaimed poet in Savannah

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Georgia Southern University will host a reading by the critically acclaimed poet Beth Ann Fennelly in Savannah, as part of the annual Armstrong Visiting Writers Series. The event, which is free and open to the public, will take place at Savannah Coffee Roasters on Oct. 17 at 7 p.m.

“Through hosting poets and novelists who teach in graduate programs at universities in the southeast and beyond, the Visiting Writers Series exposes students to great writing while providing them the opportunity to interact with great writers to whose programs they might apply after graduation,” noted William Belford, Ph.D., creative writing

senior lecturer and director of the Visiting Writers Series. “Furthermore, in hosting the readings at a centrally located public venue, the series serves the local community and the campus community alike.”



Beth Ann Fennelly

Fennelly, a professor in the Master of Fine Arts Program at the University of Mississippi, is the Poet Laureate of Mississippi. She has published three poetry books: *Open House*, *Tender Hooks* and *Unmentionables*, as well as three books of prose: *Heating & Cooling: 52 Micro-Memoirs*, *Great With Child: Letters to a Young Mother* and *The Tilted World*, a novel co-authored with her husband Tom Franklin. Fennelly’s poetry has also been included in over 50 anthologies, including *Best American Poetry* and *Poets of the New Century*.

Fennelly is the recipient of two National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships, a United States Artists Award, a Pushcart Prize and a Fulbright grant to study in Brazil. She is the first woman honored with the University of

Notre Dame's Distinguished Alumni in the Arts Award. Fennelly also serves as a contributing editor to *The Oxford American*.

The Armstrong Visiting Writers Series is sponsored by the College of Arts and Humanities at the Armstrong Campus, with additional support provided by the Department of Writing and Linguistics and the Department of Literature on the Armstrong Campus. Gail and Mickey Rountree, in memory of their son Rhett Morgan Rountree, are also among other patrons of the series.

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Georgia Southern celebrates '40 Under 40' Class of 2019

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The Georgia Southern University Alumni Association “40 Under 40” Class of 2019 was recognized at an awards luncheon on Friday, Sept. 27, in the Nessmith-Lane Center Ballroom on the Georgia Southern Statesboro Campus.

Designated by the University’s Alumni Association, the honor recognizes young alumni who have made significant strides in business, leadership, community, educational or philanthropic endeavors.

“We are excited to honor the ‘40 Under 40’ Class of 2019,” said Wendell Tompkins, director of Alumni Relations. “This is an impressive group of rising stars who will continue to inspire and lead their communities while demonstrating a lifelong commitment to Georgia Southern University. They represent the excellence of the University’s alumni and exemplify the positive contributions and remarkable achievements for which Georgia Southern is known.”

The “40 Under 40” honorees were chosen by a selection committee that reviewed each individual’s professional expertise and achievements and their dedication to charitable and community initiatives and their commitment to Georgia Southern.

The full list of “40 Under 40” Class of 2019 honorees is available online [here](#). They will also be featured in the Fall 2019 edition of *Georgia Southern* magazine.

To learn more about the “40 Under 40” program, visit <http://www.alumni.georgiasouthern.edu/s/1544/bp/interior.aspx?sid=1544&gid=2&pgid=683>.

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Center for Sustainability to host seventh annual GreenFest in downtown Statesboro on Oct. 5

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Georgia Southern University's Center for Sustainability is gearing up for its seventh annual GreenFest, set for 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 5, in downtown Statesboro.

The event, which brings town and gown together, will showcase all that the region has to offer for sustainable living. More than 40 vendors and exhibitors will share sustainability information and green products to encourage a green lifestyle with dozens of activity stations.

Festival-goers can enjoy live music from the School of Rock, sustainability workshops, children's activities and more. Statesboro's first Repair Café will be on site to assist with zipper and leather strap repairs, wooden chair repairs, lamp repairs and electronic screen repairs. Goodwill and Dell will be there to collect electronics that are beyond repair for recycling (except for tube TVs). Items can be dropped off at the corner of Siebold and Courtland Streets.

Guests will be able to participate in make-and-take stations creating DIY beeswax wraps and mouthwash. Bring your own T-shirt to craft a DIY T-shirt tote and tie-dyed cloth napkins, while supplies last. Educational booths will be there to provide information about green energy, product life cycles, honey bees and more.

The weekly Statesboro Mainstreet Farmers Market will also offer festival visitors fresh local produce, baked goods, a food preservation workshop and more.

The activities this year will extend down East Main Street with the street closed from North Main to Railroad Street for the festival. Festival-goers can park on East Vine and in parking lots on Railroad and Courtland Streets.

Keep Statesboro-Bulloch Beautiful is hosting Clean up the Boro throughout the city. Pre-register online or check-in on East Main in front of the Mainstreet Farmers Market to participate.

The goal of GreenFest is to educate the public about sustainable solutions throughout the community and to share green resources and eco-friendly ideas in an outdoor festival atmosphere.

Shuttle services to the farmers market and festival will be offered for Georgia Southern students living on campus and will depart from the University Villas Clubhouse at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

A full list of the day's events and vendor list can be found [here](#). For more information, visit the Center for Sustainability online at GeorgiaSouthern.edu/sustainability or contact cfs@georgiasouthern.edu or 912-478-5895.

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