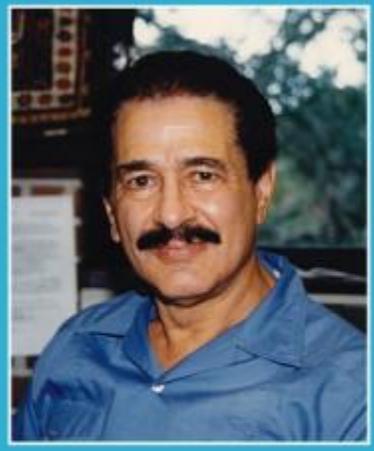


# Middle East Expert Explores the Role of Turkey in the Rise of ISIS

APRIL 15, 2015



ISIS, Turkey, and the Changing Middle East



DR. PAUL J. MAGNARELLA

**Thursday, April 23 • 6 p.m.**  
Nessmith-Lane Conference Center #1915

Paul Magnarella, an author and expert on the Middle East, will present "ISIS, Turkey and the Changing Middle East" as part of the 2015 Zia H. Hashmi Lecture series on Thursday, April 23, at 6 p.m. in the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center, room 1915.

Magnarella says the rise of the terrorist organization, ISIS (Islamic State of Iraq and Syria), is inextricably connected with the role of Turkey, which he says is the region's strongest state. Turkey's policy of "no problems with neighbors" has proved inefficient in a neighborhood full of problems. The state's changing position in both foreign and domestic policy is shaping and being shaped by the rise of ISIS in the region.

Jacek Lubecki, Ph.D., director of the Center for International Studies, says Magnarella's insight will get past the talking points of the problem to give a much broader perspective.

"Professor Magnarella will bring to bear a subtle and insightful perspective on the issues at stake, and therefore redefine the discourse and dialogue on the modern Middle East beyond stereotypical and simplistic perspectives," he said. "The attendees will learn a whole lot about most recent political developments in Turkey, their broader context and how the rise of ISIS is reflected in and shaped by Turkey's changing role in the region."

Magnarella is a nationally-recognized authority on Turkey and human rights in the Middle East. He has served as an expert on mission with the United Nations Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (The Hague), president of the Association of Third World Studies and director of peace and justice studies at Warren Wilson College in Asheville, North Carolina.

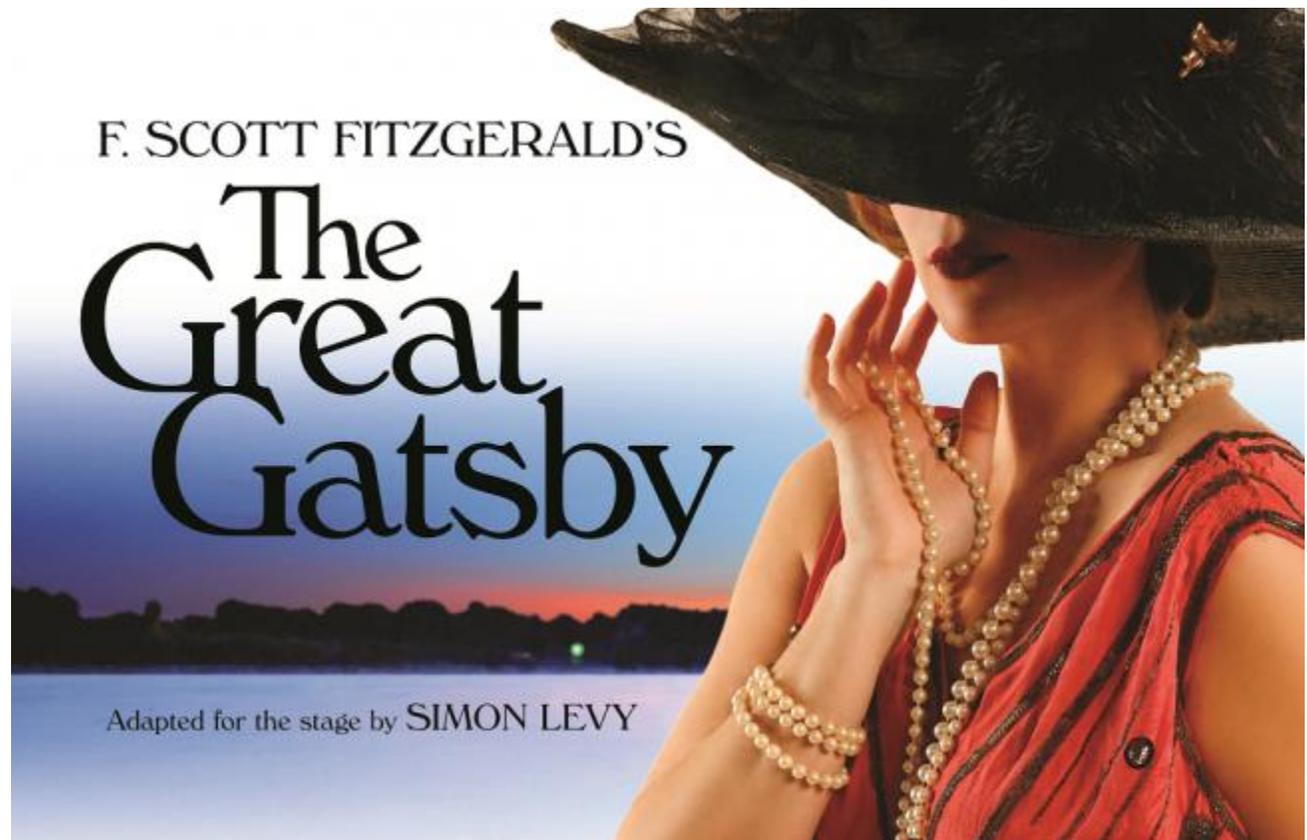
He is the author of several books, including *The Middle East and North Africa: Governance, Democratization and Human Rights*, and *Human Rights in Our Time*. The event is free and open to the public.

The Zia H. Hashmi Lectures in International Studies series was developed by friends and former students of Dr. Zia Hashmi, in recognition of the contributions made by Hashmi as founder and the first director of the Georgia Southern University Center for International Studies. On alternate years, the series brings to campus a noted speaker on international issues.

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# Georgia Southern to Host Performance of The Great Gatsby

APRIL 14, 2015



Georgia Southern University will host a stage version of *The Great Gatsby*, F. Scott Fitzgerald's beloved literary classic, in its Performing Arts Center (PAC) on Tuesday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m.

Adapted by playwright Simon Levy and brought to life by the Montana Repertory Theatre, the stage offers a new, exciting and fertile ground for *The Great Gatsby*. The Montana Repertory Theatre reintroduces and reinvigorates this accurate, haunting and heartfelt snapshot of the Roaring '20s with stunning costumes and poignant performances.

"We are so incredibly excited to be closing our season with such a special show. Everyone has memories of when they first read this classic novel, and this stage production brings it to life the way no other medium could," said Stacie McDaniel, house manager and administrative coordinator for the PAC. "The colors and the vibrancy of the set and costumes make the performances pop as we are led through a glitzy and glamorous snapshot of the jazz era. And The Montana Repertory Theatre has such a stellar reputation for making great theatre – I just can't wait to watch this one."

Tickets are \$25 for patrons, \$22 for Georgia Southern faculty and staff, and \$10 for Georgia Southern students. A special discounted rate of \$12 will be offered to students and teachers from local high schools or middle schools. To purchase tickets, contact the PAC Box Office at (912) 478-7999 or visit [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/pac](http://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/pac).

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# Georgia Southern University ROTC Program to Host Freedom Run

APRIL 10, 2015



**FREEDOM RUN**  
**5K / 10K**

**April 25, 2015 • 8 a.m.**

Georgia Southern University  
Recreation Activity Center

**GEORGIA NATIONAL GUARD**  


 **EAGLE BATTALION**  
GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY ARMY ROTC

  
**FOLDS of HONOR**  
FOUNDATION

The Georgia Southern University ROTC Program will host the inaugural Freedom Run 5K/10K race on Saturday, April 25 at 8 a.m. at the Recreation Activity Center (RAC) Pavilion.

Registration for the Freedom Run is \$30 for the 5K and \$35 for the 10K, with discounts available for teams. Registration will be \$40 on race day. Your ticket purchase includes a Freedom Run T-shirt (select your size when you register) and a bib for the race of your choice.

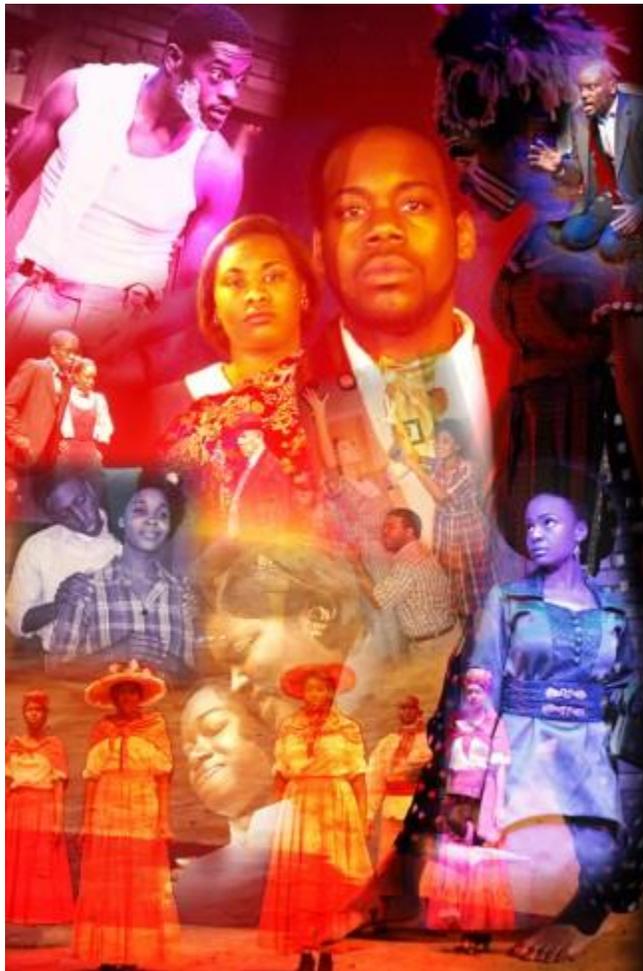
"The run is in support of the Folds of Honor Foundation which provides scholarships to family members of fallen service men and women, and funds will also be raised for the ROTC program." said CPT Rob Gracia, assistant professor of Military Science and Executive Officer. "We look forward to seeing participants of all ages at this event that will benefit two great causes in the community."

For more information or to register, visit <http://goo.gl/lq0ICW>.

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# Georgia Southern Celebrates Three Decades of African American Theatre

APRIL 20, 2015



**CELEBRATING THREE  
DECADES OF AFRICAN  
AMERICAN THEATRE**

Center for Art and Theatre  
April 27 - May 2 • 7:00 p.m.  
**FREE ADMISSION**

For tickets, call 912-478-5379

For more information, visit:  
[GeorgiaSouthern.edu/commarts](http://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/commarts)



The Georgia Southern Theatre and Performance program will present "Celebrating Three Decades of African-American Theatre," a weeklong celebration with exhibits, performances, roundtable discussions and special guests beginning Monday, April 27.

The inspiration for the event is the kickoff for the Mical Whitaker Scholarship for the Study of African American Theatre. Whitaker is a professor emeritus at Georgia Southern, an active theater presence in the area and is the director of the Averitt Youth Theatre program at the Averitt Center for the Arts in Statesboro.

Before coming to Georgia Southern, Whitaker worked in various theater roles in New York, was the producer of the radio show "The Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee Story Hour," and co-founded the Lincoln

Center Everyman Street Theatre Festival. He will be joined by a number of faculty, alumni, students and special guests during the celebration.

Among the special guests are award-winning Hollywood producer Charles Johnson, whose credits include "NCIS," "JAG" and "Redwings," and film and television actor Bob Gossett, who is known for roles in "The Closer," "Arlington Road," "The Net" and several other titles. Guests also include a wide range of alumni, actors and artists eager to share their experiences.

The events for the weeklong celebration are as follows:

- Monday, April 27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. – Multimedia exhibit in the Center for Art and Theatre
- Thursday, April 30, 1-2 p.m. – Panel discussion, "The Role of Mical Whitaker's Everyman Theatre Company in Today's Theatre Environment" at the Center for Art and Theatre
- Thursday, April 30, 3:30-4:45 p.m. – Panel discussion, "Being a Working African American Theatre Artist" in Sanford Hall, room 1002
- Thursday, April 30 and Friday, May 1, 7 p.m. – "An Evening of One Acts" at the Black Box Theatre in the Center for Art and Theatre
- Friday, May 1, 1:30-2:30 p.m. – "Life as an Actor" with Bob Gossett in Sanford Hall, room 1002
- Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. – "Life as a Producer" with Charles Johnson in Sanford Hall, room 1002
- Saturday, May 2, 7 p.m. – Special Revue Performance hosted by Bob Gossett, directed by Georgia Southern alumna Krystal Dawn Tift at the Center for Art and Theatre

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# Herty Seminar Series Highlights Potential Uses of Lignin

**APRIL 17, 2015**

Michael Paleologou, Ph.D., research leader for lignin products at FPIInnovations in Quebec, Canada, will visit the Herty Advanced Materials Development Center on Thursday, April 23, from 3-4 p.m. to discuss the potential uses for lignin, a natural aromatic compound derived from wood.

This compound could potentially serve as an “interesting substitute” for a range of fuels, chemicals and materials currently made from petroleum, and Paleologou will discuss his company’s LignoForce System™, which is a new process for the production of high-quality kraft lignin from black liquor.

Paleologou has worked with FPIInnovations, one of the largest private, non-profit forest centers in the world, for over 25 years. With his teams, he has developed and patented several technologies and processes in the areas of system closure, chemical recovery and biorefinery, all of which were demonstrated and implemented in the pulp and paper industry.

This year, the Technological Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry awarded Paleologou with the 2015 Research and Development Technical Award and William H. Aiken Prize. He is visiting the Herty Center as part of the Herty Seminar Series, which invites experts to discuss a range of topics in advanced materials and their real-world applications.

Herty is a secure facility. Please bring your Georgia Southern ID and check in at the front desk. Visitor parking is available at the main entrance.

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# New Art Exhibit Features Graphic Design Graduates

**APRIL 20, 2015**

The Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art (BFSDoArt) at Georgia Southern University will present the 2015 Graphic Design Portfolio Reveal on Friday, April 24 through Wednesday, April 29 in the Contemporary Gallery at The Center for Art and Theatre.

Graduates of the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design program will feature their final body of work in the showcase, which kicks off with a reception on Friday, April 24, from 5-7 p.m.

"It's a unique opportunity for our students to showcase the graphic design program," said Santunu Majumdar, assistant professor of graphic design. "Our graduating students work hard in preparation for this event to show their very best work."

The 2015 Graphic Design Portfolio Reveal includes the work of the following students:

- Lauren Ashley
- Brandon Coe
- Marcus Cook
- Courtney Coprich
- Brittni Favorite
- Taylor Genereux
- Sarah Horne
- Jonathan Hurt
- Mallory McLendon
- Christina Mei
- Michelle Parmar
- Kelly Slyfield
- Alexandra Tobia
- Megan Uphaus

Gallery Programming is supported by Student Activity Fees; all events are free and open to the public. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Georgia Southern University will honor reasonable requests for accommodations. The Center for Art and Theatre is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. and by appointment.

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# Center for Sustainability to Host Sustainability Showcase, Green Eagle Award Ceremony

**APRIL 17, 2015**

The Center for Sustainability and the Zach S. Henderson Library at Georgia Southern have teamed up to present the first-ever Sustainability Showcase.

On display at Henderson Library, the showcase highlights 23 campus sustainability fee funded grant projects including a solar powered utility cart, new LED lights, interpretive signs for the campus, cutting edge carbon capture technology and much more.

"When the first Sustainability Fee grants were awarded, I knew that we needed a way to share these wonderful sustainability advances with the campus. In particular, we needed to reach students, whose vision in proposing and supporting the sustainability fee is the reason for the \$438,000 in grants this year," said Lissa Leege, director of the Center for Sustainability. "Our vision was an exhibit that provided a hands on view of all of these projects in one place."

In addition to the Sustainability Showcase, President Brooks Keel will present the first-ever Green Eagle Awards on behalf of the Center during a ceremony at 3 p.m. on April 22, the 45th Anniversary of Earth Day. The ceremony will be held in conjunction with the closing reception of the Sustainability Showcase, located on the first floor of Henderson Library.

"Many individuals on the Georgia Southern campus have made exceptional contributions to campus and community sustainability through the years, and we felt that they should be honored for their commitment and leadership," Leege said of why the award was created.

Nominations were solicited campus wide for the award, and a subcommittee from the Sustainability Fee Committee has selected two students, two staff members and two faculty members from a group of 14 nominees.

The Showcase and Green Eagle Award ceremony are both free and open to the public. The exhibit is open during library hours until April 22.

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# Georgia Southern Joins the Legal Food Frenzy

**APRIL 17, 2015**

Georgia Southern's Office of Legal Affairs has joined legal organizations across the state in the Georgia Legal Food Frenzy, April 20 through May 1, and needs your help.

The Legal Food Frenzy is a friendly food drive and fundraising competition to benefit Georgia's regional food banks. These efforts are especially important during the summer. More than 60 percent of Georgia's public school children are eligible for free and reduced lunch, but find themselves in need when school is out. This drive is timed to meet the demand.

Throughout the drive, the Office of Legal Affairs will be collecting canned or non-perishable food donations as well as financial donations, the latter of which can be given in person or online at [helpendhunger.org/how-to-help-make-a-donation/](http://helpendhunger.org/how-to-help-make-a-donation/). When donating online, be sure to designate the gift for "Georgia Southern University Office of Legal Affairs Legal Food Frenzy."

The food items most needed are as follows:

- Peanut Butter
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Beans
- Canned Soups
- Stews
- Pastas
- 100% Fruit Juice
- Canned Fruits and Vegetables
- Macaroni and Cheese Dinners
- Whole Grains
- Low Sugar, Boxed Cereals

For more information, visit [galegalfoodfrenzy.org](http://galegalfoodfrenzy.org) or contact the Georgia Southern Office of Legal Affairs at 912-478-7481.

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# Division of Continuing Education Welcomes New Team Member

APRIL 17, 2015



*Melissa Richardson*

Georgia Southern University's Division of Continuing Education is pleased to welcome Melissa Richardson as its newest staff member, effective April 1, 2015.

Richardson will serve as the College of Engineering and Information Technology, College of Science and Mathematics, College of Education and Contract Training Program Specialist. In this role, Richardson will focus on the development of new programs, coordinate, market, budget and evaluate current non-credit programs and continue to initiate contacts and build relationships with faculty, administrators and external organizations to foster new ideas and ensure a superior customer experience for all of the division's partners.

"I am very excited to be here as a part of Continuing Education at Georgia Southern University," she said. "Great ideas are being shared and I look forward to the upcoming programs that will impact many people."

Richardson's skills, experience and drive make her a key addition to the Division of Continuing Education's team. She brings over 16 years of program and management experience to the Division. In her last position, she served as a Project Coordinator in Early Clinical Development at Covance Clinical Development Services in Wisconsin. While there, she worked directly with project managers to assist with the overall management of multi-site studies. Along with her work experience, she holds Bachelor of Arts from Kent State University.

## **Current Programs and Conferences**

- Southeast Conference on Positive Behavior Interventions and Support
- Curriculum Studies Summer Collaborative
- Global Education Summit
- National Youth-At-Risk Conference, Las Vegas
- National Youth-At-Risk Conference, Savannah

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# Berger Honored as the 2015 Student Employee Supervisor of the Year

**APRIL 14, 2015**

Georgia Southern Human Resources' Student Employment Center announced that Mr. Art Berger, Director of the Multimedia Development Center (MDC) and a member of the IT Services team, has been selected as the 2015 Student Employee Supervisor of the Year. Berger was selected for this honor from among 40 well-deserving nominees from across the University campus by his peers and student employees. The Student Employment Center presented the award to Berger on Student Appreciation Day, April 14, 2015, and the Russell Union Rotunda.

The MDC produces most of the video and television promotions for the University, many of which have won Emmy Awards. Students do a majority of the work. All of the student employees commented on how Berger mentors them, encouraging them to reach beyond what they think they can do. Chris Gunn, who joined the MDC team in August, said that Berger supports the students in everything they do, not just on the job. He said that when he – and all of the students on the MDC staff – makes a mistake, Art holds them accountable but, in doing so, shows them what they did, how to correct it, and gives them another chance. Cesar Perez, another student employee of the MDC, said that Berger has been a major influence in his college career. Perez pointed out that Art has already begun to help him put together his resume. The words of Gunn and Perez echoed the sentiments of other student employees.

Berger sees himself as an educator as well as a "boss." "This is what we're here to do – to make a difference in the students' lives, to give them an opportunity that they couldn't get any other way. We work in parallel with professors to allow these students to apply what they learn in classrooms," said Berger. "We have job to do, yes, but we are teaching our students to be artistic. ESPN has even tried to hire our students away from us!"

Art's professional team members are Jeremiah Womble, Cory Speight, and Rebecca Lynch. Thank you, Art, for a job well done!



*Art Berger receiving the award from Demetrius Bynes*



*Dr. Steven C. Burrell congratulating Art Berger*

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