

Lectures on immigration detention and human rights defenders on Aug. 18

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Georgia Southern University's Department of Sociology and Anthropology and Department of Political Science and International Studies will co-host a pair of lectures on immigration detention and human rights defenders, respectively, on Aug. 18.

Michael Flynn, Ph.D., will present "Immigration Detention Systems: A Global View" at 12:30 p.m. in the Carroll Building Atrium. Flynn will speak about the rising use of immigration-related detention programs, why governments are using such practices, and the results of the detention programs.

Flynn is the founder and executive director of the Global Detention Project, a nonprofit research center based in Geneva, Switzerland.

Following Flynn's presentation, human rights lawyer Inmaculada Barcia will present on the topic "Human Rights Defenders and the UN System" at 5 p.m. in the Carroll Building Atrium. Barcia will detail the contemporary challenges faced by women human rights defenders and the role of the United Nations System in providing legal avenues for redress and support.

Barcia has spent more than 20 years working with academic institutions, non-government organizations (NGOs), and international organizations. She has served as the head of international service for Human Rights Regional and National Human Rights Defenders Program and as a consultant for various NGOs and international organizations.

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CHHS faculty invited to speak and instruct at USA Basketball Youth Coach Academy

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Charles "Hal" Wilson, Ph.D., speaks during the USA Basketball (USAB) for the Youth Coach Academy in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Charles "Hal" Wilson, Ph.D., assistant professor of coaching education in the School of Health and Kinesiology, was recently invited to be a guest speaker and on-court skills instructor by USA Basketball (USAB) for the Youth Coach Academy in Las Vegas, Nevada, July 19-22.

The academy is a four-day event that includes interactive sessions with coaches, guest speakers and networking events. Coaches learn the USAB youth curriculum, insights and education in regards to methods and techniques needed to teach the game of basketball to young people.

The academy also focuses on how individuals can implement fun, safe and feasible programming throughout various types of organizations.

Wilson was invited as a guest speaker in the inaugural USAB Youth Coach Academy circuit in October 2015 and was invited back to Las Vegas this year with an expanded role. He has already been invited as a guest speaker for the third time at the upcoming Youth Coach Academy to be held in Atlanta this September.

“The relationship with USAB has led to current research projects into coaching issues and the Coach Academy itself with the full support and cooperation of USA Basketball,” said Wilson. “Our Georgia Southern students provided feedback to USA Basketball on their online coach licensure course in the summer of 2015, and approximately 40 of our students became licensed coaches through USAB in the fall of 2015 and spring of 2016, making Georgia Southern among the leading organizations in USA Basketball Coach Licensure in the country.”

Wilson has 20 years of basketball coaching experience from youth to major-college NCAA Division I levels. Along with his role at Georgia Southern, he serves the local community as a volunteer assistant coach for Bulloch Academy’s varsity girls basketball team.

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