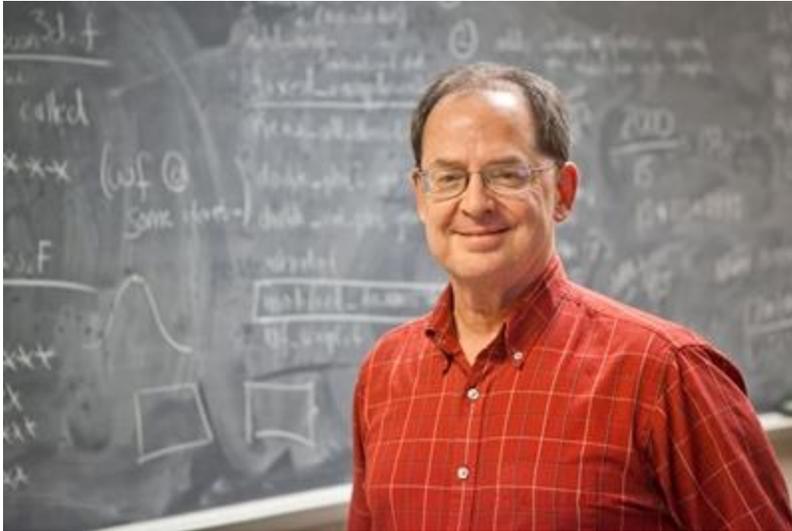


Georgia Southern University Physics Department Chair and Professor Mark Edwards, Ph.D. Named Fuller E. Callaway Chair

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Professor Mark Edwards, Ph.D. has been named a recipient of the Fuller E. Callaway Professorial Chair. The distinguished award recognizes professional accomplishment in classroom education. Edwards is the third Georgia Southern professor to receive the honor.

"This is a terrific honor for Mark Edwards and for Georgia Southern University," said Georgia

Southern President Brooks Keel, Ph.D. "Not only is he an outstanding teacher, but a scholar and noted researcher. He is a great example of the outstanding faculty members that work at Georgia Southern. I would like to personally extend my congratulations to him on this terrific and well-deserved achievement."

The honor will allow Edwards to initiate some new interdisciplinary research projects to expand his research portfolio. In addition, he plans to increase the involvement of both graduate and undergraduate students in his research. Ultimately, Edwards hopes to be able to use the results of the new projects to improve physics classroom instruction.

"It's a great honor for me to be named the Fuller E. Callaway Professor of Physics. It has been very easy for me to excel at Georgia Southern because I have had the chance to work with great students, faculty and administrators during my 22 years here," said Edwards. "I hope to live up to this honor in the future and to do Georgia Southern University proud with my future work."

The Fuller E. Callaway Professorial Trust was established in 1968 by the Callaway Foundation, Inc. with the purpose of encouraging enrichment of the academic programs of senior colleges and graduate schools located in Georgia by providing funds for the establishment of professorial

chairs in order to enable the institutions to retain and add superior faculty members. Following an official nomination by the University, each submission is reviewed by a four person Board that consists of the Chancellor of the University System of Georgia, the president of the private senior college or university in Georgia with the largest undergraduate enrollment (Emory University), the executive director of the Atlanta University Center and the Georgia Market President of Bank of America, N.A.

At Georgia Southern, Edwards not only serves as chair of the Physics Department, but he has taken a leadership role in fostering student learning and success. Edwards led the development of an innovative approach to teaching physics called Studio Physics. The unique course integrates separate lecture and laboratory classes into a seamless educational experience that is designed around active, inquiry-based learning. As a result of this integrated approach, Edwards and his colleagues have seen a significant increase in student success in this difficult subject area.

Edwards is a past winner of Georgia Southern 's Excellence in Service Award, the College of Science and Technology Excellence in Service Award, the Excellence in Research and/or Scholarly Activity award, a Georgia

Southern University Foundation, Inc. Fellowship and is a Fellow of the American Physical Society. His research interests include high-field effects in pulsed-laser/atom interactions and Bose-Einstein condensation of trapped, neutral atoms. He is a recipient of numerous National Science Foundation (NSF) grants for projects ranging from "Instrumentation for Studies of Optional Properties of Inert Gasses" to "Modeling Quantum Logic Operations with Ultra-cold Atoms in Optical Lattices." He has also served as a visiting scholar at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) within the U.S. Department of Commerce.

He earned a Bachelor of Science in physics degree from Georgia Southern College (now Georgia Southern University), a Master of Arts degree and a Ph.D. in physics from Johns Hopkins University.

Eagle Battalion Honored by Georgia Lawmakers

MARCH 6, 2013



Georgia Southern's ROTC Eagle Battalion was honored at the State Capitol by Georgia Governor Nathan Deal and Statesboro area lawmakers on Tuesday, March 5.

The cadets were recognized for winning the 2013 Ranger Challenge which tests physical endurance and mental agility. The two day competition in January included marksmanship and land navigation and a 13 mile course that tested their technical and tactical skills.

The Office of Gov. Nathan Deal shared two photographs with the Eagle Battalion. [Click here to see one photo](#) and [here for the other.](#)

Georgia Southern President Brooks Keel, Ph.D., Russell Keen from the University's Office of Government Relations and Community Engagement, Eagle Battalion Commander LTC Gary Morea and the cadets were congratulated by Gov. Nathan Deal, Sen. Jack Hill, Rep. Jan Tankersley, Rep. Jon Burns and Rep. Butch Parrish. Lt. Gov. Casey Cagle, who attended Georgia Southern, said it was

an honor to recognize the ROTC cadets for winning the Ranger Challenge. The Eagle Battalion also received [resolutions from lawmakers in the state House and Senate](#).

The Eagle Battalion will compete in the International Sandhurst Competition at the U.S. Military Academy in April.

Georgia Southern University, a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University founded in 1906, offers more than 120 degree programs serving more than 20,500 students. Through eight colleges, the University offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs built on more than a century of academic achievement. Georgia Southern is recognized for its student-centered approach to education. Visit: www.georgiasouthern.edu.

Georgia Southern University Announces Strategic Plan for Athletics

MARCH 4, 2013



With the ever-changing world of NCAA Division I Athletics, Georgia Southern University's Athletics Department engaged in a strategic planning process to outline its future. Faculty, athletic department staff, coaches, student-athletes and key community members provided input and feedback during the creation of the new strategic plan.

The primary objectives of the new plan include:

1. To identify the core values of the department.
2. To create both vision and mission statements that will serve as an operating philosophy for the Athletic Department.
3. To create five specific goals with standards of how to achieve these objectives.

"My goal for the group was to create a working document to be used by our department each day as we work to achieve national distinction in academics and athletics," said Georgia Southern

Athletics Director Tom Kleinlein. "Georgia Southern's mission is to exceed expectations on our continuous journey to graduate student-athletes, win championships, develop future leaders, honor our history, embrace our traditions and grow all that is True Blue."

[Click here to read the plan.](#)

The Athletic Department's objectives focus on offering academic and athletic distinction, serving as a source of pride that unites all of True Blue and maintaining a fiscally responsible department.

Georgia Southern Athletics provides up-to-date information on all its sports through its official website, GSEagles.com, through social media channels facebook.com/GSAthletics and twitter.com/GSAthletics, and its new "Eagles GATA" mobile app for Android and iOS.

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