

# Pulitzer Prize winner Jose Antonio Vargas set to visit Georgia Southern

JANUARY 28, 2016



Pulitzer Prize winner Jose Antonio Vargas will visit Georgia Southern University to present "Immigration: Legality vs. Humanity" on Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. in the University's Performing Arts Center (PAC), 847 Plant Drive. The event is free and open to the public.

A journalist, acclaimed documentary filmmaker and founder of DefineAmerican.com and #EmergingUS, Vargas seeks to elevate the conversation around race, immigration, identity and citizenship in a multiracial America.

After "outing" himself as an undocumented immigrant in The New York Times, Vargas was featured on the cover of TIME magazine as the face of the conversations about immigration in America, and has testified before the United States Senate. His film about his experiences, "Documented," has won several awards

and recognition by multiple film festivals and associations. The film will also be shown on campus Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Information Technology Building room 1004 and again on Feb. 1 at 6 p.m. in Russell Union room 2047.

Vargas' further contributions to the conversation include Define American, a non-profit media and culture organization that seeks to elevate the conversation around immigration and citizenship in America, and #EmergingUS, a multimedia news platform launched in 2015 in partnership with the Los Angeles Times, focusing on race, immigration and the complexities of multiculturalism.

In addition to his work on immigration matters, Vargas has had a prolific journalism career, including work for *The New Yorker*, *The Huffington Post* and *The Washington Post*, among others. He has covered a wide range of topics, including tech and video game culture, HIV/AIDS, the 2008 presidential campaign and an acclaimed profile of Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg. Vargas was part of the team that won a Pulitzer Prize for covering the 2007 massacre at Virginia Tech, and his 2006 series on HIV/AIDS in Washington, D.C., inspired a feature-length documentary, "The Other City", which he co-produced and wrote. In 2007, the daily journal *Politico* named him one of the 50 *Politicos To Watch*.

Though multiple Georgia Southern entities have partnered to bring Vargas to campus, the Association for Latin American Students (ALAS) was instrumental in planning the event. Jesus Cruz, president of ALAS, said Vargas "is a true inspiration of what we stand for. He also is someone who brings not only diversity but encouragement for people and what they stand for." The widespread support for this event indicates the conversations about diversity and immigration are desired by many. These conversations are necessary but not easy, and someone like Vargas brings both an expert voice and a humanizing touch that can help jump start the discussion.

In addition to ALAS, this event is sponsored by the Campus Life Enrichment Committee, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, College of Education, College of Health and Human Sciences, College of Science and Mathematics, Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, Zach S. Henderson Library, Department of Communication Arts, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Department of Foreign Languages, Department of History, Department of Literature and Philosophy, Department of Political Science, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Department of Teaching and Learning, Department of Writing and Linguistics, First-Year Experience, the University Honors Program, Center for International Schooling, Center for Irish Research and Teaching, Institute for Public and Nonprofit Studies, Multicultural Student Center and the Office of International Programs and Services.

The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (CLASS) is the largest of the eight colleges that make up Georgia Southern University, and it plays a central role in every student's core of knowledge. CLASS, also described as the University's College of the Creative Mind, prepares students to achieve academic excellence, develop their analytical skills, enhance their creativity and embrace their responsibilities as citizens of their communities, their nations and the world. CLASS offers more than 20 undergraduate degrees and several interdisciplinary minors from its 11 departments and five academic centers. CLASS offers eight master's degrees, two graduate certificates and one doctoral degree. For more information, visit [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/CLASS](http://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/CLASS).

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# Football Signing Day Event Set for Feb. 3

*Come learn about the newest Eagles at Wild Wing Café*



**STATESBORO, Ga.** - Georgia Southern fans and alumni are invited to attend a special signing day event on Wednesday, Feb. 3 at Wild Wing Cafe on (52 Aspen Heights Drive) as Eagle head football coach [Tyson Summers](#) and his staff will review the 2016 Eagle signees on National Signing Day. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the program begins at 6 p.m.

Fans are encouraged to arrive when doors open as seating is limited. Admission is free, but patrons will be responsible for payment of all of their own food and beverages.

Representatives from the Georgia Southern Athletics Ticket Office will be available to answer questions about football season tickets for the upcoming season and assist anyone who would like to renew or make a new purchase.

The official website of Georgia Southern Athletics, [GSEagles.com](http://GSEagles.com), will have a special Football Signing Day Central Site for fans who want to keep up with detailed information on our new Football Eagles as National Letters of Intent come in on signing day.

# Georgia Southern University to host award-winning journalists Ted Koppel, Mara Liasson and Eugene Robinson on March 23

JANUARY 21, 2016

Georgia Southern University will host professional journalists Ted Koppel, Mara Liasson and Eugene Robinson to discuss "2016 Elections: Voting as an Informed Citizen" on Wednesday, March 23, 7 p.m., at Hanner Fieldhouse. The panel of speakers is part of the University's Leadership Lecture Series, developed to expose students to insights from world-class leaders.

"We could not be more excited to welcome **Ted Koppel**, Mara Liasson and Eugene Robinson to Georgia Southern University," said Teresa Thompson, Ph.D., the University's vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. "At Georgia Southern, our goal is to integrate learning, service and leadership to empower our students to become global citizens who lead with a lifelong commitment to service. This panel of speakers will certainly open the eyes of our students to the current political climate and help to educate them on the issues they will be voting on in the fall."



During more than 50 years working as a professional journalist, Ted Koppel has embodied the term "eyewitness to history" through his coverage of important historical events including President John F. Kennedy's funeral, Barry Goldwater's presidential campaign and Martin Luther King Jr.'s civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, to name a few. He also has been on the front lines of a succession of ten conflicts as an ABC News war correspondent, beginning with Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia and finally as an embedded correspondent with the 3rd Armored Infantry Division during the invasion of Iraq. Koppel also covered President Richard Nixon's historic visit to the People's Republic of China, was with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev inside the Kremlin on the last day of the Soviet

Union and was the first journalist to interview Nelson Mandela upon his release from 26 years in a South African prison. Over the course of 26 years as anchor and managing editor of Nightline, Koppel became the longest-serving news anchor in U.S. broadcast history. He currently serves as

commentator and non-fiction book reviewer for National Public Radio. He is also a contributing columnist to The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post.



**Mara Liasson** is the national political correspondent for National Public Radio (NPR) and a contributor to FOX News Channel. Liasson joined NPR in 1985 as a general assignment reporter and newscaster, covering Congress and serving as the White House correspondent during all eight years of the Clinton administration. Now, as the national political correspondent her reports can be heard on the award-winning newsmagazines, "All Things Considered" and "Morning Edition." During her tenure, she has covered each presidential election since 1992 and reported on Senate and House races every election year. Following a leave of absence to attend Columbia University, she returned to NPR as its congressional correspondent. Liasson received a Bagehot Fellowship in

Economics and Business Journalism and has received numerous awards and honors for her reporting, including the White House Correspondents' "Association Merriman Smith Award" in 1994, 1995 and 1997 for excellence in daily news reporting.



**Eugene Robinson**, a Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for The Washington Post, was born and raised in Orangeburg, South Carolina. He remembers the culminating years of the Civil Rights Movement—the "Orangeburg Massacre." He was educated at Orangeburg High School, where he was one of a handful of African-American students on the previously all white campus; and the University of Michigan, where during his senior year he was the first black student to be named co-editor-in-chief of the award-winning student newspaper, The Michigan Daily. His experiences and his remarkable storytelling ability have won him wide acclaim, most notably as the winner of the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for his commentary on the 2008 presidential race.

Robinson began his journalism career at The San Francisco Chronicle, where he was one of two reporters assigned to cover the trial of kidnapped newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst. He went on to work at The Washington Post, and in his three decades with

the newspaper, he has been city hall reporter, city editor, foreign correspondent in Buenos Aires and London, foreign editor and assistant managing editor in charge of the paper's award winning Style section. He has written books about race in Brazil and music in Cuba, covered a heavyweight championship fight, witnessed riots in Philadelphia, sat with presidents, dictators and the Queen of England, thrusted and parried with hair-proud politicians from sea to shining sea, handicapped three editions of American Idol, acquired fluent Spanish and passable Portuguese and even, thanks to his two sons, come to an uneasy truce with hip-hop culture. During the 1987-88 academic year, on leave from The Post, Robinson was a Nieman Fellow in Journalism at Harvard University. In 2010, Robinson was elected to the Pulitzer Prize Board. He is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) and the NABJ Hall of Fame. He is currently a regular contributor to MSNBC.

This impressive panel of leaders joins a distinguished panel of leaders to appear at Georgia Southern's Leadership Lecture Series which includes Archie Manning, former first lady Laura Bush, former President Jimmy Carter and first lady Rosalynn Carter, former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and political consultants James Carville and Mary Matalin.

Complimentary tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Students may pick up tickets Feb. 29 through March 8, faculty and staff tickets are available March 3 through 8, and members of the local community may pick up their tickets March 7 and 8 at locations in Statesboro and Savannah. Tickets will not be available at the door the evening of the event. For more information on ticket distribution, please visit [GeorgiaSouthern.edu/SpeakerSpotlight](http://GeorgiaSouthern.edu/SpeakerSpotlight).

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## Welcome

The Research Symposium is a conference style showcase of student and faculty research across multiple disciplines. This event includes speakers, poster and presentation sessions from all academic disciplines.

This marks the 15th year that Georgia Southern University has hosted the Annual Research Symposium. In past years, the Symposium has existed in different forms, mainly showcasing graduate research efforts as coordinated by the College of Graduate Studies. However, in keeping with our mission as a comprehensive university with a strong presence of undergraduate research and a reach that extends far beyond Statesboro, we are inviting students and faculty to participate, as well as participants both from within and external to the University.

2016 Poster and Oral Presentation Winners

### [2016 Research Symposium Winners](#)

#### KEY DATES 2016

February 26:	Abstract Submission Deadline (5:00 pm)
March 18:	Notifications of Acceptance to Participants
April 4:	Registration Deadline
April 8:	Poster Printing Deadline for Georgia Southern students
April 16:	Symposium

#### RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM MOBILE APP



The Research Symposium is now available via mobile app. The mobile app will act as a virtual program. You can search for a specific speaker or research topic, as well as read abstracts about the presentations. The mobile app features the schedule, session types, floor plans, speakers abstracts, etc. Please follow the directions below to download the EventXD mobile app.

1. Download the "EventXD" app from the app store.
2. Create a Username and Password using your Georgia Southern Email (password must 7 letters long and contain a capital letter, numerical character, and a special character)
3. Click on the magnifying glass in the top right corner and search "Georgia Southern University Research Symposium".
4. Once you click on the Research Symposium you will have access to all of information necessary for the conference, below are descriptions of each icon.

**SCHEDULE** - Breaks down each session, listing the time, title of the presentation, room number of the session, and the presenters names.  
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# Feed the Mosasaur

**A Taste of Thailand**

**Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.**

**Nessmith-Lane Conference Center Ballroom**

**Georgia Southern University**

**LAST DAY to purchase tickets is February 19, 2016!**

**Call Debbie Gleason at 912-478-0148 or email [debgleason@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:debgleason@georgiasouthern.edu)**

[Click here to download a PDF of Feed the Mosasaur Flyer \(142K\)](#)

Scroll below for links to the Gallery of Photos from prior Feed the Mosasaur Events!

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# the Feed Mosasaur

Join us for the Georgia Southern University Museum's premier culinary event

## *A Taste of Thailand*

Signature Cocktail with music by Dr. Michael Braz

Cooking demonstrations by Executive Chef Thomas Sweatt of Georgia Southern  
Catering Service with wines, commemorative menu and recipes

Rumba dance lesson by Averitt Center for the Arts Instructor Tony Phillips  
followed by free-style ballroom dancing with music by Do Good DJs

**Saturday, March 5, 2016 • 6:30 p.m.**  
**Nessmith-Lane Conference Center Ballroom**

### *Menu*

#### **Signature Cocktail**

Thai iced boba tea

#### **Fresh Papaya Salad**

Green papaya salad with green beans,  
tomato, Thai chilies and peanuts

#### **Chicken Satay**

Grilled chicken skewers with Thai satay  
seasoning with a peanut dipping sauce

#### **Pad Kee Mao (Drunken Noodle)**

Rice noodle and wild-caught Georgia shrimp with  
spicy Thai chilies, carrots and bean sprouts  
topped with basil

#### **Green Curry Beef**

Thai green curry with sliced beef, carrots and  
straw mushrooms topped with fresh Thai basil

#### **Mango Ice Cream**

House-made mango ice cream topped with  
mint and mango slices

*Thai food is usually very spicy, but our chef has adapted each dish to appeal  
to a milder palate, without sacrificing authentic flavors.*

### **RSVP by February 19, 2016**

\$75 per person, \$400 for a reserved table of six. Must be 21 or older to attend.  
Call Debbie Gleason at 912-478-0148 or email [debgleason@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:debgleason@georgiasouthern.edu).  
All proceeds benefit programs of the Georgia Southern University Museum.



Enjoy the following Gallery of Photos from prior Feed the Mosasaur Events by clicking the links:

[Feed the Mosasaur 2015, "Flavors of the Greek Isles" with Greek Line Dancing Lesson](#)

[Feed the Mosasaur 2014, "Flavors of the Southwest" with Salsa Dancing Lesson](#)

Special thanks to Georgia Southern University's Photographer, Jeremy Wilburn, who provided these excellent photos!

# Cashawn Myers to Speak on Sustainable Agriculture and Education

January 22, 2016



The Center for Sustainability presents:

**There's No Culture without Agriculture:  
Reconnecting with the Ancient  
Practices of our Ancestors**

**-Cashawn Myers, Executive Director of  
HABESHA Inc.**

**7:30 PM Thurs., Feb. 4, 2016  
Rm. 1915 Nessmith Lane, Assembly Hall**

*Attendance verification provided*



Cashawn Myers, Executive Director of HABESHA (Helping Africa By Establishing Schools at Home and Abroad) Inc., will be the next speaker in the Georgia Southern Sustainability Seminar Series set for Thursday, Feb. 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center, room 1915.

His seminar, titled "There's No Culture without Agriculture: Reconnecting with the Ancient Practices of our Ancestors" will present the work of HABESHA Inc. in the U.S. and Africa focusing on indigenous knowledge as it relates to sustainability. The event is free and open to the public.

"We are pleased to host expert Cashawn Myers to speak about his international work in Ghana, Ethiopia and the U.S. promoting sustainable agriculture and education," said Dr. Lissa Leege, Director of the Center for Sustainability. "He will bring a global perspective of sustainability to our

campus as he shares the critical work of HABESHA Inc., whose mission it is to provide leadership opportunities to youth and their families through practical experiences in cultural education, sustainable agriculture, entrepreneurship, technology and holistic health.”

Myers, a native of Woodbine, Georgia, is currently is based in Atlanta where HABESHA Inc. is headquartered. He received his BS in psychology from Florida A&M University and his Masters in Education from Howard University. He travels extensively throughout Africa, Europe, and the Caribbean sharing his experience of sustainable agriculture and healthy living.

The event is hosted by the Center for Sustainability. For more information about the event, contact the Center at [cfs@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:cfs@georgiasouthern.edu) or 912-478-5895. This event was made possible by Student Sustainability Fees.