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## Grant Award Winners

Congratulations to:

Marcel Maghiar, from the Department of Civil Engineering and Construction Management in the College of Engineering and Information Technology, who received a research grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Ryan Fortenberry, from the Department of Chemistry in the College of Science and Mathematics, who received a research grant from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Alisa Leckie, from the Department of Teaching and Learning in the College of Education, who received a research grant from the University System of Georgia Board of Regents.

Dominique Halaby, from the Bureau of Business Research and Economic Development in the College of Business Administration, who received a research grant from the University of Georgia and from The Ocean Exchange.

Atin Adhikari, from the Department of Environmental Health Sciences in the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, who received a research grant from the University of Cincinnati.

Jennifer Tookes, from the Department of Sociology and Anthropology in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, who received a research grant from Emory University.

Shelley Woodward, from the Department of Teaching and Learning in the College of Education, who received a research grant from Georgia State University.

## Welcome our new Director, Bruxanne Hein!



Bruxanne Hein, Ed.S., has joined Georgia Southern University as Director of the Office of Research Services and Sponsored Programs and Executive Director of the Georgia Southern Research and Service Foundation. Prior to joining Georgia Southern, Bruxanne served as Director, Office of Research Services and IRB Administrator for Coastal Carolina University in Conway, South Carolina where she was the research administrator for over 15 years. Bruxanne obtained her B.A. in English (1993) as well as her M.Ed. in Educational Administration (2003) from the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC. She holds her Ed.S. in Administrator Leadership (2012) from Walden University, and has been a Certified Research Administrator for over a decade.

## Welcome our new Administrative Assistant, Shawn Taylor!

Shawn Taylor has joined the Office of Research Services and Sponsored Programs as the new Administrative Assistant. Shawn obtained her Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Georgia Southern University and has over 10 years of previous experience working on campus. Her last position was Staff Assistant in the Department of Communication Arts. Shawn also worked for RR Donnelly in Metter, Georgia for 11 years where she served as a billing and customer service representative.



The ORSSP office is located on the 3rd floor in Veazey Hall, Suite 3000. To contact the main office, call 912-478-5465 or email us at [research@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:research@georgiasouthern.edu).



Georgia Southern is now accepting abstracts for the 2016 Research Symposium. Faculty and students across multiple disciplines from Georgia Southern, as well as regional colleges and universities, are invited to participate. The symposium will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center on the Georgia Southern University campus.

The abstract submission deadline is February 26, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. For additional information, and to submit an abstract proposal, please click [here](#).

## **NIH Regional Seminars on Program Funding and Grants Administration**

Registration is now open for the Spring and Fall 2016 [NIH Regional Seminars](#). The seminars are intended to clarify the application and review process, explain regulations and policies, and highlight areas of concern or interest. They are appropriate for grant administrators, researchers, and graduate students.

May 11-13, 2016: Baltimore Maryland – please click [here](#) to register.

October 26-28, 2016: Chicago, Illinois – please click [here](#) to register.

## **2016 NIH Salary Cap**

The NIH has announced that the salary cap for Grant, Cooperative Agreement and Contract Awards remains tied to Federal Executive Level II. Beginning on January 10, 2016, Executive Level II will increase from \$183,300 to \$185,100. Investigators should begin using the new 2016 cap immediately in preparing proposal budgets. In keeping with the practice used in the past, the NIH will not begin charging NIH funded projects with the new cap rate until July 1, 2016. The reason for this is to mitigate to some extent the impact on on-going awards where funds will have to be re-budgeted to cover the increased salary costs. To read more about this, please click [here](#).

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