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Georgia Southern faculty Jennifer Zorotovich awarded Outstanding Scholarship Article

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Jennifer Zorotovich, Ph.D.

Jennifer Zorotovich, Ph.D., assistant professor of child and family development in the School of Human Ecology, is a recipient for Outstanding Scholarship Article in the *Journal of Family & Consumer Sciences* (JFCS) at the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) 108th Annual Conference and Expo in Dallas, Texas.

"I was extremely honored to be recognized in this way, especially by such a long standing organization that represents the foundation and cohesion for Georgia Southern University's School of Human Ecology," said Zorotovich. "It is rewarding to have my hard work and dedication acknowledged on a national platform."

The JFCS is a peer-reviewed journal published quarterly by the AAFCS, and the Outstanding Scholarship Article is a national award with the goal of advancing the profession through scholarship. A committee of seven AAFCS members was appointed to distinguish one article that has made a notable contribution to the field and is a reputable model for future submissions.

The committee awarded "Perceived Social Standing and Weight-Related Outcomes in Adolescents" co-authored by Zorotovich, Elizabeth I. Johnson, Ph.D., Carol A. Costello, Ph.D., Naima Moustaid-Moussa, Ph.D., Betty Greer, Ph.D., R.D., Eugene Fitzhugh, Ph.D., and Marsha Spence, Ph.D., who were all faculty members at the University of Tennessee when the article was submitted.

Zorotovich's research focuses on how influential factors intersect with social status and manifest across developmental stages. The study, which Zorotovich considers the foundational component to her research agenda, examined the effect of social standing on adolescents' weight and weight perceptions.

"The project was among the first I used to explore the multicontextuality and multidimensionality of human development and was the starting point for my journey into expanding my conceptualization of well-being," stated Zorotovich.

Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art to present 'Continuum' alumni exhibition in August

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The Georgia Southern University Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art (BFSDoArt) will present "Continuum," its 2017 alumni biennial exhibition, from Aug. 14 to Sept. 15 in the Contemporary Gallery at the Center for Art and Theatre on campus. A reception will be held Thursday, Aug. 31 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Highlighting the diverse professional art practices and continued creative endeavors of BFSDoArt alumni, this exhibition showcases an interdisciplinary selection of painting, drawing, ceramics, graphic design, photography, prints and sculpture. Featured artists are Robert Chandler, Eric Clark, Alfred Conteh, Amy Fix, Grayson Hoffman, Jason McCoy and Max Rebel.

"However dynamic an art department is in and of itself, the true test comes in seeing what its graduates end up doing once they've finished school," says Gallery Director Jason Hoelscher, MFA. "I think the diversity of approaches, styles, disciplines and media featured in this exhibition is a true testament to the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art's interdisciplinary approach, and to the hard work and creative drive of our alumni. Not to mention, and most crucially, the exhibition itself is a real attention-grabber, offering great art and design work to look at and think about.

This exhibition is free and open to the public. For more information, visit http://calendar.georgiasouthern.edu/event/continuum_2017_alumni_exhibition.

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