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# Announcements Posted Wednesday July 1, 2020

#### **Arts & Letters Announces Annual Prize Winners**

English, Department of : Wednesday July 1, 2020

Arts & Letters, Georgia College's nationally circulating literary journal, announces the <u>winners of its annual prizes</u> in Fiction, Creative Nonfiction, and Poetry. The journal is staffed by faculty and MFA students in the Department of English. You can read the prizewinning work in the upcoming Fall 2020 issue, which will be out, in print, in October. For further information, visit the website at <u>artsandletters.gcsu.edu</u> or contact the editor, Laura Newbern, at laura.newbern@gcsu.edu.



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### **Announcements Posted Thursday July 2,** 2020

#### Message from President Dorman: FY 2021 Budget Update

President, Office of the : Thursday July 2, 2020

Dear GC Colleagues,

The legislative session has come to an end and we now have a clearer picture of our budget for FY 2021. I am writing this letter to inform you how we will account for the current budget reductions. The University System of Georgia (USG) was required to reduce institutional budgets to meet realized and projected state revenue declines. The state funds operating budget recognized a decrease of 10.8% over FY 2020. Reductions were allocated across all institutions proportionally based on the FY 2020 budget.

Fortunately, furloughs will not be implemented to meet the current FY 2021 budget. However, furlough language will remain in the faculty contracts to allow for future flexibility, if needed. In lieu of furloughs, alternative measures were required to meet the budgetary shortfall for FY 2021. These measures are noted below.

New funding for formula funding, which includes funding for enrollment growth, increased square footage, and health insurance increases for FY 2021 was not received. To address the enrollment earnings of the unfunded formula funding, the USG acted to provide increased funds to institutions with growing enrollment, while those institutions with declining credit hour production will see a reduction. Georgia College was slated for a slight increase in enrollment funding thanks to an increase in graduate enrollment in FY 2019.

Funding to support student success system initiatives was allocated and adjustments to funding were made to address a decline in the Teacher's Retirement System employer rate. Undergraduate enrollment declines in FY 2020 and projected FY 2021 have created an additional reduction to revenue streams supporting the operating budget. This cumulative loss in revenue is addressed in the FY 2021 original budget.

Capital project funding and Major Repair and Rehabilitation (MRR) funding is being allocated through state general obligation bonds. Georgia College was approved for FY 2021 funding to support two capital projects (see below), as well as funds to support an approved MMR project.

Summary of Required GC FY 2021 Legislative/USG Budget Changes:

• FY 2021 Budget Reduction for GC: (\$4,083,505)

- FY 2021 Budget Reduction for Georgia Center for Early Language and Literacy: (\$280,680)
- Enrollment Earnings: \$45,448
- Unfunded Health Insurance Increases: (\$289,000)
- Know More, Borrow Less Funding Initiative: \$29,750
- Teacher's Retirement System Rate changes: (\$403,414)
- Teacher's Retirement System Payment for ORP Members: \$55,897
- Tuition Decline: (\$327,752)
- Integrated Science Complex Capital Project: \$2.1 million
- Andalusia Interpretive Center Small Capital Project: \$2 million
- MRR/ HVAC Replacement for Parks Hall: \$1.7 million (estimated allocation)

Georgia College Selected FY 2021 Budgetary Reduction Measures: (\$4,365,809)

- Temporary reduction to all travel budgets: (\$175,000)
- Reduction in institutional contingency funding: (\$1,300,000)
- Reduction in sixty-two departmental budgets across all divisions: (\$149,050)
- Eliminated twenty-two unfilled positions: (\$1,382,071)
- Increased summer revenue institutional overhead two percent: \$133,000
- Redirected permanent lapse funding: (\$217,892)
- Temporary freeze on all non-instructional vacant positions (\$1,008,796)

The bulk of the financial stress recognized in the FY 2021 budget can be attributed to the negative impact of COVID-19. As we collectively work through this uncertain time with austere budgets, faculty, staff and student health and well-being remain paramount in our efforts. This year's budget, albeit restrained, continues to provide adequate resources needed to achieve student success, student affordability, campus safety measures, and mission-critical initiatives. We are fortunate that we can fund these important activities while at the same time protecting the existing positions we have.

I would like to thank Vice President Allen and her budgetary team for putting together these budget numbers in the system at the last minute so that we all could receive a July pay check. Thanks also to each of you for your patience and understanding as we go through what will be a 'lean' year budgetarily. I am hopeful that as the economy improves, our budget situation will also improve so that we can continue to provide high quality academic programs and an outstanding college experience for our students.

Sincerely,

Steve M. Dorman President

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE President, Office of the

### **Announcements Posted Monday July 6, 2020**

#### Russell Library partners for grant with Twin Lakes Library System

Ina Dillard Russell Library : Monday July 6, 2020

Georgia College's Russell Library has partnered with the Twin Lakes Library System, which received a \$49,000 grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services, for a project preserving the history of Central State Hospital.

The grant will help the entities document the oral history of what was once the largest mental health hospital in the world.

"Central State's story has been told from the viewpoint of the state of Georgia through volumes of reports and official documents," said Holly Croft, digital archivist and assistant professor of library science. "Outsiders have similarly told the story, but they have largely focused on the overall institution, only bringing in people as anecdotes. Neither of these explains what it was like at Central State on a daily basis, and certainly not from the viewpoint of those who worked and lived there."

"Georgia College's Russell Library is proud to partner with this initiative that hopes to introduce a human element to the conversation of the history of mental health in Georgia through these oral histories," she said.

Interviews and materials will be integrated into an exhibit that will travel across Georgia to educate individuals about this little-known state history and destigmatize mental health.

"We are tremendously excited to be able to preserve and increase the understanding of this complex and important part of our town and state's history," says Twin Lakes Library System Director Stephen Houser. "This grant will allow us to ensure that these stories and connections don't fade away."

For more information, contact Stephen Houser at 478-452-0677 or<u>outreach@tllsga.org</u>.

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE Ina Dillard Russell Library

### **Announcements Posted Tuesday July 7, 2020**

#### **B&N at Georgia College Hiring Temporary Staff**

Barnes & Noble at Georgia College : Tuesday July 7, 2020

Barnes & Noble at Georgia College is now hiring temporary staff for the back to school season. Positions will serve from late July through August. Apply online at <u>BNCollegeJobs.com</u>.



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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE Barnes & Noble at Georgia College

#### Georgia College Public Safety Announces Police Academy Graduate

Public Safety : Tuesday July 7, 2020

The Georgia College Department of Public Safety is pleased to announce the graduation of Officer Nolan Sullivan from the Basic Law Enforcement Training Course at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center. Officer Sullivan graduated as a member of Session 83 of the Forsyth Regional Academy, in Forsyth, Georgia. Officer Sullivan joined the Public Safety Team in January of 2020.



Completion of this 408 hour program certifies him as a peace officer under the rules and regulations of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council. The photo depicts Officer Sullivan receiving his certification from the training center staff at a closed academy graduation ceremony on Tuesday, June 30th. Officer Sullivan will now begin his field training, so please be sure to welcome him to the Georgia College community if you see him around campus.

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE Public Safety

### Ensuring Bobcat Preparation for Fall with a GC Health and Safety Package

University Housing : Tuesday July 7, 2020

Your health and safety are of paramount importance as we return for • face-to-face instruction in August. As you prepare for your return to campus, we wanted to share with you an exciting opportunity!



Georgia College's Resident Student Association has partnered with SWAKU, a care package company, to offer personal protective health and safety products for our faculty, staff and students.

We are especially excited to offer a GC-branded face covering for you to show off your Bobcat pride on the very first day of class! They are high quality, adjustable face masks that are reusable and machine washable (<u>pictured here</u>).

Please visit: https://www.swaku.com/gcsu-catalog-health

Stock up on these important supplies by July 14th for delivery before classes start. From cloth face-coverings with Georgia College colors, to refillable hand sanitizers, our Health and Safety web page has what you need to ensure that you are prepared to have a healthy and productive Fall at GC.

- We recommend several cloth face-coverings. At least one face-covering is essential to do your part to keep GC a safe environment for everyone.
- We recommend you limit disposable face coverings due to environmental concerns, and to ensure supply is available for those who need them, like healthcare workers.
- A thermometer is recommended to allow for daily symptom checking.
- Hand sanitizer is a must! 8 oz size is convenient for carrying throughout the day, liter size (33.8 oz) is a great way to refill (80% alcohol, WHO and FDA recommended)

You will be notified when delivery is received and may pick up your package at University Housing (Sanford Hall).

Due to demand, ordering as soon as possible is recommended. The store will be open throughout the Fall semester, but we encourage you to order as soon as possible as demand will increase as the semester approaches and supplies are limited!

If you would like to place an order over the phone, you can contact SWAKU directly at<u>1-800-929-8184, x301</u>.

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE University Housing

#### Updated Guidance: Required Use of Face Masks & Amended Underlying Medical Conditions

President, Office of the : Tuesday July 7, 2020

**Dear GC Colleagues:** 

Yesterday, we received updated guidance from the USG system office regarding required use of face masks on USG campuses, as well as amended guidance regarding employees who are considered at risk. The revisions below are the result of recent updates to the guidance that the CDC has issued regarding COVID-19:

Use of Face Coverings:

Effective July 15, 2020, all USG institutions will require all faculty, staff, students, and visitors to wear an appropriate face covering while inside campus facilities and buildings where six feet social distancing may not always be possible. Use of face coverings will be in addition to, and is not a substitute for, social distancing. Face coverings are not required in one's own housing suite or residence hall, when alone in an enclosed office or study room, or in campus outdoor settings where social distancing requirements are met.

Anyone not using a face covering when required will be asked to wear one or must leave the area. Repeated refusal to comply with the requirement may result in discipline through the applicable conduct code for faculty, staff or students.

Reasonable accommodations may be made for those who are unable to wear a face covering for documented health reasons.

No Minimum Age for At-Risk Employees:

The CDC no longer gives a minimum age for those at risk. The USG will continue to use 65 as its measure for evaluating requests for alternate work arrangements. Individuals who are younger than 65 can provide documentation from a health care provider that their age is a determining factor for risk that should prevent them from working on campus as scheduled.

People of any age with the following underlying medical conditions may request alternate work arrangements under the previously developed process:

- · Chronic kidney disease
- COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)

- · Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant
- Obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 30 or higher)
- $\cdot$  Serious heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies
- · Sickle cell disease
- Type 2 diabetes mellitus
- · Asthma (moderate-to-severe)
- Cerebrovascular disease (affects blood vessels and blood supply to the brain)
- Cystic fibrosis
- Hypertension or high blood pressure

• Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from blood or bone marrow transplant, immune deficiencies, HIV, use of corticosteroids, or use of other immune weakening medicines

- Neurologic conditions, such as dementia
- · Liver disease
- · Pregnancy
- Pulmonary fibrosis (having damaged or scarred lung tissues)
- · Smoking
- Thalassemia (a type of blood disorder)
- Type 1 diabetes mellitus

As always, I will continue to update our campus as new information emerges.

Kind Regards, Steve Dorman President, Georgia College

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE President, Office of the

#### **Free Boxes for University Use**

University Housing : Tuesday July 7, 2020

University Housing has free cardboard boxes available. Three sizes available: 16x12x12, 18x18x16, and 18x18x24. Large quantities available, for GC use only.

Boxes are available for pickup Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday between 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. at the former World of Wings location in Sanford Hall.

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE University Housing

## Announcements Posted Wednesday July 8, 2020

#### **Provost Costas Spirou named to AASCU advisory committee**

Provost & Academic Affairs, Office of the : Wednesday July 8, 2020

Georgia College's Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Costas Spirou was invited to join a special advisory committee for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU).

He joins AASCU's Advisory Committee on Academic Innovation and Transformation.

The committee "will provide input on the range of programs, events and services that AASCU provides our members in the areas of civic engagement, international education, teacher education and student success," according to Dr. Teresa M. Brown, vice president for academic innovation and transformation at AASCU.

Members will serve a three-year appointment. The group will meet several times each year, primarily virtually.

AASCU is the collective voice of nearly 400 public colleges, universities and systems that hold students and community at the heart of their mission, according to their website. The association works to expand student access, success and opportunity, promote world-class teaching and experiential learning tied to career advancement, and support applied research and service that advances economic development and quality of life in communities across the country.

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE Provost & Academic Affairs, Office of the

### **Announcements Posted Friday July 10, 2020**

### "Flannery O'Connor and Race: A Discussion of Radical Ambivalence"

Andalusia : Friday July 10, 2020

Join us for a virtual discussion between Dr. Angela O'Donnell, author of Radical Ambivalence: Race in Flannery O'Connor, and Fr. Mark Bosco, S.J., co-director, writer, and producer of the documentary, Flannery: The Storied Life of the Writer from Georgia, who will discuss O'Donnell's recent book on O'Connor's troubled relationship with race in her life and in her work.

Click here to register: <u>https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/a419232801dd433ab8fc813af4ac3382</u>

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE Andalusia

# Announcements Posted Monday July 13, 2020

#### **Parking Permit Registration**

Parking & Transportation : Monday July 13, 2020

Registration for 2020-2021 parking permits is now open.

To purchase or register for a 2020 parking permit, please visit <u>https://georgiacollege.aimsparking.com</u> and click "Order Permit". As a reminder, those with Extended Employee (EE) permits do not have to register for a new permit each year. EE permits automatically renew at the beginning of each year and remain active until cancelled.



To maintain social distancing guidelines, Parking and Transportation Services will deliver employee permits via intercampus mail. When you register online, you will receive a printable temporary permit that you may use until you receive your regular permit.

To learn more about permit types and costs, lot locations, and parking regulations, visit <u>http://gcsu.edu/parking</u>.

You can also view our parking lot locations on our<u>Interactive Campus Map</u>.

For any questions, please contact the Parking and Transportation Office at <a href="mailto:parking@gcsu.edu">parking@gcsu.edu</a> or 478-445-7433.

Updated: 2020-07-14

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE Parking & Transportation

#### **Staff Council Elections - Vote Now**

Staff Council : Monday July 13, 2020

The nominations are in and Staff Council elections are now open. Voting will begin on Monday, July 13, 2020 and run until close of business on Friday, July 17, 2020. An announcement will appear on Front Page with the names of the 15 members of the 2020-2021 Staff Council the following week.

We are seeking delegates to represent the following divisions:

FOUR delegates for Finance & Administration TWO delegates for Student Life TWO delegates for Academic Affairs

The new members will join the seven returning delegates for the 2020-2021 academic year. Please only vote if the division your work in has open seats.

The ballot can be found here: <u>https://georgiacollege-</u> bsucw.formstack.com/forms/staff\_council\_elections\_ballot\_20\_21

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE Staff Council

#### Work Order / Maintenance Requests

Facilities Management : Monday July 13, 2020

Dear Campus Community,

As we approach "Stage 3" reopening, our Facilities Management team has been working hard to complete housing turnover and configure facilities in support of the broader return of faculty and students. With the onset of "Stage 3" reopening, we anticipate a significant surge in volume of work requests that has customarily challenged our facilities craftsmen as students and faculty re-occupy resident halls and offices. During this time, we request your patience as we work through this seasonally high operations tempo and request you submit work requests as early as possible ahead of the broader reopening in August. Also, please be advised that requests to hang items such as pictures, whiteboards, televisions, bulletin boards, etc., are necessarily handled as lower priority during this time.

Thanks again for your patience and understanding.

Frank Baugh, Director of Operations & Maintenance

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE Facilities Management

#### **Parking Permit Registration**

Parking & Transportation : Monday July 13, 2020

It is now time to register for your 2020-2021 parking permit.

To register for a 2020 parking permit, please visit <u>https://georgiacollege.aimsparking.com</u> and click "Order Permit".

To maintain social distancing guidelines, Parking and Transportation Services will deliver commuter permits via mail. When you register online, you will receive a printable temporary permit that you may use until you receive your regular permit.



To learn more about parking regulations and lot locations, visithttp://gcsu.edu/parking.

You can also view our parking lot locations on our<u>Interactive Campus Map</u>.

For any questions, please contact the Parking and Transportation Office at <u>parking@gcsu.edu</u> or 478-445-7433.

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE Parking & Transportation

#### **Deal Center Virtual Learning Series**

Center for Early Language & Literacy : Monday July 13, 2020

The Deal Center has launched the Deal Center Virtual Professional Learning Series with Early Language and Literacy Experts. This series is running from April through July 2020.

The dates for our next sessions, are to be held on July 16 and 17th. Our goal is broadcast sessions live when possible and record the presentation for later reference and to add to the Deal Center's website library.

Also, we have updated our website and social media accounts. If you have time, please take a look. <u>https://galiteracycenter.org/</u>, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram! Let us know what you think!

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE Center for Early Language & Literacy

ATTACHMENTS Notes about attachments are on the second page of this document. Deal Center Virtual Learning Series #8 - Language as a Missing Link.pdf Deal Center Virtual Learning Series #9 - Re-Engaging Georgia's Students and Teachers After A Crisis.pdf Deal Center Virtual Learning Series #10 - Addressing Health Barriers To Learning (002).pdf

# Announcements Posted Tuesday July 14, 2020

#### Information website for campus services

University Communications : Tuesday July 14, 2020

To assist with transitioning back to campus during the summer and fall months, we have created a <u>website</u> that lists the availability of campus services (online or in-person) for offices and departments that have a high customer service presence. If you would like to add your Office or Department information, please send your summer and fall hours, availability (in person, online, appointment only or suspended for semester), contact information, and any social distancing measures to joshua.smith4@gcsu.edu.

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE University Communications

# Announcements Posted Wednesday July 15, 2020

#### Library Updates - July 13 to August 11, 2020

: Wednesday July 15, 2020

The library remains dedicated to support the needs of our students, faculty, and staff during these unprecedented times. The library encourages students, faculty, and staff to utilize our wealth of



electronic resources including, but not limited to, scholarly articles, ebooks, newspapers, maps, images, primary sources, dissertations and theses, statistics and datasets and several digital streaming options.

As always, and in preparation for the upcoming school year, please contact our library staff at 478-445-4047 or via email at <u>ask@gcsu.libanswers.com</u> if you need assistance with any of our resources and services. If there are library resources you need and cannot find in our library or on GALILEO, please contact us. Below, you will find updates to our library hours and services.

Library Hours - July 13 - August 11, 2020

- 9:00 am 4:00 pm, Monday Friday (closed on Saturday and Sunday)
- Atrium Doors Open
- Only the 1st and 2nd floors will be open to the public. Library staff will retrieve library materials from the 3rd floor as they are requested.

#### Library Resources and Services

Returning Library Material – Effective immediately, library books can be returned to the book drop or to the library's circulation desk. All other library material may also be returned to the library's circulation desk during the library's open hours.

Checking Out Georgia College Library Material (books, dvds, technology equipment, etc.) - If physical items from our library are required, please understand that due to our current situation, our staff will need to retrieve all library material from the 3rd floor, where the majority of our books reside. To request books held by Georgia College, search for the book in the GIL Find catalog and click on the title. After you sign in (above the location/call number), click on the blue Request link that appears. You may also request items at the circulation desk.

GIL Express Library Material – If items from GIL Express are needed, please understand that due to our current situation, there will be a delay due to possible GIL Express restrictions, shipment, and the need to quarantine items for 3 additional days before pick up by patrons. Some items may not be available. You will be notified by email once items are ready for pick up.

Course Reserves – As a part of our effort to make library material safe for patrons, Russell Library is placing all physical items that are borrowed into a 3-day quarantine upon return before making them available for others to borrow. For Reserves, this would add delays for students in accessing supplemental course materials. With this in mind, if possible, Course Reserves requests for Fall 2020 courses should be shifted to focus on digital resources. This shift would help to reduce multiple people handling materials, as well as allow students more flexibility and quicker access to Reserve resources. More information about the eReserve process is found on our Course Reserves guide, found online here. The direct link to the eReserve request form found in the Course Reserves guide is available here.

Interlibrary Loan (ILL) – If possible, ILL will utilize electronic resources. For those physical items still needed, there will be a delay due to shipping from the lending institution and the need to quarantine items for 3 additional days before pick up by patrons. Some items may not be available. You will be notified by email once items are ready for pick up.

Research and Instruction Services - Faculty are strongly encouraged to either utilize virtual research consultations or virtual instruction for their classes. The library can also provide online modules to your courses to help students gain information literacy and critical thinking skills.

Special Collections - Appointments must be made with at least 48 hours notice. Please wait for confirmation before visiting. Let us know via email to cancel or reschedule your visit. To make an appointment or for more information, please contact Special Collections at <u>scinfo@gcsu.edu</u>

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**DEPARTMENT WEB SITE** 

## Announcements Posted Thursday July 16, 2020

#### Seeking Faculty Facilitators for the 2020 GCReads First-Year Reading Initiative

First-Year Experience : Thursday July 16, 2020

**Dear GC Faculty:** 

We are gearing up for the 2020 GCReads First-Year Reading Initiative. This year, the overwhelming majority of Week of Welcome programming will housed virtually in asynchronous sessions in GAView. Whereas, in previous years, campus onboarding previously involved gathering large groups of students together, this year it will occur largely online. GCReads will be one of the only Week of Welcome sessions held synchronously with in-person and online options.

GCReads can only succeed with your help. We recognize that this is a particularly challenging year to ask for your additional help and support, however, we believe GCReads will truly make a difference for our students and help mitigate the stress and uncertainty they too are experiencing as we head into the fall semester.

Faculty consistently rate the experience as "excellent" or "good" and students describe GCReads as a "good introduction to college." Because of the outstanding success of GCReads, we believe it will serve as a valuable introduction to the college classroom experience this fall. We are inviting all faculty, those participated last year and those who are interested this year, to consider joining us this year in delivering this first-year reading initiative—whether in person or online.

With an anticipated first-year class of approximately 1500 students, we will need at least 60 faculty members to lead at least one micro-seminar. If possible, we ask that you volunteer to facilitate two session in case we do not get our full complement of faculty.

Microseminar sessions will be held on Monday August 10th from 10-11:30 and Tuesday August 11th from 2-3:30, all first-year students are required to participate. In order to accommodate all students and faculty we will be offering a mix of in-person and virtual synchronous sessions. In-person sessions will be capped at 15 student participants, and virtual sessions will be capped at 24 student participants.

Role of the Faculty Member during GCReads Microseminar

Introductions

Because an important goal of this new seminar format is for student to get to know their peers and at least one GC professor early in their first-year, we are asking professors to give ample time for introductions as the beginning of the seminar—approximately 10-15 minutes. This will be time to introduce yourself and have other students introduce themselves to the group. You can choose what you would like for each student to include in his or her short introduction.

#### Discussion

Actual time discussing the essay will be approximately one hour, since we want to leave about 15 minutes at the end of the period for an open Q&A about the upcoming semester. We have billed the micro seminars as models of how students should conduct themselves in a college class or seminar. We want to encourage participation and respectful discussion. If there are disagreements (and we hope they are), students should be encouraged to disagree respectfully. Faculty are encouraged to remind students to be respectful throughout the discussion. Feel free to utilize other teaching aids that you think would be helpful for students to better understand the essay—newspaper clippings, short videos, pictures, and any kind of material documents that you would like to use.

#### **Class Roll**

Students will be registering for the seminars online, and faculty will be provided with a roster of the students registered for their microseminar. We ask that you take attendance and email <u>erin.weston@gcsu.edu</u> with the names of students who did not attend.

The 2020 GCReads essays can be found<u>here</u>. We hope that you are willing to participate as a microseminar facilitator, please sign up by visiting this <u>link</u>. When signing up you will have the ability to indicate if you are volunteering to facilitate in-person or virtually. If you facilitate a virtual session we will set up a meeting link and send it to you prior to your session. In order for us to effectively plan we're asking faculty to please sign up by Monday July 27th.

We are also happy to answer any additional questions that you might have about the program. Thank you for your time and your continued support of this program,

The First-Year Common Reading Committee

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE First-Year Experience

#### July 2020 CTL Newsletter

Center for Teaching & Learning : Thursday July 16, 2020

Please see the attached CTL July Newsletter for more information on:

- Focus on Faculty Dr. Dana Gorzelany-Mostak
- Student Rating of Instruction (SRIS) for Summer, June-July and July Terms Opens July 22; Closes July 29
- Russell Library Schedule (through August 11)
- Updates for GeorgiaVIEW
- GeorgiaVIEW Webinars
- Creating Media in GeorgiaVIEW: Video Note
- Quality Matters Webinar
- CTL Teaching Tips
- News from the Library Course Reserves for Fall 2020
- News from IT
- Online Course Accessibility in Higher Education: Considerations and Strategies During COVID-19

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE Center for Teaching & Learning

ATTACHMENT Notes about attachments are on the second page of this document. CTL Newsletter July 2020.pdf

### **Announcements Posted Friday July 17, 2020**

#### **Study Abroad Virtual Class Visits for Fall 2020**

International Education Center : Friday July 17, 2020

As you prepare your syllabi for fall semester, consider including a virtual Study Abroad presentation led by a GC Study Abroad Advisor or staff. We are happy to provide a short session for your students on study abroad and other international opportunities available to GC students. A session with our staff will help your students understand the experience of study abroad and how to make it happen, provide them with information about our campus organizations and activities (like the International Club, the International Plan, the International Studies minor, etc.), and steer them to other resources.

Based on your students' academic focus, we will gear the presentation toward your particular group of students, highlighting opportunities that would be most applicable to them.

You can follow us on Facebook @ GC Study Abroad and Instagram @ GCSUStudyAbroad for all the latest study abroad news, upcoming events, stories from students who've been abroad, and more!

Contact Study Abroad Advisor Jarris Lanham at <u>Jarris.lanham@gcsu.edu</u> with any questions.

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE International Education Center

#### Georgia College partners with Latino Community Fund Georgia

Leadership Programs : Friday July 17, 2020

Georgia College's Leadership Programs signed an agreement in May with Latino Community Fund Georgia to provide practicum-based learning experiences for GC students.

Latino Community Fund supports Latino-serving nonprofit organizations in Georgia with advocacy, program development, technical assistance, and grant making. LCF serves as a catalyst for investment, collaborative work, and positive narrative with and within the Latinx/Hispanic Community in Georgia.

As a Community Partner, Latino Community Fund will offer project-based work to Georgia College's leadership students. Through the partnership, GC students will learn through direct work with clients, special projects, research, and data gathering.

"We're pleased and honored to begin this partnership with Latino Community Fund Georgia," says Dr. Harold Mock, Georgia College's director of leadership programs. "We teach our students the power of thoughtful, committed citizenship and public engagement, and LCF is on the front lines of that work everyday."

Community Partners represent a broad range of businesses and firms, nonprofit organizations, public agencies, government offices, and schools—each committed to developing Georgia's next generation of leaders for the public good.

Visit gcsu.edu/leadership for more information

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE Leadership Programs

# Announcements Posted Monday July 20, 2020

#### **Staff Council Election Results**

Staff Council : Monday July 20, 2020

- John Donaldson: Finance & Administration Systems Administrator (2020-2022)
- John Jackson: Finance & Administration— Maintenance Manager, P&T (2020-2022)
- Dana Meeks: Finance & Administration—Public Safety, Admin Services (2020-2022)
- Lindy Ruark: Finance & Administration Auxiliary Services, Admin Manager (2020-2022)
- Toyia Barnes: Academic Affairs-Office Coordinator (HHP) (2020-2022)
- Kate Marshall: Academic Affairs-Graduate Admissions (2020-2022)
- Stacey Hurt-Milner: Student Life—Director of Fraternity & Sorority Life (2020-2022)
- Elizabeth Giordano: Student Life-Career Center (2020-2022)

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE Staff Council

## Announcements Posted Tuesday July 21, 2020

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE Center for Teaching & Learning
### **Rural Education in Times of COVID**

Rural Studies Institute : Tuesday July 21, 2020

The Rural Studies Institute (RSI) at Georgia College will host its next virtual conversation on rural America. This discussion will focus on Rural Education in Times of COVID. The virtual event will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, from 12:00 pm until 1:00 pm. Adhering to our goal of university-community partnerships, this discussion will be a collaboration with the GC College of Education (COE), the Center for American Progress, the National Rural Education Association, and community expert: Dr. Noris Price, Superintendent of Baldwin County Schools. Please click here to register for this event. If you have any questions about the discussion, please contact Veronica Womack at veronica.womack@gcsu.edu or contact Kimberly Moore at kimberly.moore@gcsu.edu or (478) -445-8154 for questions about registration.

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE Rural Studies Institute

### Incoming freshmen: submit Bobcat Card photo, register for parking permit

Bobcat Card : Tuesday July 21, 2020

Incoming freshmen: A reminder to complete two tasks prior to August 1: submit a photo for your Bobcat Card and register for a parking permit. Taking care these tasks before you arrive on campus will significantly reduce your wait times at housing move in.

To submit a photo for your Bobcat Card:

- Create an online Bobcat Card account atgcsu.edu/bobcatcard
- Log in and select "profile"
- Click "submit a new photo"
- You will receive your Bobcat card at housing move in

To register for a parking permit:

- Gather your license plate number and vehicle info
- Go to georgiacollege.aimsparking.com
- Login with your Unify credentials
- Select "order permit"
- You will receive your parking permit at housing move in

Follow The Bobcat Card Office on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>. Follow Parking and Transportation Services on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>! You can also download the <u>TransLoc Rider</u> app and track the GC Shuttle.

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE Bobcat Card



# Announcements Posted Wednesday July 22, 2020

### **Bobcat Men's Hoops Adds Team Academic Honor**

Athletics : Wednesday July 22, 2020

For the third time in program history and the second-straight season, the Georgia College Men's Basketball team has received the Team Academic Excellence Award from the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC), the organization announced Thursday.



"I am extremely proud of how our guys did in the classroom again this year," said GC Head Coach Mark Gainous. "I am very appreciative of how hard our student-athletes work in the classroom."

The honor is given to teams in the NCAA, NAIA and NJCAA that achieved a 3.0 or better GPA for the 2019-20 season. The Bobcats also won the honor in its first year of existence, the 2012-13 season.

The Bobcats were one of two Peach Belt Conference (PBC) school on the list this season, joined by Augusta University. The Bobcats owned a 3.19 GPA for the school year.

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE Athletics

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Thank you in advance for helping our faculty improve your learning environment!

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CONTACT INFORMATION SRIS Administrator sris@gcsu.edu (478) 445-2520

### Georgia College Department of Communication Lecturer Chad Whittle's Podcast Featured on London Radio Station

Communication, Department of : Wednesday July 22, 2020

"The Chad Whittle Podcast," a podcast hosted and produced by Georgia College Department of Communication lecturer Chad Whittle is currently airing this week on London's Podcast Radio.

According to the radio station's website, Podcast Radio "showcases fantastic podcasts to the world. From the weirdest to the most wonderful, the biggest and the best, to the exciting and unheard gems awaiting your discovery."



Podcast Radio is available on the radio in London, Surrey, Manchester, Glasgow, and around the world on their app.

On his podcast, Dr. Whittle is joined by media professionals to discuss the latest technology developments, their careers, how technology is changing their field, and more.

"The Chad Whittle Podcast" is airing this week at 5am and 8am/ET. You can listen online by visiting <u>Podcast Radio's website</u>.

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE Communication, Department of

#### **Copier Maintenance**

Materials Management : Wednesday July 22, 2020

It is that time of year to submit your copier maintenance for next fiscal year. Please call Kim in Materials Management at 4458 or email me at kim.couey@gcsu.edu with any questions.

Updated: 2020-07-21

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE Materials Management

### New documentary highlights the life and work of Flannery O'Connor

University Communications : Wednesday July 22, 2020

A new documentary on Georgia College alumna Flannery O'Connor debuted recently at virtual cinemas across the country.

"Flannery: The storied life of the writer from Georgia" explores the life and work of the local author, whose distinctive Southern Gothic style influenced a generation of artists and activists.



Much of the video footage was captured at Andalusia and around Milledgeville. Special prescreenings of the film, hosted by the Georgia College & State University Foundation, took place at Andalusia in October 2018 and at the Black Box theatre downtown in March 2019.

The film was produced with the support of the Georgia College & State University Foundation in addition to the Mary Flannery O'Connor trust, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and Emory University.

For more information or to view a virtual screening, visithttps://www.flanneryfilm.com/.

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE University Communications

## Announcements Posted Thursday July 23, 2020

### Information Technology – Service Update |Wireless Maintenance July 26, 5 am – 7 am

Information Technology : Thursday July 23, 2020

Information Technology will be performing network maintenance on the Wireless Authentication Services from 5 am – 7 am on Sunday, July 26. Access to wireless services, including eduroam, will be affected. Services should be restored by 7 am. Updates will be shared on <u>Unify</u>. If you experience connection issues after the update, please contact Serve.

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE Information Technology

#### **Tribute ceremony in honor of Congressman John Lewis**

University Communications : Thursday July 23, 2020

Georgia College invites the campus community to join the City of Milledgeville, Baldwin County officials and other community organizations for a tribute ceremony to honor the late Congressman John Lewis.

The ceremony will take place Saturday, July 25 at 9 a.m. in Heritage Memorial Plaza at the corner of W. McIntosh and N. Wayne Streets (Next to Allen's Market).

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE Center for Teaching & Learning

### **Announcements Posted Friday July 24, 2020**

### GC Volleyball Nabs Second-Straight AVCA Team Academic Award

Athletics : Friday July 24, 2020

The American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) released the 2019-20 Team Academic Award recipients recently, with Georgia College Volleyball joining the members of the list.



The award, which was initiated in the 1992-93 academic year, honors collegiate and high school volleyball teams that displayed excellence in the classroom during the school year by maintaining at least a 3.30 cumulative team grade-point average on a 4.0 scale or a 4.10 cumulative team GPA on a 5.0 scale. The Bobcats owned a 3.49 GPA for the school year.

"The AVCA Team Academic Award shows just how dedicated this team is as a whole," said GC Volleyball head coach Gretchen Krumdieck. "I'm so proud of them for being selfmotivated and working so hard in the classroom. Their work ethic carries over to the court and it makes coaching them so much fun."

The Bobcats have picked up the honor in five of their seven seasons and each of the last two campaigns.

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### Dept. of Communication- Request a Mass Comm Practicum Student for Fall 20

Communication, Department of : Friday July 24, 2020

Does your department or office need assistance with communication, promotion or publicity? A Mass Comm practicum student could help! Students in MSCM 2930 can assist on-campus departments and offices with a range of communication projects including: graphic design, short-form videography, digital media management including website content and social media channels, copy writing for blogs and press releases, and much more. (Please remember that communication products must be approved by University Communications prior to distribution.)

Mass Comm practicum students complete 45-60 hours for a 1.0 course credit. All practicums must be completed on campus and supervised by a Georgia College faculty or staff member. Fall practicum requests are due by COB Friday August 5, 2020.

GCSU Covid 19 safety and health requirements apply for all practicum experiences.

Click here to request a Mass Comm practicum student: <u>https://forms.gle/6F2rA5CkrbUMtwdDA</u>

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE Communication, Department of

# Announcements Posted Monday July 27, 2020

### **Return to campus information available online**

University Communications : Monday July 27, 2020

Georgia College's <u>reopening website</u> is a resource for all information related to the return to campus and the Fall 2020 semester.

Included on that website is our <u>detailed message</u> from President Dorman about campus reopening, as well as a message <u>about the required use of face masks</u> in all campus facilities.

Other items included on the website:

- Our comprehensive campus reopening plan
- Information about our revised academic calendar
- Detailed campus reopening FAQs
- Move-in plans for students in our residence halls
- And other information that students may find helpful as they return to campus this fall

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE University Communications

# Announcements Posted Tuesday July 28, 2020

### Feedback requested from USG advisory group

University Communications : Tuesday July 28, 2020

The University System of Georgia (USG) has established an advisory group to study and review the names of buildings on campuses across the state. They are asking for input to help guide them through that process. If you'd like to provide feedback, please complete this form.

https://www.usg.edu/naming\_advisory\_group

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE University Communications

# Announcements Posted Wednesday July 29, 2020

### The Academic Advising Center is Here to Help You

Academic Advising Center : Wednesday July 29, 2020

Academic Advisors are hosting live sessions on WebEx Tuesdays (10 AM-11 AM) and Thursdays (3 PM-4 PM). During these sessions you will have an opportunity to talk with advisors about course options, POUNCE questions, or registration needs. This is also a great time to pop in to ask questions! Please join us at <u>gcsu.webex.com/meet/gcsu.advising</u>. Simply copy and paste the link into your browser and you will be taken to the Advising Center's virtual office.

Remember: The GC Academic Advising Center is here for you, and we want you to succeed!

- AAC Email: advising@gcsu.edu
- AAC Phone: 478-445-2361

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE Academic Advising Center

### Does your department or office need student assistance for Fall Semester 2020/Spring 2021?

Financial Aid : Wednesday July 29, 2020

Does your department or office need assistance with filing, answering the phones, running errands or small tasks? A Service Opportunity student might be your solution. GC Financial Aid Office is looking for departments to assist with putting students to work volunteering in your area. Students eligible for Service Opportunity funds should volunteer 8 to 10 hours a week in a department in order to qualify for funding that goes toward their GC balance owed each semester. Please contact Debbie Long at (478)445-5149 or <u>debra.long@gcsu.edu</u> if you can use one or more student(s) including how many students and a brief description of what tasks the student may be fulfilling.

Service Opportunity students need to complete a minimum of 100 hours for each term. GC Financial Aid must be notified by COB Friday, July 31. We will be sending a list of all available positions to students on Monday, August 3, 2020.

GCSU COVID-19 safety and health requirements apply for all of these positions.

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE Financial Aid

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## Announcements Posted Thursday July 30, 2020

### Making Excellence Inclusive Day, Thursday, August 6, 2020: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. -Virtual Program

Inclusive Excellence, Office of : Thursday July 30, 2020

The Office of Inclusive Excellence is pleased to announce Georgia College's 2020 Making Excellence Inclusive Day Program: "Toolkit for an Inclusive Community." This virtual event will take place on Thursday afternoon August 6, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The program will include live and recorded presentations from specialists in their fields and a panel discussions with Georgia College faculty, staff, and students. These sessions will be moderated by Diversity Trainer and Consultant, Dr Diane Goodman. The goal of this year's Making Excellence Inclusive Program is to provide useful tools for faculty and staff to understand and address the recurring challenges to diversity and inclusion that we face on our campus. Please click here to register for this event. For questions and more information, please visit the OIE website at www.gcsu.edu/oie. You may also contact the Office of Inclusive Excellence at 478-445-4233.



To register, please visit: <u>https://georgiacollege-</u> <u>bsucw.formstack.com/forms/inclusive\_excellence\_day\_program</u>

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DEPARTMENT WEB SITE Inclusive Excellence, Office of

#### **Voluntary Separation Program**

Human Resources, Office of : Thursday July 30, 2020

We are pleased to introduce the Voluntary Separation Program (VSP) for Georgia College Faculty and Staff who meet the eligibility requirements for retirement on or before June 30, 2021. The Voluntary Separation Program was developed to address budgetary reductions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Effective October 1, 2020, the program offers the incentive of a lump sum payment equivalent to one-third (1/3) of an employee's base rate of pay: 1/3 of contracts (for faculty) or annual salaries (for staff) following retirement. (Refer to the <u>Voluntary Separation Program</u> intranet site for exclusions – Unify credentials required).

In addition to program details, the VSP intranet site also contains dates for virtual information sessions as well as registration information to schedule one-on-one virtual counseling sessions with TRS and ORP vendors (TIAA, AIG, and Fidelity). One-on-one virtual sessions are open to all retirement plan participants.

The VSP application will be available by Monday, August 3rd and the application deadline is September 15, 2020.

Questions pertaining to the Voluntary Separation Program should be directed to <u>benefits@gcsu.edu</u> or by contacting Carol Ward or Nancy White at 478- 445-5596.

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### GC Women's Tennis Brings in Team Academic Award from ITA

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The Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) recently announced its year-end academic awards, with Georgia College Women's Tennis once again taking a spot on the list of ITA All-Academic Teams for a whopping seventh-straight season.



The Bobcats were impressive with a 3.29 GPA for the spring, putting three student-athletes on the Peach Belt Conference (PBC) Team of Academic Distinction.

"I am very proud of the way our team competes on the court and in the classroom," said head coach Steve Barsby. "Success both on and off the court has become a normal operation and this team has continued that success even with all the adversity they faced during the season."

This marks the seventh-straight season for GC Women's Tennis to earn this academic honor. The ITA All-Academic Team award is open to any ITA program that has a cumulative team grade point average of 3.20 or above (on a 4.00 scale).

The Bobcats are one of six PBC schools to make this list.

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