



## Georgia Southern biologist helps to develop elephant field test kit

Georgia Southern biologist Bruce Schulte and Smithsonian National Zoo scientist Elizabeth Freeman are testing a field kit used to monitor the hormone levels of female African elephants in the wild.

Elephants are highly social and intelligent animals that use chemical signals to mediate social and reproductive behavior. According to Schulte, the kits are yielding important information that will help conservationists more effectively manage both wild and captive elephant populations around the world.

"These hormone kits have transformed how we study elephants under field conditions," said Schulte, an associate professor in the University's Department of Biology. "They will also provide proof of whether wild elephants display similar endocrine patterns to zoo animals.

"By generating physiological data for elephant managers and conservationists, these kits will support elephant conservation programs, with emphasis on intensive management and protection as well as scientific research that supports these actions."

Schulte has been studying elephants in captivity since his post-doctoral work with the late Bets Rasmussen in 1993. In 2002, Schulte was part of a multi-institutional research team that received \$842,000 in grant funding from the National Science Foundation to study the ways in which chemical signals influence elephant behavior. That ongoing project concentrates on how these signals may be used to discourage wild elephants from infringing upon villages and crops, thus reducing the number of potentially deadly and destructive confrontations between elephants and man.

Schulte served on the doctoral committee of Freeman, who has been studying the impact of socio-environmental factors on reproduction in zoo elephants since 2000. The long-term collaborations between the two scientists paved the way for the development of the hormone kit, a project that Freeman started in 2006.

The kit is designed to gather data helps scientists gain a better understanding of the reproductive cycle of female elephants. The kits utilize fecal samples to measure the levels of certain types of hormones called progestins.

The kit is currently being validated at Addo Elephant National Park (AENP) in South Africa. Georgia Southern alumna Jordana Meyer is a field technician on the project, which is a collaboration between the University, the Conservation and Research Center of the Smithsonian National Zoological Park, South Africa National Parks, and AENP. Scientists and students from Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, are also contributing to the project.

## 'Yo Soy Latina' Oct. 15

The Multicultural Student Center will host the play "Yo Soy Latina" Monday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom.

"Yo Soy Latina" is an honest and funny look at what it means to be Latina in America. It explores the stories of six diverse women growing up bi-lingual, bi-cultural and proud. Keynote themes include the media's idealized images of women, self-identity/acceptance and the preconceptions experienced within the racially and culturally different Latino backgrounds.

While titled in Spanish, "Yo Soy Latina" was written in English and can be enjoyed by a diverse audience.

Admission is free of charge and open to the community.

For more information, contact the Multicultural Student Center at ext. 5409.

## National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week Oct. 15-18

National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week will be held at Georgia Southern Monday, Oct. 15, through Thursday, Oct. 18. The week is sponsored by the University's Office of Health Education and Promotion, Public Safety, Greek Life, University Housing, Student Government Association (SGA) and the Governor's Office of Highway Safety.

Events Schedule:

### Monday, Oct. 15

- Skull Day, all day, campus-wide. Health Education Peer Educators, members of the SGA and other student leaders will dress in a skull t-shirt to represent a victim of drunk driving.

### Tuesday, Oct. 16

- "Jail n' Bail," 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Russell Union Rotunda. University police officers will "arrest" volunteer faculty, staff and students for a mock DUI. The volunteers will be read their rights, given sobriety tests, booked for the DUI charges and jailed in the

## OTHER EVENTS...

**From Protest to Peace**, through Jan. 6  
**Mad Scientist Laboratory**, through March 16  
Museum Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

## October

- 15 General Student Recital**, Williams Center, 1 p.m.  
**"Yo Soy Latina,"** Russell Union Ballroom, 7 p.m.
- 16 Lecture by Tom Kelly**, one of the Bogside Mural Artists from Northern Ireland, Performing Arts Center, 7 p.m.
- 17 All Aboard for Model Trains exhibit opens**, Museum.  
**Lecture by Margaret Carney**, curator of the Purdy Museum of Ceramics, Nessmith-Lane Assembly Hall, 7 p.m.
- 18 Albany Admissions Information Session**, Westover High School, 6:30 p.m.  
**Graduation Recital**, First Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m.
- 19 International Conversation Hour**, Russell Union Ballroom, 11:30 a.m.  
**Women's Soccer** - Western Carolina at Georgia Southern, 3 p.m.  
**Volleyball** - Furman at Georgia Southern, 7 p.m.  
**Theatre & Performance present "The Women,"** Black Box Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Southern Sprint of Wellness**, Kiddie Run, 8:30 a.m.; 5K Fun/Run/Walk, 9 a.m. To register, visit <http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/services/cr/fit/special/southernSprint/>  
**Cultural Day at Sapelo Island**, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 681-5387 or email [tpeter@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:tpeter@georgiasouthern.edu).  
**Men's Soccer** - Appalachian State at Georgia Southern, noon.  
**Football** - Eagles at Appalachian State, 3:30 p.m.  
**Graduation Recital**, Trinity Episcopal Church, 7:30 p.m.  
**Theatre & Performance present "The Women,"** Black Box Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Volleyball** - Wofford at Georgia Southern, 2 p.m.  
**Theatre & Performance present "The Women,"** Black Box Theatre, 2 p.m.
- 22 Fiction writer and poet Victoria Redel** will read from her work, College of Education Lecture Hall, 7 p.m.  
**Cinema Arts presents "Kekexili - Mountain Patrol,"** Russell Union Theatre, \$2, 7:15 p.m.  
**Theatre & Performance present "The Women,"** Black Box Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Rotunda. Help prisoners raise money for bail to gain their freedom. Proceeds will contribute to the Health Education Foundation.

- "Hall Crawl," 7:30 p.m., all residence halls. Students can visit all residence halls to taste different mocktail recipes. They will have an opportunity to enter a drawing for a University Store gift card after visiting the halls.

#### **Wednesday, Oct. 17**

- Alcohol Awareness Table, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Russell Union. Information will be available outlining the effects of alcohol.
- Chris Sandy and Joyce and Eric Krug, 7 p.m., Performing Arts Center. Sandy is serving a mandatory 13-year sentence in a Georgia maximum security correctional institution for vehicular homicide involving the death of two people. He will speak about how your actions can impact the lives of others.

Joyce and Eric Krug are a mother and son. While attending Oglethorpe University, Eric was the victim of a drunk driver. As a result of the accident, Eric sustained a traumatic brain injury and can no longer speak or walk on his own.

#### **Thursday, Oct. 18**

- Mocktails, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Russell Union Rotunda. It is possible to enjoy great drinks without the effects of alcohol. Non-alcoholic beverages will be served.

For more information, contact the Office of Health Education and Promotion at ext. 5641.

### **Averitt Lecture Series opens Oct. 16**

This year's Jack N. and Addie D. Averitt Lecture Series will begin Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m. with "Ghosts and Demons: Sources of Terror in American Literature and Culture." The lecture will take place in the Assembly Hall of the Nessmith-Lane Building. The series continues with two more presentations on Oct. 17, and all three lectures are free and open to the public. The first talk will be preceded by a reception at 6 p.m.

This year's guest lecturer is Alfred Bendixen, founder and executive director of the American Literature Association and professor of English at Texas A&M University. Much of his scholarship focuses on the recovery of unjustly neglected literary texts, especially by women writers, and the exploration of neglected genres, including the ghost story, detective fiction, science fiction, and travel writing. Bendixen's books include "Haunted Women" (1985), an edition of the composite novel, "The Whole Family" (1986) and "Edith Wharton: New Critical Essays" (1992).

The second lecture in the series is Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 10 a.m. when Bendixen will present "Washington Irving's Tales of the Supernatural and the Invention of American Culture." In his lecture, he will discuss the way in which Irving's tales shaped the development of American Gothic. Guests may come for coffee at 9:30 a.m.

In the final lecture of the Averitt Series, Bendixen will review "Sources of Terror in Henry James' 'The Turn of the Screw' at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 17. All three lectures will take place in the Assembly Hall of the Nessmith-Lane Building.

This is the 17th year of the Jack N. and Addie D. Averitt Lecture Series, which was established in 1990 as a gift to the Department of History, the Department of Literature and Philosophy, and the Department of Writing and Linguistics. The lectures are made possible through the vision and generosity of Jack Averitt, former dean of the Georgia Southern's College of Graduate Studies, and his late wife, Addie. The purpose of the lectureship is to enhance on-campus academic and cultural life for students, faculty, and the community. Published versions of the lectures are available from the University of Georgia Press.

For more information about this year's Averitt Lecture Series, contact the Department of Literature and Philosophy at ext. 5471.

### **Bogside Artist Tom Kelly to speak Oct. 16**

Tom Kelly of Ireland's The Bogside Artists will present "Protest, Peace and Reconciliation: Murals by The Bogside Artists of Northern Ireland" at the Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m.

Kelly's talk is in conjunction with the current Georgia Southern Museum exhibition, "From Protest to Peace: Murals by The Bogside Artists of Northern Ireland."

The Bogside Artists have created 11 large-scale murals in the city of Derry that depict events from the recent troubled history of Northern Ireland. While the group continues the Ulster tradition of using art as a vehicle for social commentary, The Bogside Artists stand alone in their efforts to utilize the mural in cross-community workshops involving Protestants and Catholics to advance the peace and reconciliation process in Northern Ireland.

Kelly's talk is sponsored by the Campus Life Enrichment Committee, Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art, Center for Irish Studies, Center for International Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Department of History, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Department of Literature and Philosophy, Georgia Southern University Museum, Office of Student Activities, Multicultural Student Center, and University Honors Program.

The exhibition can be viewed at the Georgia Southern Museum through Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008.

For more information, contact Bob Frigo, assistant director of the University Honors Program, at bfrigo@georgiasouthern.edu or ext. 7926.

### **Limited Kenny Rogers performance tickets available**

In appreciation to Georgia Southern faculty and staff for their support of the year-long Centennial Celebration, a limited number of balcony seats for the Saturday, Oct. 27, Kenny Rogers performance are being made available for purchase.

This special performance will follow the private 1906 Gala reception held at the Nessmith-Lane Southern Ballroom on Saturday evening.

The show begins at 8 p.m. with doors opening for the balcony general seating at 7:30 p.m. Rogers, heralded as one of America's most-loved singers, will sing some of his greatest hits as well as material from his latest CD.

Tickets are \$35 each and faculty/staff members must present their University identification card to purchase. The Performing Arts Center will begin selling the balcony tickets to this performance on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 10 a.m. Tickets may be purchased in person at the box office or by phone at ext. 7999.

### **Ceramics historian at Georgia Southern Oct. 17**

Ceramics historian Margaret Carney will present "10,000 years of World Ceramics" Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 5 p.m. in the Assembly Hall of the Nessmith-Lane Building. Her talk is free of charge and open to the public.

Carney is a Fellow of the American Ceramic Society and an elected member of the International Academy of Ceramics in Switzerland. A museum professional for more than three decades, she teaches ceramic world history annually at Ohio State University.

Carney holds a doctorate in Asian Art history and has received grants from the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American Art, the Renwick Gallery, and the Tile Heritage Foundation. She is curator of the Blair Museum of Lithophanes in Toledo, Ohio, and is currently writing a book on lithophanes.

Carney's visit is part of the fall semester's visiting artists series in the Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art at Georgia Southern University. For more information call ext. 5358.

## Theatre & Performance present 'The Women'

Theatre and Performance will present Clare Boothe Luce's play "The Women" Friday, Oct. 19, through Saturday, Oct. 27. The performance on Oct. 21 is at 2 p.m., all others at 7:30 p.m. All performances will be held in the Black Box Theatre in the Communication Arts Building Room 1001.

The story centers on a group of gossipy, high-society women who spend their days at the beauty salon and haunting fashion shows. The sweet, happily-wedded Mary Haines finds her marriage in trouble when shop girl Crystal Allen gets her hooks into Mary's man. With a bit of guts and daring, Mary snatches her man right back from Crystal's clutches.

Ticket prices are \$12 for general admission, \$8 for faculty/staff and \$4 for Georgia Southern students. For more information, call ext. 5379.

## Dining etiquette workshop Oct. 23

The Office of Career Services, campus departments and corporate sponsors are hosting the fall semester Dining For Success workshop on Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 6 p.m. in the Nessmith-Lane Southern Ballroom.

The event is open to all seniors and graduate students. The program will consist of a five-course meal during which participants will learn the do's and don'ts of dining etiquette.

A \$20 refundable deposit is required of all participants and will be returned at the meal. Spaces are limited. Students interested in participating must sign up in the Career Services office in Williams Center Room 1058.

For more information, contact Amy Rowell at ext. 5197 or [awilliams@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:awilliams@georgiasouthern.edu).

## Eagle Expo Oct. 24

The Eagle Expo Career Fair will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Recreation Activity Center (RAC). The Expo is an all-campus event sponsored by the Office of Career Services. Employers from a wide variety of fields have registered to attend.

Contact Career Services at ext. 5197 or visit their Web site at <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/career> for a participant list. Company representatives will continue to register until the day of the event.

For more information on the expo, contact Dorsey Baldwin at ext. 5197 or [dbaldwin@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:dbaldwin@georgiasouthern.edu).

## It's the 'Mystery of the Century' at Georgia Southern

Homecoming 2007 at Georgia Southern has adopted the theme "Mystery of the Century."

Events begin on Saturday, Oct. 20, and continue through Saturday, Oct. 27. The weeklong celebration will build to Saturday's football game when the Eagles take on The Citadel at noon in Paulson Stadium.

Following is a sampling of activities that will be held during the week:

### Thursday, Oct. 25

- Pep rally, 7:30 p.m. at the RAC Band Shell/Pavilion. Coach Hatcher, the players, cheerleaders and Gus will be in attendance. Following the rally will be the announcement of the Homecoming Court.

- Crocs Next Step Tour, 8:30 p.m. at the RAC Band Shell/Pavilion. The rock group Guster and folk/pop singer Brett Dennen will perform. Free admission.

### Friday, Oct. 26

- Homecoming Parade, 4 p.m. beginning at Paulson Stadium and winding its way to Sweetheart Circle.

- Homecoming cookout, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Sweetheart Circle. Presentations of awards for parade entries will also take place.

- "Transformers," 7 p.m. at Russell Union Theater. Admission is free.

- Fireworks, 9 p.m. at J.I. Clements baseball stadium. Admission is free.

### Saturday, Oct. 27

- Eagles vs. The Citadel, Noon, Paulson Stadium. To purchase tickets, call ext. 0123 or 1-800-GSU-WINS.

For more information on Homecoming Week, visit <http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/homecoming>.

## GERA annual meeting Oct. 26

The Georgia Educational Research Association (GERA) will hold its 32<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting Friday, Oct. 26, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Coastal Georgia Center in Savannah. Participants will have opportunities to attend multiple research presentations, as well as meet with colleagues from around the state. The registration fee of \$60 includes membership for one year in GERA, lunch, conference sessions and materials. Advance registration is encouraged. Registration fees on the day of the annual meeting will be an additional \$5. Registration for graduate students is \$35.

The conference is sponsored by the GERA in partnership with the Continuing Education Center at Georgia Southern. For more information, visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/gera07.html>.

## Planetarium to present public evening

The Planetarium will present "Gravity Probe B - Testing Einstein's Universe an Update" Friday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. Participants will learn the latest discoveries of this mission to see if Einstein was right. Star shows and telescopic viewing of Jupiter will follow each presentation. Free star and moon maps will be given to all visitors.

For more information, contact the Department of Physics at ext. 5292.

## Human Resources offers training

The Human Resources Training and Development Department will offer the following courses in October.

- PowerPoint: Level 1, Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., College of Education Room 2150.

### THIS WEEK

is produced by the Office of Marketing & Communications for the faculty and staff of Georgia Southern University. It is available online at <http://news.GeorgiaSouthern.edu>.

Submissions may be sent to Georgia Southern *This Week*, P.O. Box 8055, Statesboro, GA 30460, or e-mailed to: [thistweek@GeorgiaSouthern.edu](mailto:thistweek@GeorgiaSouthern.edu).

Due to space limitations, items which are not time sensitive may be held for publication in a later issue. All submissions are subject to editing for style and length. Submissions should be summarized in typed narrative form; please include your name and campus telephone number.

### THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS NOON WEDNESDAY.

#### EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

For a list of all current job opportunities on campus, please check with the Division of Human Resources (for classified staff positions) at (912) 681-5468, TDD: (912) 681-0791; the Office of the Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs (for faculty positions) at (912) 681-5258, TDD: (912) 871-1654; or the University's web site at <http://jobs.georgiasouthern.edu>

Georgia Southern University affirms its commitment and pledges its full support to equal opportunity in hiring, promotion, and training for all persons, regardless of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, religion, age, veteran status, political affiliation, or disability.

Georgia Southern University further affirms its commitment to prohibit retaliation by any University employee against an employee who in good faith, complains about alleged discrimination.

For further information, including information about the complaint and grievance procedures, please contact the Diversity Services Office, at (912) 681-5136, TDD: (912) 681-0273 or by e-mail at [affirmac@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:affirmac@georgiasouthern.edu).



- Fire Caulking, Thursday, Oct. 18, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Nessmith Lane Building Assembly Hall.
- Machine Guard, Friday, Oct. 19, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Nessmith Lane Building Assembly Hall.
- Communication Skills and Attitude for Success, Monday, Oct. 22, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., HR Training Room.
- Budgeting for You and Your Organization, Monday, Oct. 22, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Russell Union Room 2044. This workshop is for students.

- Hiring Procedures, Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., HR Training Room.
- PowerPoint: Level 2, Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., College of Education Room 2150.

#### **Coming in November:**

- Grammar 101, Thursday, Nov. 1, 9 a.m. to noon, HR Training Room
- Advanced Connections: Moving Quality Service Beyond the Basics - a three session workshop. Participants must enroll for all three sessions. Session One - Building a Service Culture, Wednesday, Nov. 7; Session Two - Polishing Daily Service Skills, Wednesday, Nov. 14; Session Three - Meeting Daily Service Challenges, Wednesday, Nov. 21. All sessions will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Information Technology Building Room 2207.

- Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) in the Workplace: a two-part workshop. Part I - MBTI Assessment, Monday, Nov. 12, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., Russell Union Room 2052; Part II - Assessment Results and Overview of Styles, Monday, Nov. 19, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Russell Union Room 2042. Participants must sign up for both classes.

- Communicating with Difficult People, Thursday, Nov. 15, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., HR Training Room.

To register for any of the courses listed, or to view other upcoming courses, visit <http://jobs.georgiasouthern.edu/TD/training>.

Training courses offered through the Training and Development Department are designed for the faculty, staff and student workers of the University.

For more information or questions, contact Ale Kennedy or Sylvia Everett at ext. 1687.

### **Greater Savannah Eagle Club fall business luncheons**

Open to all alumni, boosters and friends of Georgia Southern, the Greater Savannah Eagle Club business luncheons are held on the fourth Thursday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. at Johnny Harris Restaurant, 1651 E. Victory Drive. Following is a list of dates and speakers:

- Thursday, Oct. 25 - Jeff Price, head men's basketball coach.
- Nov. & Dec. - no meetings.
- Thursday, Jan. 24 - Rodney Hennon, head baseball coach.

For more information, contact Rick Bean at 912-629-2143 or [rbean@krtcpa.com](mailto:rbean@krtcpa.com) or visit <http://chathameagleclub.org>.

### **Friday Lunch Series continues**

The Fall Hotel and Restaurant Management Friday Lunch Series will continue Friday, Oct. 19.

Future lunches are scheduled for Oct. 19 and 26; and Nov. 2 and 9. All lunches are at noon and reservations are accepted one week in advance. Take-out service is available. The price is \$9. For reservations, contact Larry Stalcup at ext. 5975 or [stalcupL@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:stalcupL@georgiasouthern.edu).

### **Alumni Relations upcoming fall events**

The Office of Alumni Relations has announced the following fall events:

- Saturday, Oct. 20. Georgia Southern at Appalachian State pre-game BBQ, Sagebrush Restaurant, noon to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$8 per person. Hotels with the Georgia Southern Alumni block are Hampton Inn (\$179, 828-264-0077), rooms released Sunday, Aug. 19, and Holiday Inn Express (\$159, 888-733-6867), rooms released Monday, Oct. 1.
- Saturday, Nov. 3. Georgia Southern at Wofford pre-game BBQ featuring Big Bad Wolf BBQ, Wofford Stadium, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$8 per person. The hotel with the Georgia Southern Alumni block is the Hilton Greenville (\$95, 864-232-4747), rooms released Friday, Oct. 12.

To RSVP and purchase BBQ tickets, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at ext. 5691. For game ticket information, call 800-GSU-WINS or ext. 0123. Please call hotels directly to make reservations and ask for the Georgia Southern alumni room block. Room rates do not include taxes.

### **Wildlife Center celebrates 10 years**

The Center for Wildlife Education and The Lamar Q Ball, Jr. Raptor Center at Georgia Southern University will celebrate 10 wild years on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The Center will host a number of family-friendly events including:

- Exotic wildlife presentations
- Free food, beverages, games and activities from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Steve Scruggs will present "Let's Get Wild" at 3 p.m. & "Snakes Alive" at 4 p.m.
- Okefenokee Joe will present "Earth Day Every Day" at 5:15 p.m.
- The Chestatee Wildlife Preserve will present "Exotic Cats and More" at 6:15 p.m.
- Trick or Treating at 7:15 p.m.
- Magic Marc will perform "Magication" at 8 p.m.
- Fireworks at 8:45 p.m.
- Music at 9 p.m.

All events are programs are free of charge. For more information, contact the Center at ext. 0831.

### **COE homecoming events**

The College of Education will host two events during the homecoming weekend. On Sunday, Oct. 28, at 1 p.m. the college will host the unveiling of "The Wall of Honor," a permanent wall display in the College of Education Building. The wall is dedicated to individuals and organizations who have been generous in their support of the College. At 3 p.m. that afternoon, the College will host a reception recognizing local student artists and the teachers who have submitted their work for "Southern's Art Extravaganza."

### **Focus on Excellence lecture Oct. 30**

Sophie George, professor of biology, will be the third speaker in the Focus on Excellence Award Series on Tuesday, Oct. 30, at 4 p.m. in the College of Information Technology Profession Development Center, Room 3301. Her lecture is titled "Does Diet Matter: Ingestion Rates, Growth and Development of Echinoderm Larvae." She is the recipient of the Award for Excellence in Research/Creative Scholarly Activity, which recognizes individuals who excel in their research efforts in addition to fulfilling full-time teaching responsibilities. A reception will follow the presentation.

### **Excellence in Research Awards submissions due Nov. 1**

Each year the Faculty Research Committee holds a competition for the Awards for Excellence in Research. Two awards are given each fiscal year to recognize demonstrated excellence in research with recipients announced at the annual fall convocation. Awards are accompanied by a \$4,000 summer stipend to allow recipients time to devote to their scholarly pursuit. Faculty who have received an Excellence in Research Award during the past five years are not eligible to compete.

To nominate a faculty member, submit a written statement to the Office of Research Services and Sponsored Programs at P.O. Box 8005 or ehaynes@georgiasouthern.edu, no later than 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1.

Guidelines for the award are available at [http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/research/proposal\\_development.htm](http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/research/proposal_development.htm).

### **Graduate School Fair Nov. 7**

The Office of Career Services and the College of Graduate Studies will host the annual Graduate School Fair on Wednesday, Nov. 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom.

The fair is an all-campus event to provide information regarding graduate school options. Representatives from Georgia Southern, as well as representatives from other universities will be in attendance to answer student questions regarding the application process and graduate degrees offered. Faculty are encouraged to bring classes that meet during this time to the event and ask students to attend as a class assignment.

For a complete listing of universities attending, visit <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/career>.

For more information, contact Amy Rowell at ext. 5197 or [awilliams@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:awilliams@georgiasouthern.edu).

### **WGST project competition submissions due March 1**

The Women's and Gender Studies (WGST) Research and Project Competition submission forms are available online at <http://class.georgiasouthern.edu/wgender/awards.php>.

Faculty are asked to encourage their students who have excelled in their classes to submit their project for the WGST Award. Projects may come from spring or fall 2007 courses. Submissions are due by Saturday, March 1.

For more information, contact Nancy Malcom at ext. 5168 or [nmalcom@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:nmalcom@georgiasouthern.edu).

### **Library workshops underway**

The Henderson Library computer workshops are currently underway. These workshops will help participants become computer savvy and improve their research skills using licensed resources accessible through GALILEO. The workshops are open to all students, faculty and staff.

For more information, visit <http://library.georgiasouthern.edu/workshops.html> or contact the Henderson Library Information Services Department at ext. 5645.

### **Educational Renewal Call for Proposals - Deadline Extended**

The Colleges of Education at Georgia Southern and Huazhong Normal University announce the Call for Proposals for the Conference on Educational Renewal and School Development in an Era of Cultural Diversity to be held May 16-19, 2008. This four-day conference will take place on the Huazhong Normal University campus in Wuhan, China. Registration for the conference includes accommodations and meals, as well as a campus and city tour. The deadline for submissions has been extended to Monday, Oct. 15. Proposals may be submitted through the online submission form found at <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/EdRSD.html>.

For more information on the Call for Proposals, contact Janice Reynolds at ext. 1755.

### **SoTL Commons Conference Nov. 1-2**

The Center for Excellence in Teaching has initiated the conference "The SoTL Commons: A Conference for the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning" to be held Thursday, Nov. 1, and Friday, Nov. 2.

Proposals for presentations at the conference were received from many countries and various parts of the United States. The registration fee has been reduced to \$70 for Georgia Southern faculty, staff and administrators.

To register for the conference, visit <http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/ijstl/conference/registration.htm>.

### **Bulloch County Eagle Club pre-season rally Nov. 6**

The Bulloch County Eagle Club will host a basketball pre-season rally and dinner Tuesday, Nov. 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Gene Bishop Field House at Paulson Stadium.

The evening will feature Jeff Price, men's basketball head coach, and Rusty Cram, women's basketball head coach.

Tickets are \$12 per person and available at the Office of Alumni Relations. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call ext. 5691.

### **Emerging Technology Center offers workshops**

The Emerging Technology Center will continue providing workshops for various programs throughout the fall semester. For an updated listing of available workshops, visit the training page on the Web site at <http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/etc/>.

All workshops are held in the College of Education building, room 2150. For questions, contact the department at ext. 0882.

## **Submit news items and faculty/staff notes to be included in *This Week***

E-mail items for *This Week* to [thisweek@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:thisweek@georgiasouthern.edu) or use the online submission form at [http://news.georgiasouthern.edu/thisweek\\_form.htm](http://news.georgiasouthern.edu/thisweek_form.htm). All submissions are subject to editing for style and length. Submissions should be summarized in typed narrative form. Deadline for submissions is noon Wednesday. Submissions received after the deadline will be held until the next issue. Please be sure to include your name and campus telephone number.

### **Faculty/Staff Connection**

- CompTIA recognized Georgia Southern for sending **Timur Mirzoev**, assistant professor of information technology, as a Subject Matter Expert (SME) who contributed time and expertise toward the maintenance of the of the CompTIA A+ certification exams. He appears in the listing at <http://certification.comptia.org/a/about.aspx>.
- **Lorne Wolfe**, professor of biology, recently presented three invited seminars about his research on the evolutionary basis of biological invasions. The seminars were held at the Society for the Study of Evolution meeting in Christchurch, New Zealand; the Ecological Society of America meeting in San Jose, Calif.; and the Department of Genetics at the University of Georgia.
- At the annual National Association for Campus Activities South Regional Conference, the **Office of Student Activities/Eagle Entertainment** received the following awards: Outstanding Student Leader of the Year - Jonathan Martinez; Theme Poster - first place for Homecoming 2006 "Eagles of the Carribean"; Non-poster - first place for urinal screens as creative marketing.
- At the annual National Association for Campus Activities South Regional Conference, the **Multicultural Student Center** received the Multicultural Program of the Year - first place for Unity Fest.