



## Recent study relates health status and housing for HIV-positive young women

A recent research paper from the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health points out that health is based on more than proper eating and exercise. Access to adequate housing also plays an important role in determining the status of an individual's health.

Lead author on the paper is Alison Scott, assistant professor of community health and health behavior. Titled "HIV and Housing Assistance in Four U.S. Cities: Variations in Local Experience," the research looked at women ages 18-24 being cared for at HIV clinics focusing on treatment of younger patients. The study, part of Scott's doctoral research, is one piece of a larger study conducted by Johns Hopkins and the Adolescent Trials Network (ATN) on helping patients adhere to HIV medications. The research paper is included in a special issue of the journal *Aids and Behavior* that examines the links between HIV and housing.

For this paper, researchers interviewed women with HIV who lived in New York, New Orleans, Miami, and Chicago, looking at the "housing context" of each city. Participants also provided information about their annual monthly budgets.

"In all four cities we found that housing assistance, or the lack of it, had great ramifications for how well HIV-positive women engaged the health care system," said Scott. "Women who did not receive housing assistance moved frequently, often in and out of homelessness. Women who received long-term housing assistance, although still struggling financially, had a stable base from which to engage in HIV care."

Of the study participants, those living in New York had full access to rent assistance, but in Miami, only one woman of the 15 interviewed received rent assistance. Aid in Miami is available through the city's Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) only for those HIV-positive people who demonstrate an AIDS diagnosis. One Miami woman in the study admitted to neglecting her health so that her T-cell count would go down, thereby moving her to an AIDS diagnosis and qualifying her for housing assistance.

"This study illustrates the importance of viewing the connection between housing and HIV in the context of local delivery of housing assistance," said Scott. "We need to ask a variety of questions about services, eligibility requirements, structure and duration of subsidy, and housing costs in the context of already limited household budgets."

## See life 'From a Positive View' Sept. 12

The Multicultural Student Center and Health Services will present "From a Positive View" Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

The program will feature two HIV-Positive speakers, Jill Royer and Todd Clack, who will discuss their personal life experience and living with HIV. Royer and Clack volunteer for AID Atlanta, the Southeast's largest AIDS services organization. In addition to sponsoring education programs to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS, the organization provides comprehensive support and services for those living with HIV/AIDS. The mission of AID Atlanta is to empower HIV positive Georgians to live independent, productive lives, and to deliver world-class education programs to help stop the spread of HIV by reducing at-risk behaviors in targeted populations.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact La'Shanda Johnson, assistant director in Health Services, at [ljohnso2@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:ljohnso2@georgiasouthern.edu).

## Flying Eagles offers trips

Plan to spend the new year on a Western Caribbean cruise with the Flying Eagles travel program from Thursday, Dec. 27, through Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008. Ports of call during the 10-day cruise include Mexico, Belize, Costa Rica, Panama and Grand Cayman. The early bird registration deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 12. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/travelcaribbean.html> or contact Janice Reynolds at ext. 1755.

In May, the Flying Eagles will be traveling to the Danube River. The trip will leave on Saturday, May 31, and return Monday, June 9. The eight-day journey will begin in Nuremberg, Germany, and end in Budapest, Austria. Participants booking prior to Monday, Oct. 1, will receive a \$350 per person discount. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/traveldanube.html> or contact Sybil Fickle at ext. 5557.

## Business leadership course will begin on Sept. 12

Georgia Southern is offering a non-credit business leadership course at the Coastal Georgia Center in Savannah.

"Leadership Skills for the Front-Line Manager" will be held on eight consecutive Wednesdays from Sept. 12 through Oct. 31. Each session will run from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The 32-hour course will train managers, supervisors and other administrative personnel with leadership responsibilities. Each class will focus on a particular topic, such as communication among employees, legal concerns for supervisors, handling conflict and criticism, and effective methods of coaching employees.

### 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.

### September

- 10 **Cinema Arts presents "Volver,"**  
Russell Union Theatre, \$2, 7:15 p.m.
- 14 **International Conversation Hour**,  
Russell Union Room 2047,  
11:30 a.m.  
**Women's Soccer** - Mercer at Georgia Southern, 4 p.m.
- 15 **Volleyball** - UNC Greensboro at Georgia Southern, 2 p.m.  
**Football** - Eagles at Coastal Carolina, 7 p.m.
- 16 **Junior Recital**, First Presbyterian Church, 3 p.m.
- 17 **From Protest to Peace exhibit opens**, Museum.
- 19 **Women's Soccer** - The Citadel at Georgia Southern, 2 p.m.  
**Men's Soccer** - North Florida at Georgia Southern, 5 p.m.
- 20 **Symphonic Wind Ensemble & Wind Symphony Concert**, Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 21 **International Conversation Hour**,  
Russell Union Ballroom, 11:30 a.m.  
**Women's Soccer** - Marshall at Georgia Southern, 4 p.m.  
**"DAWN: Mission to the Asteroid Belt,"** Planetarium, 7 p.m. & 8 p.m.  
**Faculty Recital Series featuring David Murray and Michelle Murray**, First Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m.
- 22 **Football** - UTC at Georgia Southern, 7 p.m.

Co-sponsored by Georgia Southern's College of Business Administration and the University's Continuing Education Center, the course has trained managers and supervisors from such varying fields as manufacturing, distribution, hospitality, transportation, health care and government.

The fee for the course is \$600 per person. Groups of four or more from the same organization will receive a corporate rate of \$550 per person.

To register, visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/supervisor.html> or call ext. 5551. For more information on any of the business and career development courses offered by Georgia Southern, email [seminars@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:seminars@georgiasouthern.edu) or call ext. 1763.

### **Unity Fest to be held Sept. 13**

Georgia Southern will hold the fifth annual Unity Fest on Thursday, Sept. 13, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Recreation Activity Center (RAC) Pavilion and Bandshelter. The event will include free food, entertainment, music, giveaways and showcases from student organizations in celebration of diversity as a campus and as a community.

"The objective of this program is to gather the campus community in a safe environment to embrace our differences and celebrate our commonalities in order to achieve awareness and appreciation," said Consuela Ward Pender, director of the Multicultural Student Center.

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

### **Arts in the Heart Sept. 14-16**

The Center for Irish Studies will be taking part in Arts in the Heart, the annual arts festival held in Augusta, Ga., and sponsored by the Greater Augusta Arts Council. Each year the festival highlights visual and performing arts from different ethnic groups. Approximately six groups representing 35 countries will be in attendance.

During the festival Howard Keeley, director of the Center for Irish Studies and assistant professor in the Department of Literature and Philosophy, will be presenting information on the peace murals of Northern Ireland. "The Center is trying to fulfill the mission of being integrated into the broader coastal community and building public and private partnerships," Keeley said. "We are really pleased they invited us to get involved."

For more information on the festival, visit <http://www.artsintheheart.com/>.

### **Memorial service for David Starnes Sept. 14**

A memorial service for the late David Starnes, Writing and Linguistics instructor, will be held Friday, Sept. 14, at 5:30 p.m. on Sweetheart Circle. The open mike service will provide students, faculty, staff and others who knew Starnes a chance to publicly honor him and meet his family and friends.

The campus and community are invited to attend the ceremony. A reception will follow in the Georgia Southern Museum. Copies of Starnes' book "Original Skin" and a poetry collection co-written with his father, David Starnes Sr., "The Acorn and the Oak," are available at the University Store and The Book & Cranny. Proceeds from these sales will benefit the David Starnes Memorial Scholarship Fund.

### **Human Resources offers training**

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

- Mail and Postal Services Procedures at Georgia Southern, Monday, Sept. 10, 10 a.m. to noon, HR Training Room. The workshop will discuss effectively utilizing and understanding University postal services.

- How to Handle Distressed Students, Tuesday, Sept. 11, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Nessmith-Lane Building Room 2904. This workshop is designed for faculty and staff at Georgia Southern to provide knowledge and tools for assisting students in distress.

- Hazardous Waste Management, Tuesday, Sept. 11, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., College of Education Room 3153.

- P-Card Renewal Training, Tuesday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Contract Services Conference Room.

- The student worker series Surviving the Workplace with three modules will be offered to assist student workers representing campus departments in a professional manner. Module One - Customer Service: It Is My Job, Wednesday, Sept. 12, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Module Two - Making a Statement: Professionalism in the Workplace, Wednesday, Sept. 19, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Module Three - Managing Multiple Priorities, Tuesday, Oct. 30, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

- P-Card Training, Thursday, Sept. 13, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Contract Services Conference Room.

- Banner Navigation Training, Friday, Sept. 14, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., HR Training Room. New Banner users will learn basic navigation.

- Word Level I, Monday, Sept. 17, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., College of Education Building Room 2150. The workshop is for all campus employees, student workers and faculty who would like to increase their computer skills using Word.

- Hiring the Right Person, Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., HR Training Room. This workshop provides the techniques to transform participants into an extraordinary interviewer. It is interactive, giving all participants opportunity to practice and perfect new skills and concepts.

- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Wednesday, Sept. 26, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., HR Training Room. This workshop will cover the basic requirements of FERPA, including which records are covered by the Act and what obligations University employees have regarding those records.

#### **Coming in October:**

- Management Training Series. All classes will be held in Nessmith-Lane Building Room 2904 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Session One - Becoming a Manager at Georgia Southern, Tuesday, Oct. 9; Session Two - Communication, Decision Making and Delegating, Thursday, Oct. 11; Session Three - Roles and Responsibilities, Tuesday, Oct. 16; Session Four - Developing Employees, Thursday, Oct. 18; Session Five - Creating a Positive Work Environment, Tuesday, Oct. 23; Handling Conflict, Thursday, Oct. 25.

To complete the Management Series, participants must attend all six 2 1/2 hour modules.

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.

### **Friday Lunch Series continues**

The Fall Hotel and Restaurant Management Friday Lunch Series will continue Friday, Sept. 14

Future lunches are scheduled for Sept. 21, Oct. 19 and 26; and Nov. 2 and 9. A Friends of the Library luncheon will be held Friday, Sept. 28. 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).

For reservations to the Friends of the Library luncheon, contact the Library at ext. 5115.

## **Student leadership conference Sept. 15**

Georgia Southern's Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement will host the "Leadership Prime Time: What's Your Focus? Conference" Saturday, Sept. 15, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Russell Union. Check-in begins at 8 a.m. outside the Russell Union Theater.

"The student planning committee came up with this year's theme. They want to help students find their focus whether it be a specific organization, improving their leadership skills or meeting other students to network and build collaboration," said Jodi Middleton, leadership coordinator in the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement.

The conference is geared to students of all levels who are interested in leadership. Participants may choose from sessions on balancing life and leadership, marketing leadership skills, effective communication for conflict resolution, teambuilding, and more.

"The sessions are designed around the social change model for leadership development. They will focus on the students as individual leaders and group leadership," Middleton added. "Students will learn what they can do and their potential to change society, whether that society is Georgia Southern, their hometown, the world or wherever they go."

The keynote speaker is Dan Czech, associate professor, graduate program director and sport psychology coordinator in the Department of Health and Kinesiology at Georgia Southern. "Dr. Czech will speak about not having fear when it comes to achieving success," Middleton said.

Registration fees are \$10 for Georgia Southern students and \$20 for non-Georgia Southern students. The cost includes a continental breakfast, lunch and the day of training sessions. To register, visit <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/leadership/savethedate.php>.

For more information on the conference, contact the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement at ext. 1435.

## **Evening Muse open-mike night Sept. 15**

The Evening Muse will host an open-mike poetry reading Saturday, Sept. 15, at 7 p.m. at the Averitt Center for the Arts. The event is free and open to students, faculty and the general public. Readers are asked to limit their selections to five minutes. Original work is encouraged. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information, contact the Department of Writing and Linguistics at ext. 0739.

## **Boston Tea Party Sept. 17**

The Government Documents Department of the Henderson Library is sponsoring a Boston Tea Party, Southern Style, Monday, Sept. 17, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Library Atrium on the first floor. The first 200 visitors will receive a free gift courtesy of Congressman John Barrow.

Tea, cookies and an opportunity to register to vote will be available. The event is free.

## **Soweto Street Beat Dance Theatre performs Sept. 18**

The Multicultural Student Center will present the Soweto Street Beat Dance Theatre Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

Soweto Street Beat is the only professional South African dance troupe in the United States. The group came together in Soweto, an urban area in the City of Johannesburg, in Gauteng, South Africa, in 1989 and relocated to Atlanta in 1992. The mission of the group is to teach audiences of all ages the cultural arts and history of South Africa.

The group began as an organization targeting at-risk youth surrounded by crime and poverty in Soweto. The young men were taught to become professional dancers and learned methods of channeling their energies into positive and creative activities.

The performance is free and open to the community.

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

## **Gaels of Music Sept. 18**

The Center for Irish Studies will sponsor the second annual "Gaels of Music" variety concert Tuesday, Sept. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in the Emma Kelly Theater at the Averitt Center for the Arts. All proceeds from the concert will benefit the Eddie Ivie Scholarship for Study in Ireland.

"A noted Savannah chef and restaurateur, the late Eddie Ivie, had a passion for Ireland, especially its poetry and music," said Howard Keeley, director of the Center for Irish Studies and assistant professor of literature and philosophy. "All of the performers are donating their time and talents for the evening. It's phenomenal that they are willing to do this because they believe in us."

The show will be hosted by Harry O'Donoghue, who is no stranger to the Georgia Southern, Statesboro and Savannah communities. He has anchored Irish Folk Music Nights in Statesboro for a decade and uses his wit to bring the spirit of Ireland to life in music that appeals to people of all ages.

The headline performer is Mary Courtney, an expert on the guitar and bodhran. Courtney hails from a family distinguished in the performance of traditional Irish music. She and her band, Morningstar, include much from that rich legacy in their repertoire, but also showcase contemporary ballads and topical pieces.

Also scheduled to appear are: Frank Emerson, folk vocals and guitarist; Colleen Settle, fiddle; Bobby Hendrix, uilleann pipes; Stephen Faulk, classical tenor; Butch Elmgren, spoken word; and the Irish dancers of Savannah.

Tickets for the event are \$10 for students, senior citizens, active military and children under 13 and \$12 for all other groups. They may be purchased by calling the Averitt Center Box Office at 212-ARTS or Rebecca Malott in the Department of Literature and Philosophy at ext. 5471.

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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).



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## **Visiting artist Sept. 19**

Ceramic sculptor Peter Callas will discuss his work during a free public lecture Wednesday, Sept. 19, at 5 p.m. in the Arts Building, Room 2016. His research in the rare, ancient style "anagama" kiln, a wood-fired type Callas prefers, has further expanded and defined the presence of ceramic sculpture in contemporary art.

In addition to his public lecture, Callas will share his technical expertise and creative aesthetic as artist in residence, working with ceramics majors to create an anagama style kiln at the Ceramics and Sculpture Studio.

The lecture is free and open to anyone interested. It is sponsored by Club Mud and the Photography Club with additional funding provided by CLEC. The event is part of the 2007-08 Betty Foy Sanders Department of Art Visiting Artist Program. For more information, contact Jane Pleak at [jpleak@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:jpleak@georgiasouthern.edu).

## **Planetarium presents public evening Sept. 21**

The Georgia Southern Planetarium will present "DAWN: Mission to the Asteroid Belt" Friday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. JPL Solar System Ambassador Becky Lowder will discuss the launch of DAWN to Asteroid Vesta and Dwarf Planet Ceres.

Star shows and telescopic observing of Jupiter will follow each presentation. NASA bookmarks, paper spacecraft models and more will be given away while supplies last.

The shows are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Department of Physics at ext. 5292.

## **Career Services hosts Dare to Declare Conference**

Career Services will host the Dare to Declare Conference on Wednesday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Russell Union. The event targets freshmen and sophomore students who are undecided about their careers. Students may attend a series of interactive programs designed to "open the door to their futures." Programs include topics on career assessments, values and skills.

Students wishing to attend must register by Friday, Sept. 21. Students who attend the conference will have the chance to win up to \$200.

For more information on these events and the registration process, contact Career Services at ext. 5197 or visit the Web site at <http://students.georgiasouthern.edu/career/>.

## **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, Sept. 27 - Joe Franklin, vice president for business and finance.
- 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>

## **Training in HR and legal issues set for Sept. 28**

Jeff Thompson, an attorney from the law firm of Constangy, Brooks & Smith, will be on campus Friday, September 28, for a training session on employee relations and the law. The session will be offered twice. Thompson's firm was retained by the University System of Georgia to provide all units of the system with training and updates on legal topics in the workplace. Sessions are scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., and both will take place in the Assembly Hall of the Nessmith-Lane Building.

"This training is valuable for anyone in your organization managing employees and making decisions regarding employees," said Thompson. "We encourage all campuses to invite vice presidents, deans, department heads, managers, and supervisors to attend."

The training will cover critical areas of employment law that every manager should know:

- Best practices in hiring
- What you can and cannot ask during an interview
- How to properly motivate today's employees
- Traits of good documentation, i.e. progressive discipline, performance evaluations
- What should be contained in a disciplinary memo
- Employee searches and other constitutional protections
- Harassment and other misconduct
- Free speech rights
- Importance of preventative law

Any campus with particular points of specific interest may ask to have those topics included in the training.

The Department of Human Resources and the Office of Legal Affairs at Georgia Southern have collaborated to sponsor this training, and the President's Cabinet offered its support in bringing the training to campus. There is no need to register for this informative presentation. However, if you have any questions, please contact Training and Development at ext. 1687.

## **Friends of the Library Luncheon Sept. 28**

The Friends of the Library will hold a luncheon on Friday, Sept. 28, at noon in the Family & Consumer Sciences dining room. The speaker will be Merrill Penson, executive director for Library Service with the Board of Regents. Tickets are \$20 per person. To make a reservation, contact the Henderson Library's dean's office at ext. 5115 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The deadline to purchase tickets is Thursday, Sept. 20.

The lunch menu will include a mixed green salad with grit croutons tossed in a fresh blueberry vinaigrette, pan seared cheese ravioli with marinara, sauteed lemon pork cutlet and parmesan duchess potatoes on a bed of fresh spinach deglazed with white wine, and creme brulee for dessert. A vegetarian alternative is also available.

## **Acclaimed Writer Peter Meinke to read Oct. 1**

Award-winning poet and fiction writer Peter Meinke will read from his work on Monday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. in Room 1115 of the College of Education Building. Earlier in the day, Meinke will meet with creative writing students for an informal question and answer session. The reading, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Department of Writing and Linguistics.

Meinke has published 15 books of poems, seven in the prestigious Pitt Poetry Series, the most recent being *The Contracted World* (2006), *Zinc Fingers* (2001), *Scars* (1996) and *Liquid Paper* (1996). His work has appeared in *The Atlantic*, *The New Yorker*, *The New Republic* and dozens of other magazines.

His poetry has received many awards, including two NEA Fellowships and three prizes from the Poetry Society of America. His book of short stories, *The Piano Tuner*, won the 1986 Flannery O'Connor Award; another collection, *Unheard Music*, will be published this fall, along with his book on reading and writing poems, *The Shape of Poetry*.

He and his wife, the artist Jeanne Clark, have lived in St. Petersburg, Fla., since 1966. In the spring of 2008 he'll be Distinguished Poet-in-Residence at Wichita State University, Wichita, Kan.

For further information, contact the Department of Writing and Linguistics at ext. 0739.

## **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.

## **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."

## **Library workshops underway**

The Henderson Library computer workshops are currently underway. These workshops will assist participants to become computer savvy and to improve 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.

## **Cross-Cultural Conference Call for Proposals**

The Cross-Cultural Conference announces the Call for Proposals for its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference to be held Friday, Feb. 8, and Saturday, Feb. 9. Proposals may be submitted through the online submission form at <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/ccissues.html>. The deadline for submissions is Monday, Oct. 1. Details regarding registration, accommodations and the conference location may also be found on the site.

For more information on the Call for Proposals, contact Sybil Fickle at ext. 5557.

## **GERA Call for Proposals**

The Georgia Educational Research Association(GERA), in partnership with Georgia Southern's Continuing Education Center, announces the Call for Proposals for its 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting to be held in Savannah at the Coastal Georgia Center Friday, Oct. 26. Proposals may be submitted through the online submission form found on the Annual Meeting Web site at <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/gera07.html>. The deadline for submissions is Saturday, Sept. 1. Details regarding registration, accommodations and the Annual Meeting location may also be found on the site.

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

## **Educational Renewal Call for Proposals**

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 is Monday, Oct. 1. 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/ijsotl/conference/registration.htm>.

## **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**

- **Dolores Rangel**, assistant professor in the Department of Foreign Language, published the paper "Muniz-Huberman: neomisticismo, exilio y memoria en Morada interioro" in the *Revista de Literatura Mexicana Contemporanea*, Vol. 32.
- **Michael Reksulak**, assistant professor of economics, writes a bi-weekly column on business and economics in the *Savannah Morning News*. His latest column discussed the underlying causes of the current credit crisis and can be found at <http://savannahnow.com/node/353442>. Earlier columns can be read at <http://coba.georgiasouthern.edu/depts/ded/SEDinthenews.html>.
- **Edward W.L. Smith**, professor of psychology and director of clinical training, has published the article "Behind and Beneath the Faces of Fear" in *Voices: The Art and Science of Psychotherapy* (2007, Vol. 43, No. 2, 57-61).