



## Department of Chemistry climbs to No. 13 in national rankings

For the fourth time in five years, the Department of Chemistry boasts one of the most productive degree programs in the United States.

According to the latest rankings by the American Chemical Society (ACS) Committee on Professional Training, Georgia Southern is No. 13 in the nation for the number of graduates who earned a certified bachelor's degree in chemistry.

In addition, Georgia Southern is the highest-ranked institution in the state.

"I am delighted that we continue to be recognized at a national level for our outstanding undergraduate program as well as our commitment to the profession," said Mary Boyd, the chair of the Department of Chemistry.

To compile the rankings, the ACS surveyed the more than 640 colleges and universities that have a bachelor's degree program which has been certified by the ACS.

The institutions are ranked based on the number of graduates they produce in a given academic year. Thirty-four Georgia Southern students earned certified degrees in 2005-2006, the year used by the ACS for its most recent survey.

The University was tied for No. 19 in the previous national rankings, which covered the 2004-2005 academic year. Georgia Southern was No. 22 in the 2003-2004 rankings, and also No. 22 in the 2001-2002 rankings.

The ACS is comprised of more than 158,000 individual members at all degree levels and in all fields of chemistry. The organization provides a broad range of opportunities for peer interaction and career development.

The ACS Committee on Professional Training has been assessing, approving and monitoring undergraduate chemistry programs since 1941. Students in approved programs can earn certified degrees by completing a rigorous curriculum that satisfies ACS requirements.

According to the ACS, some employers offer higher starting salaries to graduates who have certified degrees. Also, a certified degree can be beneficial in obtaining admission to graduate school.

The latest ACS survey revealed that 12,120 students received their bachelor's degrees during the 2005-2006 academic year from institutions that offer a certified degree program. However, only 4,252 of these graduates (35.1 percent) earned certified degrees. The study also showed that 6,291 of the certified degrees (51.9 percent) were awarded to women.

The top five institutions in the ACS rankings for certified bachelor's degrees are, in order: the University of Texas at Austin, the University of California at San Diego, the University of Virginia, the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and the University of California at Santa Barbara.

The national rankings also include the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (in a four-way tie at No. 16) and the U.S. Naval Academy (in a four-way tie at No. 21).

The Georgia Institute of Technology – which is among the schools tied at No. 21 – is the only other Georgia university to appear in the national rankings for certified bachelor's degrees.

For more information on the Department of Chemistry at Georgia Southern, visit <http://cost.georgiasouthern.edu/chemistry> or call ext. 5681.

## AJC Editor Bert Roughton Jr. to present Fries Lecture Sept. 26

Bert Roughton Jr., managing editor of the print version of the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, will visit Georgia Southern Wednesday, Sept. 26, at 7:30 p.m., to present this year's Norman Fries Distinguished Lecture. His presentation, which is free and open to the public, will take place at the Performing Arts Center.

In addition to discussing his experiences as a working journalist for more than three decades, Roughton will explore the role played by newspapers and other traditional media in today's digital world.

Roughton began his college career at Georgia Southern in 1973. He moved to Beirut in 1974 and attended the American University of Beirut in 1975, studying economics and comparative political systems. He returned to Statesboro, but eventually transferred to Georgia State University in 1977. He began his career in 1979 at *This Week* in Peachtree City and was hired by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* in 1981.

A working journalist for three decades, Roughton has spent most of his career as a reporter covering everything from routine school board meetings to major plane crashes, war and the business and politics of the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

In 1997, Roughton won an AP first-place award for a series of stories on how well-connected consultants influenced real estate development in metro Atlanta. In 1998, he was posted to the London Bureau of Cox Newspapers, the chain of more than 30 papers that includes the AJC. While based in London he covered many topics, including the troubles in Northern Ireland, the war in Kosovo, and Europe's shift to a single currency, the Euro. He also wrote about the children orphaned by Africa's AIDS epidemic, a project that merited a prestigious National Headliner Award in 2000.

### 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

- 24 **General Student Recital**, Williams Center, 1 p.m.  
**Cinema Arts presents "Dead Man's Shoes,"** Russell Union Theatre, \$2, 7:15 p.m.  
**Southern Georgia Symphony Concert**, Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 27 **Men's Soccer** - Wofford at Georgia Southern, 5 p.m.  
**Faculty Recital Series** featuring Linda Gionitti, Karla Qualls, Cheung Chau, Matt Fallin and Heidi Bindhammer, Trinity Episcopal Church, 7:30 p.m.
- 28 **International Conversation Hour**, Russell Union Room 2047, 11:30 a.m.
- 29 **Equestrian** - Home show at Evermore Farms in Brooklet  
**Volleyball** - Chattanooga at Georgia Southern, noon  
**Football** - Western Carolina at Georgia Southern, 3:30 p.m.
- 30 **Equestrian** - Home show at Evermore Farms in Brooklet  
**Volleyball** - Western Carolina at Georgia Southern, 2 p.m.  
**Women's Soccer** - Chattanooga at Georgia Southern, 2 p.m.  
**Jazz Band Concert**, Performing Arts Center, 3 p.m.

In 2003 Roughton was named Metro Editor and placed in charge of the largest local news staff in the southeast. Named managing editor of the AJC in February 2007, he is responsible for determining the newspaper's content and presentation and is playing a key role in reinventing the newspaper to compete in the digital age.

The Norman Fries Distinguished Lectureship Series began in 2001. It is funded by an endowment in honor of the late Norman Fries, who was the founder of Claxton Poultry. In his more than 50 years in business, Fries built the company from a one-man operation into one of the nation's largest poultry production plants.

### **Memory Project speakers on campus Sept. 24-25**

Abha Thakkar and Ben Schumaker, coordinators of The Memory Project, will be on campus Monday, Sept. 24, and Tuesday, Sept. 25, to discuss Books of Hope and Memory Portraits.

On Monday, Sept. 24, they will present a talk and slide show on Books of Hope and Memory Portraits at 7 p.m. in the College of Education Lecture Hall, Room 1115. On Tuesday, Sept. 25, they will host the workshop "Creating Children's Books" from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Assembly Hall of the Nessmith-Lane Building.

Books of Hope are books written and illustrated by American students from grade school to college. The books are geared to young readers and are distributed to children in Uganda and India. Approximately 30,000 American students have participated in Books of Hope. This number includes more than 200 Georgia Southern students. For more information on Books of Hope, visit <http://www.booksofhope.org>.

Memory Portraits use photographs of children from various countries that are sent to accomplished art students. These students paint portraits based on the photographs and the portraits are then presented to the children.

For more information on the presentations, contact Theresa Welford, associate professor in the Department of Writing and Linguistics, at [welfordtm@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:welfordtm@georgiasouthern.edu).

### **Irish Folk Music Nights Sept. 24-25**

Irish Folk Music Nights will be held on Monday, Sept. 24, and Tuesday, Sept. 25. Popular and acclaimed Celtic folk musician Harry O'Donoghue will perform two shows each evening at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. at the French Quarter Café in downtown Statesboro.

O'Donoghue, who is no stranger to the Georgia Southern, Statesboro and Savannah communities, has anchored Irish Folk Music Nights for a decade and uses his wit to bring the spirit of Ireland to life in music that appeals to people of all ages. He combines superb vocal and instrumental talents with a charismatic stage presence. O'Donoghue also hosts the popular radio show, The Green Island, broadcast weekly statewide on Georgia Public Radio.

Irish Folk Music Nights are sponsored by Georgia Southern's Center for Irish Studies in cooperation with the French Quarter Café. Admission is \$2 per person and reservations are recommended. Reservations can be made by calling (912) 489-3233. Due to high demand for Irish Folk Music Nights, reservations not honored 15 minutes into the show may be lost.

### **Study Abroad Fair Sept. 25**

The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Study Abroad Fair will be held Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Russell Union Ballroom. The fair is an opportunity for students to obtain information about programs available through Georgia Southern and other institutions throughout the University System of Georgia.

Program directors from Georgia Southern and other universities within the system, as well as Financial Aid and the Registrar's Office will be on hand to discuss courses and countries available for studying abroad and how students may apply their financial aid toward these

courses. Georgia Southern students who have studied abroad will be available to discuss their experiences with students who are interested in learning more.

For more information, contact Jeff Palis, study abroad and exchange coordinator, at ext. 1747 or visit [http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/international/study\\_abroad](http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/international/study_abroad).

### **'Southeast Georgia on our Minds' continues Sept. 25 in Millen with detective fiction writers**

Mary Hadley and H. Charles Martin will present "Writing Detective Fiction Where We Live: Confessions of a Statesboro Couple" Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Jenkins County Memorial Library, 223 Daniel St. in Millen. Their presentation continues "Southeast Georgia on our Minds," an eight-part series of community programs on the people, history, culture, and literature of southeast Georgia.

Hadley is an associate professor of writing in the Department of Writing and Linguistics at Georgia Southern University. She and her husband, writer and art restorer H. Charles Martin, write detective fiction under the nom de plume "Mary Charles." Some of their novels include "Nightmare in Savannah," "The Reluctant Corpse," and "Savannah Scores."

Each "Southeast Georgia on Our Minds" session includes a presentation by a Georgia Southern Humanities faculty member followed by audience interaction and discussion.

The sessions begin at 7 p.m., but refreshments are available beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Sept. 25 session focuses on themes in the Humanities through contemporary regional writing and writers.

"Southeast Georgia on Our Minds" is sponsored by the Georgia Humanities Council and facilitated by Georgia Southern University in partnership with Screven-Jenkins Regional Library System. It is free of charge and open to the general public, with refreshments provided by the Friends of the libraries involved. For more information about the series, contact the project director, Martha Pennington, at Georgia Southern University, ext. 1326.

### **CRI hosting golf scramble**

Campus Recreation & Intramurals (CRI) will host its annual Intramural Sports Golf Tournament Sunday, Sept. 30, at 1 p.m. at Southern Links Golf Club. The two-person event has divisions for University students, faculty/staff and alumni. The top three teams in each division will qualify to compete in the National Collegiate Golf Championship held in Las Vegas.

Entry fees are \$45 per student and \$55 per faculty/staff or alumni. The cost includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, buffet lunch and prizes. Registration is available at the CRI office in the Recreation Activity Center from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. The deadline to register is Tuesday, Sept. 25, by 8 p.m. Participants may also register online at [cgagolflinks.com](http://cgagolflinks.com).

For more information, visit [www.georgiasouthern.edu/services/cri/im](http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/services/cri/im) or contact the Intramural Sports Staff at ext. 5436.

### **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/>.

### **Susan G. Komen for the Cure in Statesboro**

## Sept. 27

Georgia Southern will host Susan G. Komen for the Cure's community education and outreach tour, Komen on the Go™, on Thursday, Sept. 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the rotunda of the Russell Union Building. The tour is a nationwide initiative delivering life-saving breast health information to all generations of women. It is open to both the University and Statesboro communities.

The pink trailer that carries Komen On the Go™ converts into an interactive learning center. This fun, hands-on experience features computer kiosks, breast cancer educational materials, breast self-examination (BSE) guides, information on how to volunteer locally, registration cards for the Komen Race for the Cure, tips on supporting loved ones facing breast cancer and an eight-foot "graffiti wall" for students to share a memory or pledge their personal support in the cause to end breast cancer.

Local breast cancer survivors and health care professionals will be on hand to share their experiences and knowledge.

"We are delighted to have Komen on the Go™ visit Georgia Southern, because we have a very special tie to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure organization," said La'Shanda Johnson, assistant director of the University's Health Services. "The President and CEO of the organization is Hala Moddemog, a Georgia Southern graduate and chair of University's recent Campaign for National Distinction. At last spring's commencement, the University awarded her an honorary doctorate in recognition of her lifetime of accomplishments in both the business and nonprofit worlds."

The tour stop at Georgia Southern is one of more than 150 stops for Komen On the Go™ and one of the few stops in Georgia. The tour is traveling across the nation to heighten awareness of breast health and breast cancer and to drive a deeper commitment from women to choose everyday health habits that reduce their risk for the disease.

For more information visit [www.komen.org/go](http://www.komen.org/go), contact Johnson at [ljohnso2@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:ljohnso2@georgiasouthern.edu), or call Health services at ext. 5641.

## Supplemental Retirement Fair Sept. 27

The Department of Human Resources invites all faculty and staff to the Supplemental Retirement Fair Thursday, Sept. 27, in the Russell Union Ballroom. The drop-in event will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The fair is an opportunity to meet with vendors and ask questions about your unique goals and objectives for saving for retirement through a tax-sheltered 403(b) account.

The following 403(b) vendors will be in attendance: AIG VALIC, Ameriprise Financial, AXA Equitable, Edward D. Jones, Horace Mann, Lincoln Financial, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, New York Life, OppenheimerFunds and TIAA-CREF.

For more information, contact Samantha Melton at ext. 1538.

## Door decorating contest entries due Sept. 28

Homecoming is around the corner. This year's theme is "Mystery of the Century." The Homecoming Steering Committee invites any campus department, office or center to participate in the annual Departmental Door Decoration Contest.

Each entity may enter up to two entries into the contest. Parameters for the contest include: door must be one standard door and should not use space around the door as those spaces will not be judged; door must be located in a central area that is used by students, faculty and staff; door decoration must incorporate both the Homecoming theme and the name/identity of the department; all entries must be in good taste and represent the department, Georgia Southern and Homecoming; the dean, department head or office director must approve all entries; any entry that does not meet these guidelines may be disqualified.

The doors will be judged by a panel of students consisting of, or selected by, the Homecoming Steering Committee. One "mystery" prize will be awarded to the best-decorated door following the parameters. All entry forms must be completed online by Friday, Sept. 28. Doors should be decorated by Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 4 p.m. Judging will occur Friday, Oct. 19. The entry form is available at <http://www.georgiasouthernhomecoming.com/>. Direct questions to Rachel Baker, administrative chair of the steering committee at [staff@georgiasouthernhomecoming.com](mailto:staff@georgiasouthernhomecoming.com).

## Inaugural 'Walk for Wishes' to benefit Make-A-Wish

The Office of Student Activities and the Office of Student Leadership and Civic Engagement are sponsors of the inaugural Statesboro Walk for Wishes to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Georgia and Alabama. The event will be held Saturday, Sept. 29, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Recreation Activity Center (RAC).

Walkers can participate individually or team up with family, friends, classmates and co-workers. The course is a 1.07 mile loop around the multiplex, starting and finishing at the RAC Pavilion. A finish line celebration will feature refreshments and activities for children.

The goal of the Walk for Wishes is to raise money to grant wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions.

"The Walk for Wishes fundraiser is an easy way for student organizations to come together and support one cause," said Bill Pickett, director of student activities.

Pre-registration is encouraged. Pre-registration requires a donation of at least \$10 per student, \$15 per person or \$30 for a family of four. Registration is also welcome at the event for an additional \$5 per person donation.

To register, contact Jean Doliber with the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Georgia and Alabama at 912-330-0476 or [jdoliber@ga-al.wish.org](mailto:jdoliber@ga-al.wish.org).

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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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For more information about the Make-A-Wish Foundation or the Walk for Wishes, visit [www.ga-al.wish.org](http://www.ga-al.wish.org).

## **Bee keeping workshop Sept. 29**

The Center for Wildlife Education is hosting the hands-on workshop "Introduction to Bee Keeping" Saturday, Sept. 29, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Wildlife Center. Norman Schmidt, professor of chemistry, will lead the workshop. The workshop will discuss the value of bees, bee natural history, beekeeping equipment and materials, and safety. Some protective clothing will be provided for the hands-on instructional activities.

To keep the workshop intimate, there is a participant limit of 15. Cost of the workshop is \$5 per person and participants must be at least 10 years old. Call the Wildlife Center at ext. 0831 to reserve your spot.

## **Human Resources offers training**

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

- PeopleAdmin, Monday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., HR Training Room
- Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), Monday, Sept. 24, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., HR Training Room.
- Word Level II, Monday, Sept. 24, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., College of Education Room 2150.
- Building & Maintaining Interpersonal Relations, Monday, Sept. 24, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Russell Union Room 2044. This workshop is designed for students.

• Admin. Support Series Session Four, Tuesday, Sept. 25, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Nessmith-Lane Building Room 2904.

• P-Card Training, Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., Contract Services Conference Room.

• Hazardous Waste Management, Wednesday, Sept. 26, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., College of Education Room 3153.

• Hazardous Waste Management, Wednesday, Sept. 26, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., College of Education Room 3153.

• 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.

- P-Card Renewal Training, Thursday, Sept. 27, Contract Services Conference Room, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
- Admin. Support Series Session Five, Friday, Sept. 28, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Nessmith-Lane Building Room 2904.

### **Coming in October:**

- Mail Merge, Monday, Oct. 1, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., HR Training Room.
- Dealing with Hostile Customers, Monday, Oct. 1, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., HR Training Room.
- Telling the World about Georgia Southern: Internal & External Communication Procedures, Wednesday, Oct. 3, HR Training Room. This workshop is for campus employees and faculty members who have an interest in promoting their programs or events.
- Workers' Compensation, Thursday, Oct. 11, 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., HR Training Room. This workshop is designed for both University supervisors and employees to obtain a greater understanding of Workers' Compensation and what it entails.
- 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.

## **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>

## **New season at Performing Arts Center will open with Roy Clark concert on Sept. 28**

The 2007-2008 season of the Performing Arts Center (PAC) will open with a concert by one of America's most popular and talented artists. Country music legend Roy Clark will perform at the PAC on Friday, Sept. 28, at 7:30 p.m.

A critically acclaimed guitar player and long-time member of the Grand Ole Opry, Clark has been named Entertainer of the Year by both the Academy of Country Music (ACM) and the Country Music Association (CMA).

He also served as co-host of the wildly popular "Hee Haw" television show for more than two decades.

Tickets for the Roy Clark concert are \$35 per person for the general public. Georgia Southern faculty, staff and students will receive a \$5 discount for each ticket.

In addition, if any tickets are available 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the performance, any Georgia Southern student with a valid University I.D. can purchase one ticket for \$10.

To purchase tickets or obtain additional information, call ext. 7999 or toll free (866) PAC-ARTS, or visit the PAC Web site at <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/pac>.

## **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, Sept. 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 Merryll 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.

## **Spanish class for health care professionals will start on Oct. 1**

Infants can develop iron-deficiency anemia unless they are breastfed or drink iron-fortified bottle formula for their first 12 months.

As a medical practitioner, you know this. But do you know how to explain it to a worried couple who speak only Spanish and don't understand why you want to test their baby's blood?

Georgia Southern is offering an eight-week course to give health care professionals practical experience of conversing in Spanish, using key words and phrases common to a medical setting.

"Spanish for Health Care Professionals" will run on eight consecutive Monday evenings from Oct. 1 through No. 19. The course is designed for nurses, personnel at hospitals, medical offices, pharmacies and health care centers, and nursing students.

Instructor June Spencer has 30 years experience in teaching, often to the Latino population in Central America, Mexico and the Southwest U.S. Teaching assistant Mirna Cabrera de Young is a Bolivian preparing to work in the health care profession.

Each session of the class will meet from 5:30 p.m. until 7:15 p.m. in the Nessmith-Lane Continuing Education Building on the Georgia Southern campus in Statesboro.

The fee for the course is \$125 per person. To register, visit <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/spanishhealthcare.html> or call ext. 5551. For more information, e-mail [CED-Conference3@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:CED-Conference3@georgiasouthern.edu).

## **Flying Eagles offers trip**

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, Hungary. 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.

## **Philadelphia Dance Company will appear at Performing Arts Center on Oct. 5**

A professional dance company that has been praised as “a miracle of skill and energy” is coming to the Performing Arts Center (PAC).

The Philadelphia Dance Company will perform at the PAC on Friday, Oct. 5, at 7:30 p.m.

Also known as Philadanco, the company has taken its modern contemporary repertoire to millions of people around the world via television appearances and international tours.

Tickets for Philadanco’s performance at Georgia Southern are \$30 per person for the general public. Georgia Southern faculty, staff and students will receive a \$5 discount for each ticket.

In addition, if any tickets are available 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the performance, any Georgia Southern student with a valid University I.D. can purchase one ticket for \$10.

Philadanco was founded by Joan Myers Brown in 1970. The company includes a professional performing company, a 40-week instruction and training program, a six-week summer training program, and an apprentice group.

To purchase tickets or obtain additional information, call ext. 7999 or toll free (866) PAC-ARTS, or visit the PAC Web site at <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/pac>.

## **DOAS Georgia Focus Training**

Effective July 1, 2007, legislation passed new laws that affect Workers’ Compensation claims and benefits.

Georgia Southern’s Department of Human Resources will host Lisa Pratt of the Georgia Department of Administrative Services who will conduct a Georgia Focus Workers’ Compensation workshop Friday, Oct. 12, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Nessmith-Lane Building Room 2911.

All Georgia Southern University management staff is strongly urged to attend this specific training that covers informative information to reduce or eliminate risks and hazards in order to prevent work related injuries.

Topics covered:

- Safety and Job Hazard Analysis
- Discuss what to do when an employee is injured
- Discuss the return to work process
- The proper method to report an incident
- How to prevent injuries by identifying potential hazards
- Identify what is involved if and when someone does get injured
- How to return and transition an injured worker to work

There is no need to register for this informative presentation. However, if you have any questions, please contact Training and Development at ext. 1687 or at [humanresourcetraining@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:humanresourcetraining@georgiasouthern.edu).

## **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. 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.

## **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 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.

## **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.

## **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/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**

- **Ismail Basha**, assistant professor in the Department of Construction Management and Civil Engineering Technology, co-authored a paper that was published in the *American Society of Civil Engineers Journal of Construction Engineering and Management*. Published in the August 2007 issue of the journal, the paper was titled "Performance Evaluating Model for Construction Companies: Egyptian Case Study."
- **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 debate about "bailouts" in financial and housing markets and can be found at <http://savannahnow.com/node/360002>. Earlier columns can be read at <http://coba.georgiasouthern.edu/depts/ded/SEDinthenews.html>.