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GSW professor elected president of Georgia Theater Conference

AMERICUS—Jeffrey Green, chair of dramatic arts at Georgia Southwestern State University (GSW), was elected president of the Georgia Theater Conference (GTC). His selection transpired during GTC's recent state convention, October 17 through 21 at Southeastern Technical College in Vidalia.

"This opportunity to serve the art and craft of theater in the state of Georgia is an honor and a privilege," said Green. "It speaks volumes about how open and accepting the theater community is in this state, given my relatively short five year history with the organization and my not hailing 'from these parts.'"

Green was the festival host for the 2007 Region Four Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival that visited Americus in February. In addition, he served as the vice president of programming, bringing the GTC convention to Americus in 2002. He then served two terms as chair of the Programming Division for the organization. Most recently, he was selected as the organization's nominee for the Southeast Theater Conference Leadership Initiative.

"The members of the state board and I are already engaged in a number of initiatives," said Green. "We are looking at ways to restructure and expand the secondary festival production activities allowing for more high schools to participate, and create opportunities for teachers to acquire SDU credits through convention participation."

Prior to his tenure at GSW, Green was the director of theater at the University of Nebraska at Kearney and the artistic director of the Great Platte River Playwright's Festival, a play development program encompassing the entire nation. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Communication and a Master of Fine Arts in Theater from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio.

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Among Green's former students are Sean Covell, producer of the Film "Napoleon Dynamite," and Maureen Caruthers, administrator of the Institute for Cultural Policy and Practice. His students have also appeared in "To Wong Fu, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar," "Rules of Engagement," "The Legend of Bagger Vance" and "Think Tank."

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