Faculty Activities

Meet Jamie MacLennan

Jamie MacLennan began his duties at GSW in the fall of 2008 as an assistant professor in sociology specializing in environmental sociology and outdoor recreation. He received his Master’s and Ph.D. from Rutgers University in New Jersey in 2005. The subject of his doctoral dissertation is the social processes among long-distance hikers on the Appalachian Trail. He is currently revising a manuscript for the journal Leisure Sciences.

GSW’s Shining Star

Jeffrey Green (Dramatic Arts) was recently named as one of the “Shining Stars” at the State Capitol of Georgia in recognition of his accomplishments and contributions to the University System of Georgia. As the Vice Chairman of Appropriations for the University System of Georgia, Representative Jeffrey Green was nominated by the University System of Georgia for the “Shining Star” recognition by the University System of Georgia. He was nominated for this recognition by the University System of Georgia.

In September, Green was selected to receive the 2008 Teaching Artist Award from the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF) for his work with the 2008 Teaching Artist Award. This award is given in recognition of Green’s reputation and achievement as a teacher and as an artist and in honor of the 25th anniversary of KCACTF. Green earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theater from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. He was nominated for the “Shining Star” recognition by the University System of Georgia.

GSW Herbarium Visit

The GSW Herbarium and its curator, Dr. Robert Norris, were privileged to host a visit recently by Dr. Walter Zomlefer, curator of the University of Georgia Herbarium and his colleagues, Dr. David Giannasi and Kristian Jones. A herbarium is a collection of dried, mounted plant specimens which are used as reference for plant identification, location, and habitat among other individual and population traits. At GSW, the herbarium includes almost 15,000 specimens most of which have been collected by Dr. Norris over the last 15 years. Approximately 15% of the specimens are from Georgia, with the remainder from the western U.S. Dr. Zomlefer said “Dr. Norris has made a significant contribution to Georgia Southwestern State Univ. with his generous donation—and a significant contribution to the floristics of Georgia as well, through his field work and previous exchange programs with other herbaria.”

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Nedialka Iordanova Awarded Research Fellowship

Nedialka Iordanova (Chemistry) has been selected as a Visiting Fellow for 2009-2010 at the Emerson Center, which is at Emory University. Professor Iordanova will spend the month of July there doing research using different computational methods.

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Student Activities

Student Faculty Research in Chemistry
Michelle Morton and Nedialka Iordanova (Chemistry) recently attended the 49th Annual Sanibel Symposium for Computational Chemistry, where they presented a poster entitled "Theoretical Study of Low-Energy Hydrocarbon and Fluorocarbon Deposition on Polymer and Crystalline Surfaces." The work presented resulted from undergraduate research funded by an NSF grant.

Professor Iordanova also took members of the Chemistry Club to the 6th Annual Lectureship Award Symposium (March 2, 2009), where they presented the same poster.

Pictures from a Geology Field Trip
Student's from Burt Carter's Geomorphology class went on a field trip to Florida the weekend of March 7-8. Here are couple of the sights they visited:

A karst window at Falmouth Springs, FL. The small stream in front of the wall behind the students is a cave spring in the base of a similar wall about 100m behind the photographer. The karst window is a place where a spring appears in one end and stops draining at the other and is hidden away in the limestone no longer present from little rain in the immediate area and less to Challenger reservoir somewhere else than the river is higher than the groundwater table and the flow reverses.

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Upcoming Third World Studies Seminar
"Russia and the Near Abroad" is the subject of Georgia Southwestern State University's Third World in Perspective Program seminar series for 2009. Wednesday, March 25, in the GSW Student Success Center, adjoining conference rooms 2410, 2413, and 2417. The public is invited and encouraged to attend this free program. The program will feature presentations by two members of the GSW History and Political Science Department: Richard C. Hall, Ph.D., professor of history, "Russia and the Caucasus;" and Brian R. Parkinson, Ph.D., assistant professor of history, "Russia and Central Asia." A question/answer/discussion period will follow. Harold Isaacs, Ph.D., professor emeritus of history, will serve as moderator. The forum is co-sponsored by the Department of History and Political Science, Georgia Southwestern Foundation, Inc., the Division of Continuing Education, and the Association of Third World Studies, Inc.