Seven faculty members from the GSW School of Nursing (SON) attended the Georgia Association for Nursing Education (GANE) 2015 Annual Conference: “Excellence and Innovation in Nursing Education,” at Lake Lanier, Georgia Feb. 19-21, 2015.

GANE’s objectives are to provide all nursing educators in the state of Georgia with opportunities to influence and improve nursing education, impact practice and improve health care for the citizens of Georgia, promote nursing research and collaborate with other health care disciplines and organizations as they seek to meet these objectives.

GANE hosts an annual conference to provide an opportunity for all nursing educators to come together and network in an environment which supports teaching excellence. Keynote speakers address topics of interest, and other educators are selected from across the state and invited for podium or poster presentations.

Those attending from Georgia Southwestern were Paula Bryant, Ellen Elder, Joy Humphrey, Pie Hulsey, Jayme Roseth, Rhonda Slocumb and Teresa Teasley. Hulsey presented a poster presentation entitled “Life among the Millennials: A New Culture in Nursing Education.” Bryant, Humphrey and Roseth gave a podium presentation entitled, “Assessment of Cultural Competence through Participation in a Transcultural Care Class.”

GSW SON faculty members are actively involved in program planning for the conference each year. Those serving in leadership positions for GANE include Elder (outgoing secretary of Executive Board and Planning Committee registration chair), Slocumb (Executive Board Southwest Regional Director and member of Planning Committee-Signage).
Robins, Bragg present at annual GAH conference

Two members of the History and Political Science Department recently attended the annual conference of the Georgia Association of Historians (GAH), held Feb. 19-21 at Georgia Southern University.

Glenn Robins, professor and chair of the History and Political Science Department, presented “Dove, Hawk, or Owl: The Vietnam War Cartoons of Clifford Baldowski” in a panel on political culture in late twentieth century Georgia. Baldowski was an important political cartoonist whose work was published in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution as well as many other newspapers and magazines.

Susan Bragg, assistant professor of history, presented a paper in a panel on the roots of feminist expression. In “One Girl Stands at the Door, and a Generation Waits Outside: African American Women and NAACP Youth Politics in the Early Twentieth Century,” Bragg traces the emergence of New Negro womanhood in this pioneering civil rights organization. The conference was well-attended by historians from across the state.

W2W event “Students in Shanghai” set for March 4

Students, faculty and staff are invited to attend a Windows to the World event entitled “Students in Shanghai” on Wednesday, March 4 at 5:00 p.m. in the Nursing Auditorium.

The program will feature the students, faculty and staff who participated in the Chinese Language and Culture Program that took place at Shanghai Ocean University Dec. 6-21, 2014. They will share their experiences, observations and insights on their time in Shanghai.

This event fulfills a GSW Windows to the World requirement for students. To receive W2W credit, students should bring their GSW ID and complete an electronic survey.

The event is sponsored by the Office of International Programs. For more information, please contact the Office of International Programs by email at windows2world@gsw.edu or visit https://gsw.edu/academics/international-studentprograms/index.
Announcements


The GSW Foundation will sponsor the 7th annual Donor-Scholar Luncheon on March 12. This event is an opportunity for named foundation scholarship recipients to meet their scholarship donor/sponsor. Invitations were emailed to scholarship recipients.

Bob Herrington’s Biology 4350 Natural History of Vertebrates class recently had the opportunity to sample the fish fauna of Town Creek in Americus, Ga. with the aid of Tom Lorenz and his electrofisher.

Jeffery Waldrop, professor of English and director of the GSW University Honors Program, assumed the role of faculty president of the Georgia Collegiate Honors Council. He previously served as vice president of faculty.

Effective March 1, GSW employees will have access to a new benefit program called the Life Work Employee Assistance Program (EAP). To learn more about the EAP or to request services, call 800-293-0851 or visit www.apshelplink.com and enter company code: usgbenefits.

Next Panormama scheduled for March 3

“DOES MY VOICE MATTER?”

Why should I be involved in the local politics of my community?
Why do I feel like my voice doesn’t carry much weight?
What’s the point of protesting and activism?
Does my vote really count?

Tuesday, March 3rd, 4:00 p.m. Carter 1 Lecture Hall

Panelists:
James Berggren, Assistant Professor of Political Science
Philip Strickler, Associate Professor of Business Administration
Tonia Hughes, Senior Lecturer of Visual Arts
Laura Lee Brittten, Senior Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Americus

Be a part of the conversation during the Q&A!

Upcoming Beach Bash event set for Apr. 25

Alumni & Friends
Second Chance Band
GSW Alumni Association

BEACH BASH
April 25
Griffin Bell Golf Center
$30 each/$60 couple = cash bar
Cocktails at 6 pm followed by dinner & dancing

RSVP: 229-928-1373 • alumni@gsw.edu • 866-673-0436
The GSW Staff Senate introduced two new initiatives this semester.

On Feb. 16, the Senate hosted their first "Staff Appreciation Hour" where they served coffee, hot chocolate, fruits and doughnuts to all staff members.

The Staff Senate has also initiated the Oris Bryant Book Scholarship Fund. The purpose of the scholarship is to support currently-employed Georgia Southwestern State University staff members in their pursuit of higher education.

The drawing for the scholarship was held on Wednesday, Feb. 25, and three lucky winners were awarded book scholarships of $50 each. All staff members that are currently enrolled in an institution of higher learning were eligible to be included in the drawing.

The recipients of the Spring 2015 Oris Bryant Book Scholarship (pictured above) are Talisha Adams, who is enrolled at Georgia Southern University pursuing a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership; Josh Curtin, who is enrolled at the University of Georgia pursuing a Doctor of Education in Student Affairs Leadership; and Pam Cummins, who is enrolled at Georgia Southern University pursuing a Master of Education in Higher Education Administration.

Please join the Staff Senate in congratulating these recipients. The GSW Staff Senate is also thankful for the continued support of the GSW community.

GSW Staff Senate meetings are held at 3:00 p.m. on the last Wednesday of every month in the SGA conference room. For more information on the Staff Senate, visit https://gsw.edu/Resources/FacultyandStaff/staffSenate/index or email the Senate at staffsenate@gsw.edu.

On Wednesday, Feb. 25, the History and Political Science Department hosted its 5th Annual HAPS Black History Month presentation. The theme for 2015 was “The Politics of Art: Gender, Race, and Creative Expression.”

Susan Bragg presented a brief review of the politics of Black History Month and then used the stories of Phillis Wheatley, Frances Ellen Watkins Harper and Sonia Sanchez to explore how African American women have used poetry to voice critiques of racism and sexism.

Tonia Hughes, the featured speaker, provided an engaging introduction into the politics of viewing and creating visual art. Hughes focused on the work of Dread Scott and Renee Cox as examples of how the historical traditions influence contemporary perspectives on race, gender, sexuality and self-assertion. For example, Scott’s “On the Impossibility of Freedom in a Society Founded on Slavery and Genocide” (pictured above) takes the metaphor of fire hoses used against civil rights activists in the 1960s to represent continued struggles against racism in the United States. Cox also uses photography to challenge historical stereotypes and the commodification of the African American female body. Hughes led the audience through an interpretation of these works that represent a tradition of using forms of creative expression to expand the dialogue about social justice and opportunity in our nation.

The HAPS department thanks the students and faculty members who participated in this event and looks forward to continuing the conversation through other campus events.
### Upcoming Events

- **March 5-7**  
  **8:00 p.m.**  
  *Anything Goes*  
  Presented by the Sumter Players  
  Rylander Theatre  
  For tickets, call 229-931-0001

- **March 8**  
  **2:30 p.m.**  
  Junior Mathematics Tournament  
  Intramural Gym  
  (*Volunteers needed; Contact Kailash Ghimire)*

- **March 7**  
  **8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**  
  Sumter Humane Society’s Casino Night & Silent Auction  
  Rees Park Economic Development Center  
  For more information and tickets, call 229-924-0268.

- **March 14**  
  **7:00 p.m.**  
  Americus-Sumter Arts Council 2nd Annual Jazz Night Gala  
  Tickets: $25 in advance; $30 at the door  
  For tickets, call 229-931-2211, visit americusarts.org, or stop by the Americus Center for the Arts.

- **March 16 - 20**  
  Spring Break

- **March 26**  
  **7:30 p.m.**  
  An Evening with Gershwin, Joe Chapman, piano  
  Chamber Concert Series  
  Jackson Hall

- **March 28**  
  Preview Day

- **April 1**  
  **10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**  
  Taste of the World  
  Hosted by ISA  
  MSC Patio

- **April 2**  
  **8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
  American Red Cross Blood Drive  
  SSC Conference Rooms

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### President’s Note

Georgia Southwestern is a university of *place*. It is a destination, not because of its location, but because of what the institution provides for students who choose to become involved. Georgia Southwestern students are drawn to a wide variety of programs typical of a comprehensive public university while offering the small class size and attention found at a private liberal arts college. Students quickly seek ways to engage with the university and the community that lead to productive and exciting careers.

As I have met with students and alumni over the past few weeks, it is clear that *place* quickly becomes *home*. This is also my personal experience. Our students, faculty and community have been so sincerely welcoming of me, Colleen and our son, Aidan, that we feel like this is our second home. When we host alumni on campus, many remark that they are glad to be “back home.” Few university presidents could ask for more.

At the time of my writing this, I am preparing to travel back to Statesboro for the weekend to visit my family and friends. I do miss them, as any husband and father would, during the time I am away and serving here in Americus. I am fortunate that my family and friends visit often and experience the community and university first-hand. However, as I depart Statesboro to come back to Americus in the early morning hours next week, I will know that I am returning to a place filled with dedicated faculty, staff and students that welcome us like an extended family. We are truly fortunate, and I could not ask for more.