Dahlgren accepted into Governor’s Teaching Fellows Program at UGA

Paul Dahlgren, Ph.D., associate professor of English, was selected as a 2015-16 Governor’s Teaching Fellow. As one of 12 faculty members from institutions of higher education across the state, Dahlgren was selected after a highly competitive application and selection process.

The Governor’s Teaching Fellows Program was established in 1995 by Zell Miller, governor of Georgia (1991-1999), to provide Georgia’s higher education faculty with expanded opportunities for developing important teaching skills.

Dahlgren applied and was accepted to the Academic Year Symposia Program of the Fellowship, which consists of six 3-day symposia held over the course of the academic year along with instructional improvement projects on the Fellows’ home campuses. The symposia for the academic year began this fall.

The Governor's Teaching Fellows Program is an outreach program of the Institute of Higher Education at the University of Georgia. To learn more about the Governor's Teaching Fellows Program, including information on how to apply, go to http://ihe.uga.edu/outreach/governors-teaching-fellows.

Randall’s “Alumni Story” featured by UMass Amherst Alumni Association

Linda Randall, director of the Academic Resource Center and first year advocate, was recently featured in Alumni Stories on the University of Massachusetts Amherst Alumni Association website.

The story details Randall's experience with Upward Bound, a federally funded TRiO program with the goal of providing low-income, first generation college-bound students with the tools necessary to succeed in college.

Last month, Randall and other Upward Bound alumni held a 50th Reunion Celebration. For the full story, click here.
Titan Karate Academy scores big at tournament

Titan Karate Academy is a well-rounded blend of traditional and contemporary martial arts taught by GSW’s Mark Laughlin, Ph.D., associate professor of music. The competition team (Team Titan) competed at the Southern Open National Martial Arts Championships in Phenix City, Ala. on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015.

Competition members competed in sparring (fighting), weapons and kata, and every member of Team Titan placed in each division. Collectively, the team brought home 5 first place trophies, 2 second place trophies and 1 third place trophy.

For more information about the program, contact Mark Laughlin (mark.laughlin@gsw.edu), or visit www.titankarate.com for more details.

(Team Titan members pictured from left to right: Eric Elder, Robin Elder, Chance Westra, Mark Laughlin, Josh Davis, and Ginny Calhoun)

GSW Writing Center trains area high school tutors

The Georgia Southwestern State University Writing Center recently conducted a training session for a group of high school students from Deerfield-Windsor School in Albany, Ga. to prepare these students for tutoring writing in Deerfield-Windsor’s own writing center.

After hearing good things about the GSW Writing Center, which is staffed entirely by peer tutors, Irmgard Schopen-Davis, director of the Deerfield-Windsor writing center, decided to seek help from Lauren DiPaula, Ph.D., director of the GSW Writing Center. Training for Deerfield-Windsor’s first group of writing tutors was completed in January 2014. The first group of tutors has since graduated, which necessitated the training of the new group of tutors this past September.

The training was conducted by DiPaula and Jairus Whitley, a sophomore history major and two year veteran writing consultant at the center.
Pam Leverett celebrated her 30th anniversary at GSW on Oct. 1, 2015. She started at GSW on Oct. 1, 1985 as a senior secretary in the Office of Student Life. Her title changed on July 1, 1988 to administrative assistant. On Sept. 13, 1993, she was promoted to secretary to the dean of students. Her title changed on July 26, 1995 to secretary to the vice president for Student Affairs and dean of students and again in June 2001 to administrative assistant for the vice president for Student Affairs.

Judy Orton Grissett, Ph.D., gave a presentation titled “Open Educational Resources (OER) in the College Classroom: A Case Study” at the Georgia Educational Research Association Conference in Savannah, Ga. on Oct. 16.

If you would like to donate food or drinks for the annual Thanksgiving meal, stop by John Fox’s office (ACE 204) on Tuesday or Wednesday, Nov. 24-25, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

If you would like to donate funds (cash or checks) for the event, please make checks out to “GSW Foundation” and put “Student Meals Fund” in the memo area, and submit them to Katie Hoffman at the GSW Foundation in the Newman Alumni Center. All donations are tax-deductible.

Nedialka Iordanova, Ph.D., associate professor of chemistry, and five chemistry students attended the Emerson Center Lectureship Award Symposium: “Multi-Functional Materials in Chemistry, Biology and Medicine” on Oct. 5, 2015 at Emory University. The students had the opportunity to listen to the presentations of world class chemists and discuss the latest advances in Biological and Medicinal Chemistry with graduate students from Emory University and Georgia Tech University during a poster session. The trip was sponsored by the Student Success Fund, GSW Foundation.

The Exercise Science and Wellness (ESW) Club hosted the first annual 5k/1 mile fun walk-run on Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015. The ESW Club raised money for research and the upcoming Southeast American College of Sports Medicine (SEACSM) Conference Feb. 18- 20, 2016 in Greeneville, S.C. The event raised $450 with the help of participants and donors. GSW faculty and staff Kelly McCoy, Nedialka Iordanova and Sam Miller were among participants or donors for this event.

“It is invigorating to have the support of faculty and staff for the ESW students” said Catalina Casaru, Ph.D., ESW Club advisor. “Currently, there are close to 160 students enrolled in the ESW program, and we are hoping for 12 students to attend the SEACSM Conference next year.”
GSW students attend Kennesaw Civil and Human Rights Conference

Eleven GSW students traveled with Susan Bragg, Ph.D., assistant professor of history, to Kennesaw State University on Friday, Oct. 30 for an international conference, “Remembering: International Struggle for Civil and Human Rights.” Sponsored by the Windows to the World program at GSW, the trip allowed students to participate in conversations about social justice politics in local and global perspective.

Presentations at this conference included discussions of African diaspora protest literature, the white church during the American Civil Rights era, the struggles of Korean ‘comfort women’ to gain public recognition for their experiences of sexual exploitation by the Japanese troops during World War II and theatrical performances representing the Gullah culture of coastal Georgia. Students engaged directly in an audience-centered panel, “The Millenial Generation discuss contemporary and potential future issues of Social Justice, Civil Rights, Human Rights, and Human Dignity.” Many of the students also took the opportunity to visit Kennesaw’s Holocaust and World War II museum.

Students who participated in this conference were Mercedes Benites, Hannah Blattert, Ariana Carby, Yu Hsin Chen, Ariel Harvey, Mallory Legg, Yi Ren, Rebecca Santiago, Jairus Whitley and Alexis Young. Masanhko Banda, GSW’s current visiting artist from Malawi, joined the group for the event. The diversity of the group, with international and American students as well as a broad variety of academic majors represented in the trip, allowed the group to continue important conversations about social justice issues after the official conference panels concluded.

The GSW contingent concluded the trip with a lunch on Saturday at Desta Ethiopian Kitchen in Atlanta. Two veterans of the Americus Movement joined to discuss local experiences during the Civil Rights era. Carolyn DeLoatch described her experiences of being jailed as a teenager in the Leesburg Stockade in 1963 after marching against segregation in downtown Americus. Sam Mahone explained the significance and legacy of Sumter county youth activism in the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

Chemistry, Exercise Science and Wellness Clubs host Halloween event

The GSW Chemistry Club with advisor Nedialka Iordanova, Ph.D., and the GSW Exercise Science Wellness Club with advisor Catalina Casaru, Ph.D., organized a Chemistry Halloween event on the GSW campus on Oct. 28. All students and faculty were invited. The event included chemical demonstrations of fun reactions such as a volcano and burning Hg(SCN)2 as well as making ice cream with liquid nitrogen and a demonstration of how superconductors work upon cooling with liquid nitrogen. Approximately 30 students and a few faculty attended, enjoyed the atmosphere and ate ice cream. The event was sponsored by the Southwest Georgia Section of the American Chemical Society with the help of Tzvetelin Iordanov, Ph.D., chair of the local section, and Iordanova, treasurer.
The Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregiving (RCI) held its 28th Annual National Summit Oct. 22-23, calling it a huge success. Nearly 150 caregivers, representatives from caregiving support agencies and speakers from around the country were in attendance.

The two-day summit kicked off Thursday morning at GSW’s Student Success Center with speakers on strategies for marketing and recruitment, caregiver resilience, leveraging resources for sustainability and compassion fatigue. Thursday concluded with a networking reception and dinner that evening at the Lee Council House.

Following a full day of workshops, Friday began with a video greeting from First Lady Michelle Obama recognizing Rosalynn Carter for her work in caregiving saying, “No one [caregivers] can do this alone. That’s particularly true for our military caregivers who are serving right alongside our men and women in uniform.”

Next, came a personal welcome from RCI’s namesake, former first lady Rosalynn Carter, who shared her desire and passion for helping serve the needs of all caregivers.

Friday’s agenda included keynote speakers, Maj. Gen. Margaret Wilmoth, Ph.D., Deputy Surgeon General of the U.S. Army Reserve and Col. David W. Sutherland, co-founder and chairman of Easter Seals Dixon Center, who discussed the importance of building public awareness, encouraging community involvement and promoting community-based services. Joni James Aldrich and Christopher Jerry, authors of “Advocacy Heals U,” shared their personal journeys in becoming advocates for preventing medical errors and the true healing power of advocacy. Also included were heartwarming and tear-jerking testimonials from caregivers who had completed RCI’s programs, Operation Family Caregiver, RCI REACH and BRI Care Consultation.

Friday night’s Gala Awards Banquet kicked off with a surprise welcome from former President Jimmy Carter, “The most important thing, I believe, that the RCI has done is to let the whole nation know the importance of caregiving.”

The evening continued presenting three individuals with Caregivers of the Year Awards and AARP with the Rosalynn Carter Leadership in Caregiving Award.
Upcoming theater events set in November

**Of Princes and Kings**
from William Shakespeare’s
Richard II, Henry IV and Henry V
This production is based on
the Timothy Mooney
adaptation of The Henriad

Rylander Theater
Nov. 5 - 7, 8:00 PM
Nov. 8, 2:30 PM
Free and Open to the Public

A Rylander Theater/C production in collaboration with Dalton State College and Georgia Southwestern State University made possible through the generous support of the Charles L. Miss Memorial Fund

Free Shakespeare Production:
“Of Princes & Kings”
The real game of thrones
Rylander Theater
Nov. 5-7, 8:00 PM
Nov. 8, 2:30 PM

With Robin Bates, Associate Professor of English at Lynchburg College in Virginia.
She is a daughter of Americus
And a Georgia Southwestern alum.
Nov. 5, 11:00 AM
Lecture will be in the Fine Arts Theater.
All are welcome who would care to attend.

Save the date for the upcoming holiday party

President Charles Patterson and Mrs. Colleen Patterson cordially invite you to join them for the annual Georgia Southwestern State University Holiday Party December 8, 2015 from 5:30-7:30 pm

Wheatley Administration Building
800 GSW State University Dr.
Americus, Georgia
Dress is Business Attire
RSVP (229) 928-1360
or email angela.smith@gsw.edu
by November 30

In this season of giving, please consider bringing an unwrapped toy to benefit SOWEGA Court Appointed Special Advocates.
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