

President's Corner

Up 1.5% for fall semester!

At this point, we are up approximately 1.5% in enrollment this fall. Based on the reports I am getting from around the state, we are among the small number of University System institutions experiencing an increase.

I echo the praise that Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management **Mack Palmour** gave to the enrollment management staff “for their hard work in seeking out, admitting, testing, transfer articulating and registering, and financial aiding all of these students. I am also grateful to all of Student Affairs for providing such a wonderful orientation experience for our new students and for the Academic Advising staff and faculty for their hard work in helping students choose the proper classes.”

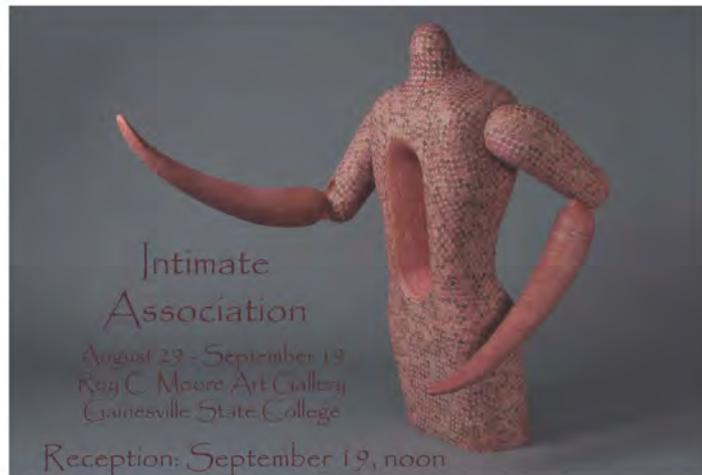
With this growth come challenges as well as opportunities to serve our students and help them be successful.

J. Randy Purce



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY

LABOR DAY WEEKEND!



Kim work on display at Gallery

“Intimate Association,” an exhibit of works by art department faculty member Hyoungseok Kim, opened on August 29 in the Roy C. Moore Art Gallery on the Gainesville Campus. There will be a catered closing reception on September 19 at noon.

Kim creates sculptural works focusing on the “story of communication and connection between all things.” He repeats imagery in his artwork to refer to “communications and connections” which “can be dealt with, not only in terms of spiritual or psychological dimensions, but rather in the dimension of physical reality.” Symbols Kim uses to represent interconnectedness include the “human body, horns, seeds, and the concept of waves and particles.”

Kim came to Gainesville State College as an art faculty member after earning his Master of Fine Arts in Sculpture from Utah State University in 2008. He previously taught at the University of Seoul in Seoul, Korea, among other institutions. He also holds a Master of Fine Arts in Painting from Hongik University in Seoul.

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Federal Work Study processes for supervisors

1. Supervisors are expected to conduct interviews and hire the most eligible candidate.
2. Request a Federal Work Study Acceptance Form from the FWS coordinator. This form must be signed by both the supervisor and student before the student may complete the required training.
3. FWS coordinator will schedule a time for the student to complete Sexual Harassment and Right to Know Chemical training.
4. Students may begin working after training is completed and the Human Resources Office has processed their paperwork. Please allow up to one week for this process to be completed.
5. Returning Work Study students must confirm eligibility in the Financial Aid Office, submit an Acceptance Form, and meet with Human Resources before they may begin working.
6. Supervisors will be notified via email with new FWS student ADP information.
7. Terminate student when the student quits or transfers schools. It is also your responsibility to terminate an FWS student at the end of each school year by July 1 even if the student will return the following semester. This process is imperative for the school to be in compliance with Georgia law.
8. If these guidelines are not abided by, it is the FWS coordinator's right to revoke or suspend any positions.

INTRAMURAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT BEGINS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

**CONTACT LISA WATSON FOR DETAILS:
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OR EXT. 3646**



GTA 2012-2013 season opens. . . .

"Frog Prince" is WonderQuest production

The Gainesville Theatre Alliance (GTA) opens its 2012-13 season with a WonderQuest: GTA for Young Audiences production of "The Frog Prince." Written and directed by Gay Hammond and based on the fairy tale by The Brothers Grimm, the play will be presented at Brenau University's Pearce Auditorium in Gainesville.

In a fiery land of Anywhen, a place where magical spells, fairy godmothers, and spare princesses abound, a frog meets a royal scientist—that is, an unassuming prince meets a scientific princess. Through the trials of dueling suitors, spells gone awry, and broken promises, these two learn that while magic can bring you together, only true loyalty can bring you love. Filled with Latin flair and hilarious characters, this

new spin on a classic fairy tale will have you looking for your own lily pad.

A free stage tour (sneak peek behind the scenes) will be held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, September 18. The opening family performance is scheduled for 7:30 PM on Friday, September 28, followed by a free Meet-the-Actors reception. A free ice cream social follows the 2:30 PM family performance on Sunday, September 30.

Family performances are scheduled for 7:30 PM September 28-30 and October 5-6; and 2:30 PM September 30.

Discounted tickets (\$5) are available for GSC and Brenau faculty, staff, and students with ID by calling the Box Office at ext. 3624.

USG recognizes Staff Council as committee

On Wednesday, August 8, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia voted to approve a motion set by the Committee on Organization and Law that would establish the USG Staff Council as an official advisory committee to the BOR.

The policy states, in part: "There shall be a University System of Georgia Staff Council (USGSC), which shall provide a staff voice on all matters related to non-faculty employment within the University System....Membership of the USGSC shall be comprised of one voting representative from each USG institution, and that representative

must be in the classified service of the represented institution...."

Nancy Anthony, Past Chair of the USGSC, had the opportunity to meet the HR Vice Chancellor, Marion Ross Fedrick, noting that she wanted to attend as many USGSC meetings as possible. Anthony commented, "They want to see us in action, and they want to know our issues. The reaction of the members of the committee made me feel that they truly wanted to know what we needed and wanted. They seemed to understand that we want to help the University System and that our ideas could be very helpful."

Employees urged to educate students on dangers of alcohol and drug abuse

Now that the 2012-2013 academic year has begun, the Academic Affairs Office is asking for our assistance in its efforts to create and maintain a high-quality academic learning environment. We are all familiar with the unwanted consequences that are associated with alcohol and other drug abuse: impaired health, unwanted sexual relations, unsafe sex, vandalism, violent behavior, and death by alcohol poisoning or accident. As college employees, you have an opportunity to affect student experiences both within and outside the classroom. In order to reduce the significantly devastating effects that these substances can have among our college population, we urge you as professionals to work together to educate our students about the harmful consequences of alcohol and drug consumption.

All GSC employees are asked to consider the following information as they undertake instruction responsibilities this year:

1. Avoid becoming an inadvertent encourager of substance abuse through practices in the classroom.

Establish a strong expectation of attendance, including Fridays and prior to any break. If students have missed class more than you believe they should, ask them about their reasons for being absent. Consider including an attendance policy in your syllabus.

2. Avoid becoming an inadvertent encourager of substance abuse through the use of humor.

Humorous stories involving alcohol consumption – or marijuana or other drug use – may inadvertently indicate to some students that their instructors (who are authority figures) approve of the use of these substances.

3. Consider sending your students to Wellness Programs held throughout the semester that educates students about the effects of alcohol and other

drug use. The first alcohol awareness program on the Oconee Campus, “Mock Tailgate,” was held on Aug. 15 from 11-1 PM on the Quad. We provided free non-alcoholic beverages, quick facts about local drinking statistics, and examine the potential legal consequences of underage drinking and driving under the influence. On the Gainesville campus, the week of October 15-19 is “Alcohol Awareness Week” and includes an “Alcohol 101” workshop in the Career Center and a “Black Light Casino” in Robinson Ballroom on October 16.

4. Safeguard students—from self-harm and harm to others. If you have any reason to believe a student is impaired in class to the extent that he/she could be a risk to others – please alert Public Safety (Gainesville) or Security (Oconee) so they can detain the student and ensure he/she is picked up and driven home safely. Please call:

Gainesville or University Center | Georgia 400: 678-717-3723

Oconee Security: 706-215-1474

5. Stay alert and refer students who appear to be having alcohol/drug problems. Contact (on the Oconee campus) **Doc Hawley** (mhawley@gsc.edu) or **Justin Earnest** (jearnest@gsc.edu), who can assess students for existing or developing alcohol/other drugs problems; Gainesville Campus and University Center Georgia 400 students can be referred to **Barbara Arnold** (678-717-3660, barnold@gsc.edu). These GSC counselors are certified instructors for PRIME for Life and other alcohol/drug risk-reduction programs. For additional assistance, contact the Care Team leaders (**Alicia Caudill**, **Michelle S. Brown**, **Doc Hawley**). For guidelines to reporting at-risk behavior, see the At-Risk Behavior Reporting Form, found here: <http://www.gsc.edu/about/internal/publicsafety/Pages/ReportAt-RiskBehavior.aspx>



Margaret Venable, Vice President and CEO of the GSC Oconee Campus (left), stops to chat with a vendor during the annual Taste of Watkinsville/Volunteer Fair.

Oconee Campus hosts "Taste of Watkinsville" and Volunteer Fair

The Oconee Campus held its 4th annual "Taste of Watkinsville" on Thursday, August 23. For the first time, the event was held in conjunction with the Campus' "Volunteer Fair." Testing Coordinator **Erin Williams** and Student Life Specialist **Lindsay Bailey** organized this year's event to familiarize students with the wonderful businesses in the area, as well as ways to get involved in the community.

Approximately 250 students, faculty, and staff members participated at the event. Information booths and food sampling tents were set up by 12 local businesses and 17 volunteer organizations.

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"small, beautifully MOVING PARTS"

Arts Council & GSC open 2012-13 Independent Film Series

The Arts Council and Gainesville State College have once again collaborated to bring the Southern Circuit Tour of Independent Filmmakers to northeast Georgia. The film "small, beautifully MOVING PARTS" will be shown at the Smithgall Arts Center in Gainesville on Thursday, September 20.



Sarah Sparks (Anna Margaret Hollyman) is pregnant and feeling wholly ambivalent, despite her boyfriend's pure

enthusiasm. A committed tech-geek, she fears she is more interested in ultrasound technology than in what's being ultra-sounded. When her sister lures her to L.A. for what ends up being a terrorizing baby shower, Sarah keeps her rental van and hits the road in search of the source of her anxiety: her estranged mother, now living off the grid. "small, beautifully MOVING PARTS" takes a comic and poignant look at one woman's coming-of-parenthood in the age of technology. Annie J. Howell and Lisa Robinson co-directed the film.

Tickets for the event (\$15 for adults; \$13 for students and seniors) include dinner, the film screening, and a filmmaker Q&A reception. To purchase tickets for this or any other films in the series, go to <http://www.theartscouncil.net/independentfilms.html> or call (770) 534-2787.



Ringling Our Bells

Gloria Bennett held her first board meeting as the new president of the Georgia Writers Association on August 11. Among other items for discussion, she proposed significant changes be made to the current Georgia Author of the Year submission guidelines. The board will meet again on October 27 to finalize and vote on suggested updates.



Ben Wynne recently reviewed *The Civil War in Mississippi: Major Campaigns and Battles* (Jackson, MS: University Press of Mississippi, 2011) by Michael B. Ballard for *Civil War History*, and *Mississippi in the Civil War: The Home Front* (Jackson, MS: University Press of Mississippi, 2010) by Timothy B. Smith for the *Journal of Mississippi History*.



Oconee Campus Library Director **Angela Megaw** was featured in the Athens Chamber Spotlight in the Business section of the Sunday *Athens Banner-Herald* on August 26.



Brad Strickland has published two e-books at Amazon.com under his pseudonym, Ken McKea. *Atlanta Bones* and *Cuban Dagger* are the first two novels in an adult suspense series featuring amateur investigator Jim Dallas.

✓ Mark your calendar:

- Fri., Aug. 31** **Intimate Association Exhibit.** Roy C. Moore Art Gallery, Continuing Education/Performing Arts Center, GC. Through Sept. 19.
- Mon., Sept. 3** **Labor Day.** CAMPUSES CLOSED.
- Tues., Sept. 4** **NO CLASSES.**
- Mon., Sept. 10** **Faculty/Staff Campaign Kicks Off.**
- Fri., Sept. 14** **Faculty Meeting.** 2 PM, CE/PA Center, Room 108 (GC); Room 522 (OC).
- Tues., Sept. 18** **Volunteer Fair.** Quad, GC.

Counseling & Career Services Workshops

- Relaxation & Improving Your Energy** Tues., Sept. 11 12:30 & 4:30 PM
This workshop will explore the energy around the body and how you can strengthen it to obtain the mental and physical health you want.
- Choosing a Major** Wed., Sept. 12 Noon & 5 PM
This workshop explores interest values and abilities to help you make an informed decision about your major.
- Balancing Your Life with Yoga and Mindfulness** Tues., Sept. 18 12:30 & 4:30 PM
Life can sometimes feel like a juggling act. Come learn to balance it all with some fun and simple yoga and mindfulness techniques.
- College Transferring** Tues., Sept. 25 12:30 & 4:30 PM
This workshop will help you with all your transferring questions.
- Time Management** Thurs., Sept. 27 12:30 & 4:30 PM
Learn to manage your time effectively and efficiently. Find ways to get more done and have the freedom to do the things you want to do.

Save for a rainy day
by investing in the
GSC Foundation.



GSC Foundation kicks off campaign:

Your support makes the difference!

—by Perry Roberts, Director of Development

Our faculty and staff make Gainesville State College a better place to work and learn. Each day, every one of us does his or her part in making a positive difference in the lives of GSC students. We teach classes, work to secure financial aid, police the grounds, and enhance the GSC experience in countless other ways—both inside and outside the classroom.

Though we all will be a part of exciting changes over the coming months, it is important that we work to safeguard the primary mission of Gainesville State College—to provide broad access to excellence in higher education for our

region. Now, more than ever, we need to join our colleagues as advocates for our mission and investors in our College and the success of our students.

This year, our Annual Faculty/Staff Campaign will begin the week of September 10. We plan to set up tables on both campuses. There, we will offer some light refreshments and answer questions you may have regarding your gift or the work of the Foundation. Also, we will have individualized packets for each of you, providing additional information and details on how to contribute. We ask that you drop by for just a few minutes during the times and dates listed below.

In keeping with the spirit of this year's campaign theme, "Saving for a Rainy Day," the Foundation will be giving GSC umbrellas to all donors as a personal thanks for your support. The umbrellas will be available at the Foundation table or can be picked up in the Advancement Office any time after the kick-off week.

Dates and times are:

Wednesday, September 12: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Student Resource Center Atrium, Oconee Campus

Monday, September 17 & Tuesday, September 18: 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM, Robinson Ballroom, Gainesville Campus

Watch the Notice Board for more information. With your support, we will make 2012 our best Faculty/Staff Campaign ever!

Announcements

Please note the following information regarding travel expenses to and from Campus and consolidation meetings:

If there is travel to UC400—from Oconee or Oakwood—for division meetings or teaching on both campuses, please use:

Fund: 10600; Dept.: 10690000;
Description: University Center|GA 400; Program: 11100; Class: 11000.

For meetings (at any location) with North Georgia concerning consolidation (e.g., work group meetings), please use:

Fund: 10600; Dept.: 1069200;
Description: Consolidation Travel;
Program: 11100; Class: 11000.

For academic travel to/from Oconee/Oakwood for intercampus teaching, please use:

Fund: 10500; Dept.: 1034100;
Description: Academic Offsite Travel;
Program: 11100; Class: 11000.

For all other travel, please use the employee's department budget for travel.

Over the next couple of months, Plant Operations and Facilities, working with Atlanta Gas Light, will be replacing the 40-year-old underground gas piping at the Gainesville Campus. We are able

to do this through grant funds that AGL has received; there will be no cost to GSC. This represents around \$250,000 in savings for the College.



Dr. Al Panu has scheduled a called faculty meeting for Friday, September 14 at 2 PM in CE 108 (GC) and Room 522 (OC). It is very important for all faculty to attend the meeting to vote on time-sensitive issues related to the consolidation and SACS approval.

Applications for the Fall 2012 Innovative Staff Awards are due October 16. The Innovative Staff Awards Program offers funding from the GSC Foundation for staff members who desire an opportunity to try something innovative and experimental in their line of work. Permanent full-time and part-time staff may submit an application to the Staff Council for a \$500 stipend for the development and implementation of an innovative idea.

Contact **Connie Esford** for an application form and more information: cesford@gsc.edu or ext 3930.

USG Faculty Development Monthly Series

Friday, September 28
10 AM - 4 PM

Multimedia Learning: Principles and
Application to Course Design/Presentations
Athens ITS Building

To register, go to:
http://www.usg.edu/faculty_affairs/workshops/

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Ezekiel Black—G Andrea Dorsey—G Salai Sayasean—G	3  LABOR DAY (CAMPUSES CLOSED)	4 NO CLASSES Taylor Bailey—G Judson Bridges—G Jerry Graveman—G John Pitts—O Kristen Roney—O Kate Windley—G Jessica Ziembroski—G	5 JoAnne Costa—G Mary Mayhew—G Justin Ward—G	6 Piotr Hebda—G Harry Spratlin—G Michael Ward—G Ken White—G	7 Bert Hoggard—O Donald Strand—G	8 Tom Burns—G Dee Gillespie—G Daniel Magee—O Warren Rogers—O Kelley Trippe—G
9 Alfred Barker—G Carol Kraemer—G Eric Skipper—G Becca Smith—G	10  ANNUAL FACULTY/STAFF CAMPAIGN BEGINS Frank Sherwood—G Andrew Thomas—G	11 Lee Clendenning—G Anne Duke—O Dean Lieburn—G Cathy Whiting—G	12 Huan Ching-Yu—G	13 Rebecca Brantley—G Louis Hajosy—O Katie Holland—G Jay Nix—G	14 FACULTY MEETING 2 PM John Hamilton—G	15 Elisa Carlson—G Penelope Lyman—O Barbara Strickland—G
16 Lorraine Buchbinder—G	17 Steve Nicklas—G Marsha Wright—G	18 VOLUNTEER FAIR—GC GTA STAGE TOUR Dede deLaughter—O Grace Freer—G	19 ART SHOW RECEPTION	20 Lisa Beck—G	21 Regina Bryant—G Harry Daugharty—G Arya Rajai—G	22 FALL BEGINS  Jürgen Grandt—G
23 Chad Crumley—G	24 Susann Doyle-Portillo—G Clay Ouzts—G Bart Walters—O	25 Debbie Krewson—G	26 Emilie Cook—G Leslie Vinson—G	27 Elizabeth King—G	28 CHICKEN & EGG DEBATE FROG PRINCE OPENS Wanda Aldridge—G Garfield Anderson—O Steven Shields—G	29 Dorina Apahidean—G Karen Borders—G
30 Carla Schmitt—G		Coming in October: 2012 Alumni & Friends <i>Golf Open</i>				