

President's Corner

It has come to my attention that some confusion exists with regard to the appropriate use of sick and annual leave. I want to clarify that sick leave may only be used according to Board of Regents policy and may not be used for Annual Leave or Vacation days.

According to Board of Regents Policy 8.2.7.2 Sick Leave with Pay, sick leave may be granted at the discretion of the institution and upon approval by the supervisor for an employee's absence for any of the following reasons:

1. Illness or injury of the employee
2. Medical and dental treatment or consultation
3. Quarantine due to a contagious illness in the employee's household
4. Illness, injury, or death in the employee's immediate family requiring the employee's presence

To read the entire policy, please visit: <http://www.usg.edu/policymanual/section8/policy/C224/#main>

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We want to be sure everyone is using leave appropriately going forward, as Human Resources will soon be undergoing a leave audit.

SIFE/Enactus team wins Project Partnership Grants



Bart Foster, Lionel and Jalon Blake, Berry Walton, and Patrick Simmons work on setting a post along the reading trail at Friendship Elementary School.

Congratulations to the GSC SIFE/Enactus team on being awarded several Project Partnership Grants.

They received the Sam's Club Step Up for Small Business grant of \$1,500. The SIFE/Enactus team members will be working with J & J Foods, a local family-owned grocery store, on a customer service/market analysis project. This is the fourth year our SIFE team has been awarded this grant.

The team also received the Walmart Women's Empowerment Project Partner grant for \$2,000 and will be working with two non-profit organizations, one in Gainesville and one in Athens, who focus on women exiting prison. SIFE/Enactus

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Ringing Our Bells



Gloria Bennett represented the Georgia Writers Association at the 2012 Georgia Literary Festival. The event was held at the Jekyll Island Convention Center on November 9 and 10 and featured over 33 Georgia authors, including U.S. Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey.

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Political Science and History Professor **Douglas Young** was quoted in the 11/25/12 Gainesville Times (<http://www.gainesvilletimes.com/section/6/article/76145/>) about the congressional budget situation.

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Ezekiel Black's article, "Mouthlessness and Ineffability in

World War I Poetry and *The Waste Land*," was accepted for publication in *War, Literature, and the Arts*. Also, ten of Black's prose poems were published in *Verse*, volume 28, numbers 1 and 2.

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Angela Megaw took part in the third full-day LEAD (Leadership, Education, Awareness and Development) Athens session in early November. The goals of the session were to: explore the breadth and depth of the healthcare field in Athens, examine the economic impact of healthcare on our local economy, and look into the future of healthcare in Athens.

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Allison Ainsworth, Brian Kline, Tom Preston, Paul Raptis, and Caitlin

Wills-Toker of the Department of Communication, Media Studies and Journalism attended the National Communication Association's National Convention in Orlando, Florida, November 15-18, 2012.

At the convention, Ainsworth appeared on a panel entitled "Creating a Positive Impact on Community by Strengthening and Promoting Student Organizations." Ainsworth also participated in a panel discussion entitled "Dirty Little Secrets of the Basic Course Revealed." Kline gave a Great Ideas for Teaching Speech paper entitled "Perception is in the Eye of the Beholder."

Preston presented two papers. The first was a Top Four Paper in the Cross Examination Debate Association Division entitled "Expanding the CEDA Community: The Benefits of Shorter Tournaments and other Means of Growth." Preston's second paper was entitled "A Comparative Study of Agency within the Constraints of U.S. and Chinese Internet Political Discourse."

Sociology students donate toys and food

Students from Dr. George Danna's SOCI 1101 (CRN 4580 and CRN 4587): Introduction to Sociology classes donated a combined total of almost 900 pounds of food to the South Hall Community Food Pantry on Tuesday,

November 13.

Ms. Carol Williams from SHCFP collected the canned food donations and addressed the students on the problems of "Poverty and Food Insecurity in Hall County." The class donations will benefit food insecure families in the community.

Meanwhile, Dr. Danna's SOCI 2993 (CRN 4717): Introduction to Marriage and the Family and SOCI 1101 (CRN 4588): Introduction to Sociology classes donated a combined total of 418 toys on Wednesday, November 14 and Thursday, November 15.

Ms. Debbie Mott from Friends of Recovery collected the toy donations and addressed the students on the role of the organization.

The class donations will benefit the children of recovering drug and alcohol victims who are enrolled in the Drug Court treatment program. The toys will be distributed to over 150 children at a Christmas party being held at First Baptist Church on December 4.

**USG FACULTY
DEVELOPMENT SERIES**

January 9, 2013
**"Tales from the Implementation of
a Quality Assurance Coordinator"**
 N. Rigole & A. Koohang
 Online Webinar
 Noon - 1 PM

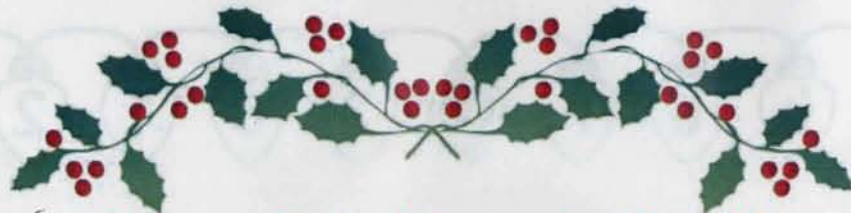
January 18, 2013
**"Finding, Using, and Creating Open
Educational Resources and Open
Textbooks"**
 Marie Lasseter, Bonnie Robinson
 Location: Athens (Information
 Technology Services offices)
 10 AM - 4 PM

Free registration: http://www.usg.edu/facultyresources/faculty_development/workshops/

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Take an End-of-Semester Break!

**President Randy Pierce invites you to a
Drop-In Open House
Thursday, December 6
from 1 to 3 PM
President's
Conference Room**



Our College Family



Marie and **Sean Boyle** and big brother Colin welcomed Clare Olivia on Tuesday, November 13 at 9:11 PM. She weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz. Everyone is doing great.

Star Tree 2012

Help a local needy child this holiday season!

Step 1: Choose your star and remove it from the tree.

Step 2: Go to Student Life and register your star.

Step 3: Purchase and wrap your gifts. All gifts must be new.

Step 4: Bundle gifts together - in a gift bag or with a ribbon.

Step 5: Take your gifts to Student Life by
Monday, December 3rd.

*Sponsored by the
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Staff Council*

The Star Tree is located in the Student Center. Please contact Paula Zwillich (pzwillich@gsc.edu) with any questions.

SIFE/Enactus

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members will be teaching financial literacy and sewing skills to the women served by these organizations. This is the second year GSC SIFE/Enactus has received this grant.

Finally, GSC SIFE/Enactus has received a \$400 grant from Campbell Soup Company for the "Let's Can Hunger" campaign. SIFE/Enactus members on both the Gainesville and Oconee campuses are working to relieve both immediate hunger through canned food drives as well as long term hunger relief through financial literacy and success skill programs.

GSC SIFE/Enactus Team members Robin Blake, Terri Zeigler, Bart Foster, and Sandra Torres, along with Friendship Elementary School Principal Berry Walton and family members Ron and Patrick Simmons and Lionel and Jalon Blake and SIFE/Enactus Advisor **Katie Simmons**, spent Make A Difference Day (Saturday, October 27, 2012) completing a reading trail at Friendship Elementary School in Buford.

Last Spring, SIFE team members built a nature trail at the school using money from the Lowe's Community Foundation SIFE Project Partner Grant. The nature trail was turned into a Reading Trail by the installation of ten lecterns built and installed along the trail. Teachers at the school will be able to take books out to the trail and have the students read as they walk along the trail.

SIFE/Enactus members are also planning to work with the afterschool program to have the children read a story and then present it on the outdoor stage located at the end of the trail. The club extends a big thank you to Lowe's on Shallowford Road for all its help in getting the materials ready for this project.

December 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Terry Easton—G Terry Edwards—G Kelly Manley—O Al Panu—G Margaret Venable—O
2 Bernard Larkin—G Kim Savage—G Wendy Thellman—G	3 Allison Ainsworth—G Darren Rhym—O Lee Williams—O	4	5 Brenda Abdel-Hafez—O Dorothy Foster—G Alan Smith—G	6 Joslyn Hilliard—G	7 Jeffrey Coalson—G Mary Hamby—G	8 GRADUATION  Donna Foster—G Beverly Hudson—G Vickie Poole—G
9 Theresa Lindsey—G	10 Lindsay Bailey—O	11 Paula Edney—G Bill Harrison—G	12 Jim Webb—O	13 Roshundra Oliver—G	14	15 Jane Tillitski—O
16 Kenneth Berry—G Meghan Hill—G	17 Bennie Coleman—O Hieu Huynh—G Douglas Young—G	18 Brandon Forrest—G Larry Jones—G	19	20 Anne Bishop—G Minsu Kim—G Tia Shubert—G Kelly Smith—G	21 James Grindeland—O Derek Powers—G Mary Transue—G	22  Lauren Abell—G Pam Burel—G Thomas Burson—G Charles Fowler—G Joshua Smith—G
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
WINTER BREAK—CAMPUSES CLOSED						
Michael Kemling—O Marianne Leidy—G		 Christine Jonick—G J.B. Sharma—G	 Ric Kabat—G	Emelie Matthews—G John O'Sullivan—G Christy Pruitt—G Laveda Pullens—G		Cathy Georgia—G Carol Elrod—G Susan Fifer—G Patsy Owens—G Abdul Roux—G Carly Womack-Wynne-G
30	31	January 1	CONSOLIDATION AHEAD → 			
Dava Dobbs—O Michael Goodroe—O	Melinda Hawley—O Sloan Jones—G Aaron Morales—G					