

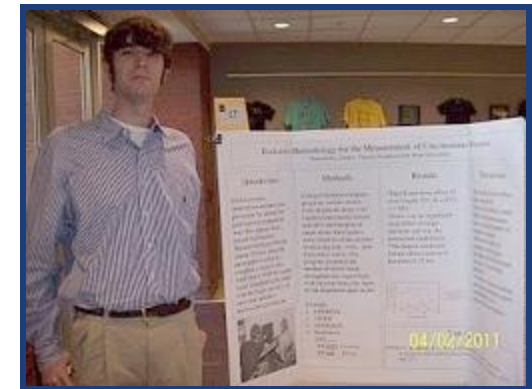
College of Arts and Sciences Newsletter

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The Georgia Undergraduate Research in Psychology Conference



Twelve members of the Psychology/Sociology Club went to Kennesaw State University on April 2 for the [Georgia Undergraduate Research in Psychology Conference](#). Adam Coffey (left) presented his research on the accuracy of eyewitness testimony in a paper presentation. Adam's presentation won third prize out of 18 paper presentations. Jay Chafin (right) presented his unconscious



perception research results at a poster session. The ten other students who attended were Jordan McDuffie, Ambrica Johnson, Megan Walker, Maria Trinh, William 'Zac' Lewis, Denise McKay, Elizabeth Moss, Kirby Salter, Trudy Hall, and Beth Brooks. Gary Fisk (Associate Professor of Psychology) and Chuck Huffman (Associate Professor of Psychology) accompanied the students on this trip. Huffman sponsored Coffey's presentation and Fisk sponsored Chafin's poster presentation.

Sirocco Focuses on Infinite Voices



Sirocco, GSW's arts magazine, released the newest edition on April 20 at the annual publication party. This year's theme, Infinite Voices, reflects a desire of the editorial staff to encourage a diversity of artistic expressions to the magazine. *Sirocco* added a section devoted to the theatre arts this year and continued the music project. "Infinite Voices" was dedicated to Dr. Mark Laughlin (Assistant Professor of Music), the adviser for the music project, in honor of his willingness to devote his time and expertise to



the project. J.W. Walker won the cover art contest with his painting "Iscariot" (see right). Harvey Penn won the editor's prize with his slam poem "Coming From Where I'm From." Please see the official [press release](#) for more information.

Gurnack Receives the Featured Public Servant Award



Elizabeth Gurnack (Associate Professor of Chemistry) received the Featured Public Servant Award for 2011. The award recognized her strong service contributions in the community and at GSW. She has been a leader in a number of community projects, including Keep Sumter Beautiful, the Americus Arts Council Board of Directors, and the Lake Blackshear Regional Library Board of Directors. Recently, she ran the "Paint the Gazebo" booth at the Arts in the Park festival (see left). On campus, she has also established a strong service record, such as being a past President of the Faculty Senate, the co-director of the Honors Program, and the advocate for the GSW STEM program.

Dolores Capitan Writing Award Winners for 2011

The winners of the Dolores Capitan Writing Awards were announced on April 20th. In the Academic Division, Jason Millsapps won first place for "Jason: Both of the Argonauts and of Medea". Jasmine Watkins, a Sociology major, won second place for a paper on sex addiction. Katie Lea won third place for a paper on "Feminist Issues of Gender in the Penelopiad". Harvey Penn won the Editor's Choice Award for "Coming From Where I'm From." The Dolores Capitan Writing Awards are funded each year by Dolores Capitan and Dr. William Capitan, a former president of GSW.

Green and Wilson Present at the Southeastern Theater Conference

Jeffrey Green (Professor of Theater, Communication, and Media Arts) and Angela Wilson (Assistant Professor of Theater, Communication, and Media Arts) presented at the Southeastern Theater Conference convention in Atlanta (March 2-5). Green served as Chair of the SETC Film and Television Committee, coordinating selection of programs, and presiding over submissions and screenings of films. Ms. Wilson served as a member of the SETC Film and Television Committee, serving as a panelist and respondent for the 2nd annual SETC Digital Cinema and Television Festival. They worked with other committee members to screen 17 films at the conference, including both features and shorts, narrative, documentary, and animated films. One film selected for screening at the festival was *By The Light of Dark* by local film maker Pat Peacock. This film featured Becky Holder, a GSW Dramatic Arts student, in a starring role.

In his capacity as Vice Chair of Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival Region IV, Green also presented two additional sessions; a general information session on how to get involved in KCACTF and a training session for faculty wishing

to serve as respondents for productions in the 10 state region. Green also participated in the Georgia Theater Conference state meeting at the convention.

Robins Presents at a History Conference



Glenn Robins (Associate Professor of History) gave a presentation at the Organization of American Historians Conference in Houston, Texas (March 17-20). The title of his presentation was "Blue, Gray, and Black: Commemorative Battles at Andersonville".

A Midsummer Night's Dream Play Production



Theater, Communication and Media Arts put on a production of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" on April 28 through May 1 at the Fine Arts Theater.

Dahlgren and DiPaula Present at English Conferences

Paul Dahlgren (Assistant Professor of English) and Lauren DiPaula (Assistant Professor of English) presented a work-in-progress about the teaching experiences of first-year faculty at the Conference on College Composition and Communication. DiPaula also presented at the College English Association's annual conference in St. Petersburg in March. Her presentation was entitled "The Fortune and Misfortune of Madness: Manic Depression and the Writing Life."

Dahlgren Publishes Papers on Wayne Booth and Mark Longaker

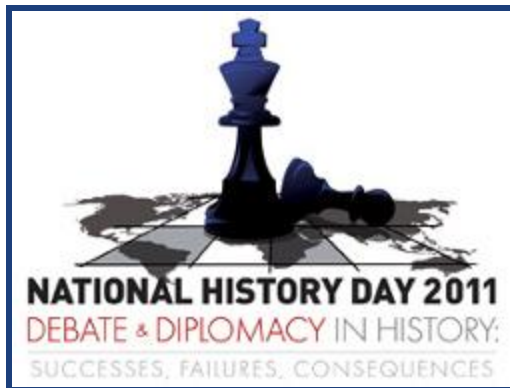
Dahlgren published an encyclopedia entry on Wayne Booth in the *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Literary and Cultural Theory*. Dahlgren also has a review of Mark Longaker's *Rhetoric and the Republic* that will appear in *Rhetorica: A Journal of the History of Rhetoric* this summer. Dahlgren's scholarship was [discussed recently on Blogora](#), the official blog for the Rhetoric Society of America.

Shapiro Presents on Statistics Pedagogy



Paul Shapiro (Associate Professor of Sociology) gave a presentation entitled "Simplifying statistics doesn't mean dumbing it down" at the 9th Annual Teaching Matters Conference in Barneville, GA.

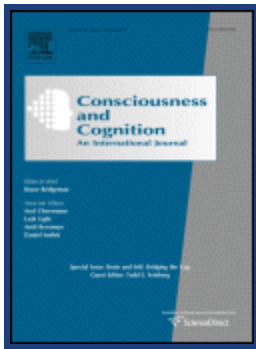
Hall and Robins Judge National History Day Papers



Richard Hall (Professor of History) and Glenn Robins (Associate Professor of History) served as judges for the Senior Division Historical Papers for the [National History Day in Georgia State Contest 2011](#). This year's theme was *Debate & Diplomacy: Successes, Failures, Consequences*. The contest is sponsored by the Georgia Humanities Council and is held each year at Macon State University.

Fisk Publishes Paper on Unconscious Perception

Gary Fisk (Associate Professor of Psychology) had a paper accepted for publication in the peer-reviewed journal *Consciousness & Cognition*. This study tested a key prediction of the Objective Threshold/Strategic model of unconscious perception. The paper is currently [available online](#) and will be published by the end of the year.

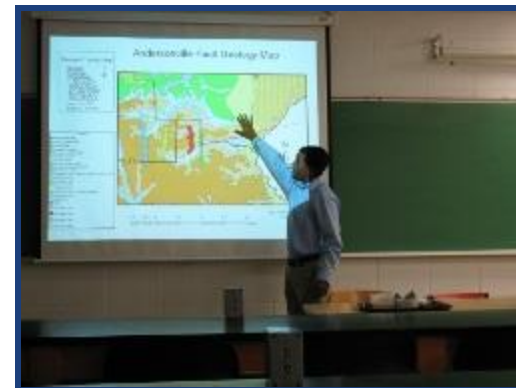


Morrison Receives AIPG Student Award



Shaunna Morrison, a senior geology major, received the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) geology student award from the Georgia Chapter of AIPG. The award is given to outstanding geology students at each program in the state and includes a certificate, a membership in the society, and a scholarship check. Sam Almaee, a professional geologist from Albany, presented the award. Morrison will be continuing her geologic studies at the University of Arizona in the Fall.

Geology Seniors Present Project Research



On April 27, three geology majors presented their Senior Project research on the diverse topics of clay mineralogy, echinoid evolution, and the Andersonville Fault. The presentations were given as a part of their senior thesis research. Shaunna Morrison (left) presented evidence for a transition in clay minerals between geologic formations in the Andersonville Kaolin District. Ryan Roney (center) discussed ecological stability on the marine shelf and population changes to echinoids. Mathais Merid (right) showed the location of the Andersonville Fault and the new data collected to determine its westward extent.