

College of Arts and Sciences Newsletter

November, 2010

Tu Receives the Featured Scholar Award



Anh-Hue Tu (Associate Professor of Biology) received the Featured Scholar Award for 2010-2011. The selection committee noted her long-standing commitment to research in the field of microbiology. In addition to her research, she has won several internal grants from GSW and received a "Most Valuable Professor" award from the Athletic Department in 2009.

Sociology Faculty and Students Present at a Sociology Conference



Several sociologists gave presentations at the October meeting of the Georgia Sociological Society. Rebecca Studdard gave a presentation on bilingual Hispanic children who serve as the translators for their parents. Elizabeth Wood examined the emotional labor required to work at an exclusive all-girl's summer camp.

Jamie MacLennan (Assistant Professor of Sociology) discussed the Relocalization Movement and its impact on sustainable communities. Paul Shapiro (Associate Professor of Sociology) presented a paper on the attitudes of incoming college Freshmen.

Bacteriology Students Tour the 13th Colony Distillery



On October 20, the bacteriology class visited the Thirteenth Colony Distillery in Americus, GA. The students had the opportunity to tour the facility and actually observe the process of alcohol production. The field trip provides students with an appreciation of the complexity of the process and the ability to see how classroom concepts are used at an industrial scale. Each student was given a T-shirt at the end of the tour.

Speer Presents at a Microbiology Conference



On November 4-6, Timothy Speer attended the American Society Microbiology Southeastern Branch Conference in Montgomery, Alabama to present his research project entitled "The Effect of Xylitol on Biofilm Formation by *Streptococcus mutans*". The work was performed in Dr. Tu's microbiology lab. Speer's travel funding was made possible through the Cofer fund, which supports the research needs of students majoring in sciences or mathematics. Speer also received an undergraduate student travel award from the ASM committee.

Huffman Presents at an Adult Learning Conference



Charles Huffman (Associate Professor of Psychology) presented: "Everybody's Gone Surfin', Surfin' PLA: Institutional Collaboration to Create a Network of PLA Assessors" at the International Conference of the Council of Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) on Nov. 12th in San Diego, CA.

Iordanova Publishes Two Peer-Reviewed Papers



Nedialka Iordanova (Associate Professor of Chemistry) recently published two peer-reviewed papers. One paper was in the Journal of Chemical Physics and other was in the Journal of Physical Chemistry C.

- Kerkines, I.S.K., Morokuma, K., Iordanova, N., and Viggiano, A.A. (2010). [Experimental and theoretical study of the reaction of POCl₃ with O₂](#). *Journal of Chemical Physics*, 132, 044309.
- Devine, B., Jang, I., Kemper, T., Lee, D., Gale, J.D., Iordanova, N., and Sinnott, S.B. (2010). [Multilevel computational analysis of fluorocarbon polyatomic deposition on diamond](#). *The Journal of Physical Chemistry C*, 114(29), 12535-12544.

Biologists Tour Sapelo Island



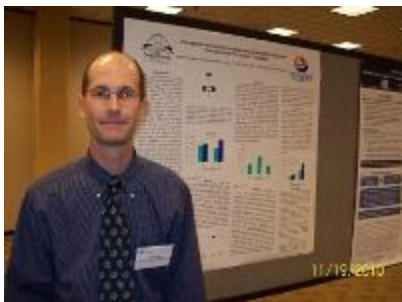
Students from the Biology Department took a field trip to Sapelo Island on October 22-24, 2010. Students and professors got a first hand look at barrier island biology, including salt marsh ecology, ghost crabs, and the effects of invasive species on the fragile island ecology.

The Chemistry Club Celebrates National Chemistry Week



The American Chemical Society celebrated National Chemistry Week in October. Students from the GSW Chemistry Club participated in the celebration by organizing two events. Fun chemistry experiments were displayed for GSW students at the Marshall Student Center Patio on October 19, 2010. The experiments included making ice cream with liquid nitrogen. The second event was a chemistry demonstration for 3rd grade students at Schley County Elementary School. This event was held on October 28, 2010.

Fisk Presents at a Psychology Conference



Gary Fisk (Associate Professor of Psychology) gave a poster presentation at the 51st annual meeting of the Psychonomic Society in Saint Louis, MO on November 19. The title of the presentation was "Perceptual Instructions Increase Awareness of Primes in an 'Unconscious Perception' Paradigm". The poster received significant attention from prominent scientists in the field of experimental psychology.

Wilson Presents at a Communications Conference



Angela Wilson (Assistant Professor of Dramatic Arts) presented a paper at the National Communication Association's 96th Annual Convention in San Francisco, CA. Wilson's paper analyzed media bias in the campaign coverage from the 2008 Presidential campaign. Wilson found that female candidates often received less coverage than their male counterparts. Female candidates were sometimes perceived as emotional or too sensitive for politics. In addition, a number of media references were made regarding the physical appearance of attractiveness, clothing, and age of female political candidates.

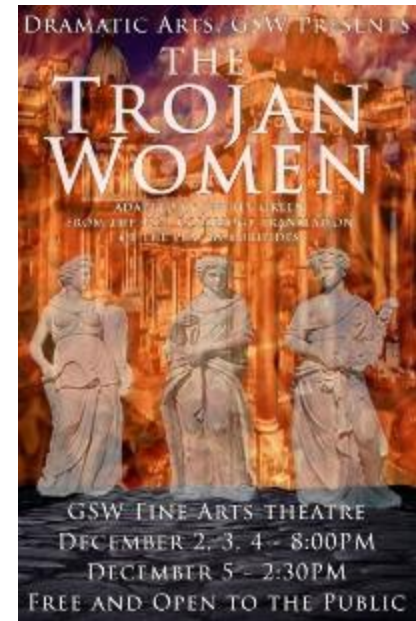
Association of Third World Studies Meeting

The Twenty-Eight Annual Meeting of the Association of Third World Studies (ATWS) was held in Savannah, October 7-9. The conclave featured 110 attendees from around the world who participated in 27 panels and round tables that focused on the theme, "A Confident Third World: Facing the Multidimensional Challenges of the Twenty-First Century." Three Georgia Southwestern State University faculty members participated in the conference. Philip Szmedra (Associate Professor of Economics) presented a paper titled "Killing Them Softly: The Public Health Challenges Facing Pacific Island Nations". Brian Parkinson (Associate Professor of History) gave a paper on "The Changing Nature of Turkish Foreign Policy". Harold Isaacs (Professor of History, emeritus) chaired a roundtable discussion entitled "The State of the Third World". The conference was co-sponsored by the Association for Third World Studies, Georgia Southwestern State University, Seton Hall University, and Armstrong Atlantic State University.

Bryan Publishes Paper

Genie Bryan (Assistant Professor of English) has the following publication forthcoming: "Written on the Walls: Reflections of Shifting Definitions of Slavery and Self" in Toni Morrison's *A Mercy*. In *Excavating the Past That Everybody Gave Past: Visualizing Slavery in Contemporary American Popular Culture*. McFarland Publishers. She also will be appearing this month in *The Lion and Mouse Stories*.

Announcement: The Trojan Women in Early December



The Department of Dramatic Arts will be presenting The Trojan Women on December 2 - 5. This show is free and open to the public.

New Faculty: Anish Dave



Anish Dave has an MFA in Creative Writing (Fiction) from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and an MBA in Marketing from B. K. School of Business Management, Gujarat University (India). He is also an ABD in Rhetoric and Professional Communication from Iowa State University where he is finishing up

his PhD degree. Anish has over a decade of industry experience and about eight years of experience teaching undergraduate writing courses, including courses in business and technical communication. He has published his research in journals such as the *Research in the Teaching of English* and *Business Communication Quarterly*. He also has an unpublished novel that was his MFA thesis and that he hopes to work on and publish some day. Anish and his wife, Meeta, hail from Gujarat, India, but have lived in the US since 2002.