



Newsletter: September, 2011

JD Garn Art Exhibition



The Department of Visual Arts hosted a month-long exhibition of "Objects and Metaphors" by visiting artist JD Garn. "The Water Carriers" is shown at left. Garn received his BFA in Ceramics from Alfred University and his MFA in Ceramics from Virginia Commonwealth University. He currently teaches at Spring Arbor University in Spring Arbor, Michigan. Garn lectured in several classes and gave advanced ceramics students individual critiques. He finished the exhibition with a presentation about the displayed artwork.

Critical Literacy and Communications Students Participate in Award Contest

On September 21st, five students in the Critical Literacy and Communications graduate program presented their work on "Introduction to Literacy -- an interactive textbook" to the 2011 WUG Innovator Award Contest. The presentation was given to 95 participants throughout the University System of Georgia via an online classroom technology called Wimba. The presenters included Paul Farr, Ray Manilla, Raven Payne, Maribel Villegas, and Jason Millsap. Peg Ellington (Associate Professor of English) facilitated the presentation. The winner of the contest will be notified in early October.

Iordanova Presents at the National American Chemical Society



Nedialka Iordanova (Associate Professor of Chemistry) was invited to give a presentation at the 242nd National American Chemical Society (ACS) meeting in Denver, Colorado. This meeting is one of the most prestigious events in the field of chemistry. The invited presentation was part of the "Computational Modeling of Photo-catalysis and Photo-induced Charge Transfer Dynamics on Surfaces" symposium. The presented information was based upon a research collaboration with the University of Florida that was supported by a National Science Foundation grant.



Former Prisoner of War Meets With Students



Retired Navy Commander Al Agnew held a question and answer session with students about his Prisoner of War experience. Agnew's plane was shot down over Hanoi, Vietnam in 1972. He was held captive by the Vietnamese army for about three months. The session was moderated by Glenn Robins (Associate Professor of History).

GSW Hosts The Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall



GSW observed POW/MIA Recognition Day by hosting the Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall (September 15 - 17). Events included the "Rolling Thunder" group and POWs from other conflicts. The "Some Gave All Wall" memorial was also on campus to honor those who lost their lives during Operation Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom

Convocation on Governor Marvin Griffin



Scott Buchanan gave a convocation presentation about Georgia Governor Marvin Griffin on September 28. Griffin was governor from 1955 to 1959, which was a critical period in civil rights movement. Buchanan recently published a book on Griffin entitled *Some of the People Who Ate My Barbecue Didn't Vote for Me: The Life of Georgia Governor Marvin Griffin*. Buchanan is an Associate Professor of Political Science at the Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina.

Huffman Receives a Travel Grant

Chuck Huffman (Associate Professor of Psychology) received a travel grant to attend the Southeastern Teaching of Psychology Best Practices Conference. The focus of this year's conference is "Teaching Introduction to Psychology". The grant was awarded by the U-PACE program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.



GSW Third World Seminar on 'The Peace Corps Experience'

On September 14, three speakers gave presentations that described their Peace Corps experiences in developing nations. Philip Szmedra (Professor of Economics) described his experience in Morocco. Rachel Mast (Peace Corps Regional Recruitment Coordinator) and Janet Utrecht (Cooperative Coffees) shared their Peace Corps work experiences in Mexico, Panama, and Ecuador.

Glass Earns a European Union Certificate

Robert Glass is the first GSW student to earn the EU Certificate with Honors. He also won second place for best paper in the state-wide consortium's Student European Union Conference. Glass has been given an internship opportunity at the European Parliament's Congressional Liaison Office in Washington, D.C. This internship has strong prospects for turning into a paid position with the Parliament in Brussels next year.

Dahlgren Presents at Three Conferences

Paul Dahlgren (Assistant Professor of English and Modern Languages) gave three presentations at professional conferences. In the summer, he gave a presentation on "The Hemispheric Politics of Belletrism" at the International Society for the History of Rhetoric in Bologna, Italy. In September, he presented a paper at the Reception Studies Society titled "Badiou as Reception Theorist". A third presentation on "Cosmopolitan Commencement: Reading Edward Everett in the United States and Argentina" was given at a conference sponsored by the American Antiquarian Society.

In addition to the presentations, his review of Matthew Brown's *The Pilgrim and the Bee: Reading Rituals and Book Culture in Early New England* was published by *Receptions: The Journal of the Reception Studies Society*.

Announcement: The University Writing Center

The University Writing Center is open for tutoring from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM Monday through Thursdays and 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Fridays. The center is located in room 107 of the English building. Writing consultants are available to help students with any part of their writing processes and with any kind of writing. To better assist students, the center welcomes faculty submissions of upcoming paper assignments and rubrics. Information can be dropped by the center or emailed to gswwritingcenter@gmail.com or lauren.dipaula@gsw.edu.



Announcement: Oct. 10 Third World Seminar on Africa and South Asia

The problems confronting contemporary Africa and South Asia will be discussed and analyzed by two experts at the October Third World in Perspective Program. The event will be held 6:30-8:00 PM on Monday, October 10 in the GSW Student Success Center (adjoining conference rooms 2410, 2413, and 2417). John Hickman and Chaitram Singh from Berry College will give presentations on Africa and South Asia, respectively. The respondent will be William Head, who is the Chief Center Historian at the Warner Robins Air Logistic Center.

Mediterranean Geckos Found at GSW



Hello! Have you seen me hanging around your building lately, maybe around the lights at night? My name is Med, which is short for Mediterranean gecko (*Hemidactylus turcicus*). I am a newcomer to Sumter County and the University. Although I am an alien species, I am widely distributed around the world because members of my family like to travel. Once we get to a new place there are usually plenty of places to hide during the day and lots of insects to feed on during the night. P.S. I don't like to be handled and will leave you with just a piece of my tail as a going away present.