



Newsletter: October, 2011

Francisco Presentation on the Future of Chemical Enterprise



Joe Francisco gave a convocation presentation about "The Road Ahead: The Future of Chemical Enterprise" on October 5. He discussed current trends and professional opportunities in the field of chemistry, including the globalization of the chemical industry. He emphasized the importance of higher education in finding jobs that are better paying and intellectually stimulating. Francisco is a highly accomplished chemist who has authored over 400 peer-reviewed publications. He has also served as past President of The American Chemical Society.

Women's Studies Lecture Series on Women and Medicine



Three GSW faculty members gave presentations and discussion on "A Delicate Condition: Women and Medicine" for the Women's Studies Lecture Series on October 19. Paula Martin (Assistant Professor of History) gave a presentation on the views of women held by Greek and Roman physicians. Elizabeth Kuipers (Associate Professor of English) shared a first-person description of a mastectomy from the late 1700s. Bonnie Simmons (Professor of Nursing) gave an update on current breast cancer diagnosis and treatment. Genie Bryan (Associate Professor of English) moderated the discussion.

Third World Seminar on South Asia and Africa

Three guest speakers gave presentations on contemporary problems in South Asia and Africa for the Third World in Perspective Program Seminar on October 10. Chaitram Singh (Berry College) discussed current problems in contemporary Pakistan and Afghanistan. He also covered the U.S. role in these issues. John Hickman (Berry College) explored the political problems confronting present-day Africa. William Head (a historian at the Warner Robins Air Force Base) discussed the death of Osama Bin Laden.



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Students Support National Depression Screening Day

Several members of the Psychology/Sociology Club assisted with National Depression Screening Day on October 6. This assistance involved administering and scoring standardized questionnaires, providing information about depression, and directing individuals to appropriate counseling services as needed. The club members are grateful to Alma Keita, Director of Counseling Services, for encouraging their participation and supervising their activities.

Two Students Present at a Microbiology Conference



On October 20-22, Stephen Griswold (left) and Yixin Liu (right) attended the American Society for Microbiology Southeastern Branch Conference in Gainesville, Florida. Stephen Griswold presented an oral presentation titled "Quorum Quenching in *Pseudomonas aureofaciens*". Yixin Liu presented a poster on "A Comparison of the Antibacterial Properties of Extracted Allyl Isothiocyanate Solution". Both students received travel funding from GSW (the Cofer grant) and the ASM. Stephen Griswold will graduate in December. Yixin Liu will return to China to complete her joint 1-2-1 degree program between Tianjin University for Science and Technology and GSW.

The Chemists Celebrate National Chemistry Week



Three events were held to celebrate National Chemistry Week. The movie *Madame Curie* was shown on October 13 to recognize the 100th anniversary of Marie Curie's second Nobel Prize. On October 18, fun chemistry demonstrations were presented to the GSW community at the Marshall Student center. This event



included chemistry questions and making ice cream with liquid nitrogen. Some of the quiz prizes were generously donated by Fisher Scientific. The third event, the National Chemistry Week Pizza Party Swim Meet, took place at the GSW swimming pool on October 22. These events were a collaboration between the GSW Chemistry Department, the GSW Chemistry Club, the Southwest Georgia Section of the American Chemical Society, and the GSW chapter of the Alpha Chi Honor Society.



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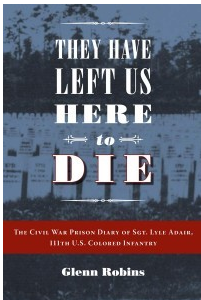
Sociologists Present at the Georgia Sociological Association Meeting



Three members of the Department of Psychology and Sociology presented at the Annual Meeting of the Georgia Sociological Association. Maria Trinh, a Psych/Soc double major, gave a presentation on "How Gender Affects Relationship Expectations and Behaviors in College Students". Paul Shapiro (Associate Professor of Sociology) presented two papers. He was the featured speaker for a peer-reviewed, round table discussion of on-line teaching. He also presented a second study that examined entitled students and their tolerance towards cheating behavior. Jamie MacLennan (Assistant

Professor of Sociology) presented a paper on the factors that influence success among prospective Appalachian Trail hikers. The title of his presentation was "What Were They Thinking: Factors Influencing Success Among Appalachian Trail Thru-hikers".

Robins Publishes a Civil War Diary



Glenn Robins (Associate Professor of History) published a book titled "[They Have Left Us Here to Die](#)" [The Civil War Prison Diary of Sgt. Lyle G. Adair, 111th U.S. Colored Infantry](#)". The book is based upon a diary kept by Union soldier Sgt. Lyle G. Adair of the 111th United States Colored Troops. Scott Reynolds Nelson (Legum Professor of History, College of William & Mary) states that the book "...touches on the important themes of combat motivation, race, the end of slavery, the experience of captivity, and the competing stories of how the war was remembered."

Students Start the GSW Garden Club



Several students interested in organically grown vegetables have started the GSW Garden Club. The club has been busy this semester harvesting summer vegetables and setting out a fall garden. Come by and see the lettuce, spinach, sugar snap peas, kale, and more next to the greenhouses behind the science building. The club has [a page on Facebook](#) that describes their gardening activities. Jamie MacLennan (Assistant Professor of Psychology) is the faculty supervisor for the club. Stephanie Harvey (Associate Professor of Biology) and Burt Carter (Professor of Geology) have also helped the club.



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Biology Field Trip to Sapelo Island



Eleven students and five faculty members from the Department of Biology recently spent the weekend touring Sapelo Island. They examined barrier island biology, including salt marsh ecology, ghost crabs, and the effects of invasive species on the fragile island ecology. They also enjoyed a classic low country boil

Green Gives Two Workshops at a Theater Conference

Jeffrey Green, Professor and Chair of Theater, Communication & Media Art, presented two workshops at the recent Georgia Theater Conference state convention on October 12 -16. In the first workshop, "Acting Like Johnny Depp", participants explored the methodology advocated by Johnny Depp during his Inside the Actor's Studio interview on Bravo. The second workshop, "Lights! Camera! Action! : On location film workshop for performers and technicians", explored the hands-on process of working a location film shoot for both actors and technicians, including lighting, microphone and camera placement.

The Georgia Theater Conference state convention will return to GSW and the Rylander Theater in 2012. The convention will bring 1200 participants to the campus and community, including over 600 high school students from around the state.

The Haunted Hotel



Members of the Theater, Communication & Media Arts Department performed at a haunted house in the Windsor Hotel to celebrate Halloween. This event was a fund raiser for the department.

New Faculty: Olga Godoy



Olga Godoy is a new Assistant Professor in the Department of English and Foreign Languages. Godoy, who is originally from Madrid, Spain, has Ph.D. and M.A. degrees in Spanish from Florida State University. She also has a B.A. in French and Health, Physical Education, and Recreation from Western Michigan University. She loves to travel and learn from different cultures.



Environmental Geology Class Studies Ground Water Monitoring Methods



On October 21, Ron Wallace (Georgia Environmental Protection Division and the American Institute of Professional Geologists) and Sam Almaee (GEC, an environmental geology company in Albany) did a demonstration for the Environmental Geology class. Students learned about groundwater contamination, EPD and EPA monitoring requirements, soil and water sample collecting and analysis, and surveying of water depths to determine the direction of groundwater flow. In addition, Tim Baker and Penny Wilkinson of Atlas Geo-Sampling of Atlanta came down to demonstrate how temporary monitoring wells are installed using the direct-push coring method. (Atlas Geo-Sampling is owned by GSW geology alumnus Jim Fineis.) Students were then able to look at cores of the materials beneath the site and analyze them. Sam Peavy (Professor of Geology) arranged this field event.

A&S Members Contribute to the Pet Parade



Two members of the College of Arts and Sciences assisted in the Kiwanis Club's 64th annual Pet Parade. Sam Peavy (Professor of Geology), who is currently the President of the Kiwanis Club, gave out prizes to the costume contest winners. Kelly McCoy (Dean of Arts and Sciences) was a costume judge for the pet and non-pet categories.