

College of Arts and Sciences Newsletter

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McCoy Appointed to be the Dean of Arts and Sciences



J. Kelly McCoy has been appointed to be the new Dean of Arts and Sciences. Dr. McCoy is a biologist who is the Department Chair of the Biology Department at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas. McCoy will begin working at GSW on July 1, 2011. More information about McCoy is available in the [official press release](#).

Peavy and Megginson Donate Trees



Sam Peavy (Associate Professor of Geology and Physics) and Julie Megginson (Associate Professor of Music) donated several trees to enhance the beauty of the campus. The trees will be planted around the Centennial Fountain. Peavy and Megginson are planning to make regular tree donations to the university in the future.

Honors Students Present at the Georgia Collegiate Honors Council



Four students from the Honors Program attended the annual meeting of the Georgia Collegiate Honors Council, which was held on February 25-26 at Clayton State University. Nichole Musser, a senior Visual Arts major, gave a presentation entitled *Glassblowing: An Enhancement to Education*. Tyler Steele, a senior Math major, gave a presentation on *Hausdorff Lines in the Second Symmetric Product*. The students were accompanied by Elizabeth Gurnack (Associate Professor of Chemistry) and Jeff Waldrop (Interim Dean of Arts and Sciences).

Students Present at Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival



GSW Dramatic Arts program fielded its largest contingent ever to qualify for participation in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. Seventeen students qualified through juried review of their work to present at the festival held on the campus of Daytona State College (February 1- 5, 2011). For the first time in the history of the Dramatic Arts program, the GSW entries included all areas of theater: Scenic, costume, lighting, sound design, acting, directing, and dramaturgy.

Nick Ryan (Sr., Augusta, GA), who received multiple nominations for his work on *Faith County*, *Androcles and The Lion*, and *The Trojan Women*, presented his scenic and lighting design for *The Trojan Women* in the Barbizon Design exhibition. Brook Echols (Sr., Pinehurst, GA) presented her costume design for *The Trojan Women* in the Barbizon Design exhibition. Andrew Jones (Sr., Warner Robins, GA) presented his sound design for *The Trojan Women* in the Barbizon Design exhibition. Lane Marchant (Sr., Albany, GA) presented her scenic and lighting design for *Dancing With The Dead* in the David Weiss Design exhibition.

Rebekah Martens (Jr., Kingsland, GA) was chosen through a competitive application serve as a director for the National Playwriting Program's Ten-Minute play performances. Her nomination was based on her work directing *Androcles and The Lion* at the Rylander Theater. Ashley Longacre (Sr. Hinesville, GA) was also

selected through competitive application to participate in Dramaturgy events based on her research for *The Trojan Women*.



Performers participating in the Irene Ryan acting audition showcase scenes were: Daina Rosario (Jr., Kingsland, GA) with her scene partner Will Dozier (Sr., Americus, GA); Sidney Davis (Sr., Kathleen, GA) with his scene partner Megan Sleeth (Sr. Warner Robins, GA); Marc Weathersby (Sr. Americus, GA) with his scene partner Chris Coleman (Jr., Douglas, GA); Mark Culpepper (Soph., Blakely, GA) with his scene partner Rebekah Martens (Jr., Kingsland, GA); Christin Woods (Sr., Plains, GA) with her scene partner Sara Thompson (Fr., Brunswick, GA); and Becky Holder (Sr., Vienna, GA) with her scene partner Blair Erskine (Fr., Ellaville, GA). It is particularly notable that this was Ms. Holder's fourth nomination in as many years. Ms. Holder has been nominated for every role she has performed at GSW reviewed by an outside respondent.

The work of Dramatic Arts faculty and staff was recognized as well. Ray Mannila (GSW Theater Technical Coordinator) received an Outstanding Achievement for Technical Direction award for his work on *Androcles and the Lion*. Jeffrey Green (Professor of Dramatic Arts) received an Outstanding Achievement in playwrighting award for his iambic pentameter adaptation of the performance text for *The Trojan Women*.

Zamparas Gives Classical Piano Performance



Grigorios Zamparas, Pianist, performed works by Haydn, Beethoven, and Liszt on February 21. Dr. Zamparas, who is originally from Greece, is a Professor of Music at the University of Tampa.

Visual Arts Holds Student Scholarship Show



On February 16th, the Department of Visual Arts celebrated the accomplishments of their dedicated students at a reception for their Annual Student Scholarship Show. The students did outstanding work ranging in mediums from photography, printmaking, drawing and painting, to glass, ceramics, and metal sculpture.

The faculty of the Visual Art Department juried the exhibition and, despite the difficulty in picking from the many successful works on display, several students were selected. A total of \$12,000 was awarded in scholarship money.

The exhibition will be on display in the library gallery through March 4th. Everyone is encouraged to look at the wonderful work the art students have created.

Isaacs Edits The Journal of Third World Studies



Harold Isaacs, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of History at Georgia Southwestern State University, has edited the Fall, 2010 issue of *The Journal of Third World Studies*. The focus of this issue was "Third World Problems and Issues in Historical Perspective". This journal is published by the Association of Third World Studies.