



The College of Arts and Sciences

November, 2011

Theater, Communication, and Media Arts Support *Blithe Spirit*



The Department of Theater, Communication, & Media Arts co-produced *Blithe Spirit* with Sumter Players. GSW students and faculty who were involved include Sara Thompson, Genie Bryan, Will Dozier, Megan Sleeth, Christin Woods, Jason Wallace, and Rebekah Martens. The production was directed by William Searcy, with scenery by Mark Culpepper, lighting by Jeremy Ellenberg, sound by Jesse Wade, and technical by Eric Holt. Ray Mannila supervised the technical aspects of

the production. GSW students, staff, and faculty, collectively contributed hundreds of civic engagement hours toward the realization of the production

Students Tour Chemistry Facilities at Georgia Tech



Several chemistry students visited the Nanotechnology Research Center at Georgia Tech on November 8. David Gottfried gave them a presentation about recent advances in nanotechnology and a tour of the nanotechnology facilities. The students also attended a seminar and visited the Nuclear Magnetic Resonance and Mass-spectroscopy facilities. Nellie Iordanova (Associate Professor of Chemistry) accompanied the students on this trip.

Geology Field Trip to Northwest Georgia



The geology students took a field trip to northwest Georgia and southeastern Tennessee. They visited the Cobb County Gem and Mineral Society's Annual Gem and Mineral Show. They also spent time exploring the Tellus Science Museum in Cartersville, Georgia. One of the most exciting parts of the trip was a four-hour tour of Crystal Caves. Tom Weiland (Professor of Geology) accompanied the students on this trip.





Waldrop Presents at the Modern Language Association Meeting



Jeff Waldrop (Professor of English) presented a paper at the 83rd South Atlantic Modern Language Association's meeting in Atlanta on November 5. The paper was titled "James Thomson and the Birth of Modern Poetry." Thomson was an early 18th century poet whose major work *The Seasons* ushered in a new poetic mode, the descriptive blank verse meditation on nature.

Fisk Presents at the Psychonomic Society Annual Meeting, Wins Software



Gary Fisk (Professor of Psychology) gave a poster presentation on "'Unconscious Perception' Effects in Exclusion Tasks are Methodological Artifacts" at the Psychonomic Society meeting in Seattle, WA on November 4. He also won a raffle for 100 Psychmate software licenses (a \$3500 value). This software enables students to replicate classic experiments in psychology. The Psychmate software will be used to enhance teaching in the Cognition, Sensation/Perception, and Social Psychology courses.

Isaacs Edits *The Journal of Third World Studies*



Harold Isaacs (Professor of History - Emeritus) edited "Aspects of Third World Development in the Early 21st Century" in the Fall, 2011 issue of *The Journal of Third World Studies*. This is the 55th issue that Isaacs has edited. The 379 page volume contained selected papers presented at the 2010-2011 GSW Third World in Perspective Program Seminar Series. The contents included peer-reviewed articles, book reviews, and book review essays.

Survey Performed for the Federal Aviation Administration



Paul Shapiro (Associate Professor of Sociology) and Dave Brundage (a graduating senior in Sociology) recently completed a research project for the Federal Aviation Administration. The survey results will help South Georgia Technical College's Aircraft Maintenance Program maintain the minimum completion rates for the FAA's Written, Oral, and Practical Airman Certificate Examination.



Robins Publishes on Andersonville

Glenn Robins (Associate Professor of History) published “Andersonville in History and Memory” in the fall issue of [Georgia Historical Quarterly](#) (Vol. XCV, No. 3, 408-422). Georgia Historical Quarterly is a state historical journal published by the Georgia Historical Society.

Isaacs Chairs Two Panels at the Association for Third World Studies Meeting



The Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the Association of Third World Studies (ATWS) was held in Salvador da Bahia, Brazil, November 20-23. The conference theme was “Global Change, Shifting Dynamics, and the Third World.” Harold Isaacs (Professor of History - Emeritus) chaired two panels: “Latin America and Africa-Exploring Connections,” and “Current Issues in Latin America.” Isaacs said “The conference was very successful and the setting in Salvador da Bahia, Brazil’s first capital, made it a very rewarding experience for participants who, in addition to the academic

discourse, took tours of the city and enjoyed the blend of African, European, and Indian cuisine and culture.” The conference was co-sponsored by ATWS, Georgia Southwestern State University, Seton Hall University, Armstrong Atlantic State University, Millersville University, and SUNY College at Plattsburgh.

Berggren Presents at a Political Science Conference

D. Jason Berggren (Assistant Professor of Political Science) gave a presentation at the Georgia Political Science Association Conference in Savannah (November 10-12). The paper was entitled “Gender, Religion, Mondale, and the Legacy of Geraldine Ferraro.”