

# **Teaching Assistant Newsletter**



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### 2010-2011 Graduate School Excellence in Teaching Award

Each year, the Graduate School awards the Excellence in Teaching Award to five graduate teaching or laboratory assistants in recognition of their contributions to classroom teaching and to the scholarship of teaching at the University of Georgia.

This year's winners have all excelled in working with undergraduates in the instructional setting and have also been active in support of teaching beyond their own classroom duties. All of them have mentored new teaching and laboratory assistants and provided leadership in encouraging others to teach well. The winners were recognized at the Honor's Day celebration at Hugh Hodgson Hall as well as at the Faculty Recognition Banquet where they received their plaques and \$1,000 from the Graduate School in appreciation of their dedication to teaching.



From left: Tiffani Everett, Sociology; David Marancik, Veterinary School; Christopher Lawton, History; Brandon Samples, Mathematics; Lincoln Larson, Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources.

## **Graduate School Teaching Portfolio Program**

#### **Fall Semester Deadline:**

October 21, 2011

Every semester since Spring of 2005, the Graduate School considers teaching portfolios for certification. Participants in the portfolio program not only get Graduate School recognition for their portfolios but also recieve feedback from faculty members on their individual portfolios. Additionally, the teaching portfolio is the cornerstone for the Graduate School's Interdisciplinary Certificate in University Teaching. For more information about the teaching certificate, see page 3 of this newsletter.

For Fall 2011, the Graduate School's deadline for the teaching portfolio program is October 21. To help graduate students prepare their portfolios, the Center for Teaching and Learning is offering a series of three workshops leading up to the deadline. Workshops will be held at the conference room of the Center for Teaching and Learning, which is located on the north side of the instructional plaza between Psychology and Journalism buildings. If interested in participating in the workshops, contact Matthew Lovelace, lovelace@uga.edu, 542-1355.

### Fall 2011 Teaching Portfolio Workshops:

Monday, 9/19, 2:30-4:30 pm Monday, 10/03, 2:30-4:30 pm Monday, 10/17, 2:30-4:30 pm

# The 2011 Outstanding Teaching Award Winners

The Office of the Senior Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Provost recognizes teaching assistants throughout campus with the Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award. Each year, up to 10% of graduate student TAs in a department are recognized for their contributions to the instructional mission of the University of Georgia. Winners are given a certificate of appreciation from Academic Affairs and are recongized at Honors Day. The following graduate students were recognized this year.

Chadi Abdallah, Economics

Amir Abdolrashidi, Computer Science

Athena Anderson, Odum School of Ecology

Douglas Aubrey, Forestry & Natural Resources

Arnab Banerji, Theatre & Film Studies

Stephen Barnes, Romance Languages

Murat Bayar, International Affairs

Kyle Beard, Chemistry

Ranjan Behera, Cellular Biology

Lisa Bolding, English

Whitney Boozer, Entomology

**Emily Bovier, Psychology** 

Ashley Bramlett, Foods & Nutrition

Marzena Bukowska, Theatre & Film Studies

Daniel Butler, English

Aaron Carter, Hugh Hodgson School of Music

Seri Chapman Beall, Mathematics & Science Ed

Wonseok Choi, Kinesiology

Max Christie, Geology

\*Erin Colbert-White, Psychology

Laura Davis, History

Ryan Davis, Animal & Dairy Science

Jon Dawson, English

Jayna DeVore, Forestry & Natural Resources

Quang Do, Chemistry

Pamela Dorsey, Pharm & Biomedical Sciences

Ashton Ellett, History

Susan Elrod, Pharm & Biomedical Sciences

Tiffani Everett, Sociology

Ashley Floyd, Hugh Hodgson School of Music

Tonjua Freeman, Mathematics & Science Ed

Elizabeth Friese, Language & Literacy Education

Brittany Gentile, Psychology

Whitney George, Mathematics

Brian Gleason, Mathematics & Science Ed

Seth Gustafson, Geography

\*Kelly Guyotte, Art

Donna Hancock, Child & Family Development

Yainitza Hernandez-Rodriguez, Plant Biology

\*Kylie Horney, History

Andrew Hoss, Statistics

So Yun (Mary) Im, Accounting

\*Douglas Jackson, Chemistry

Magdalene Jacobs, Linguistics

Adam Jaeger, Statistics

Katie James, Sociology

Woo Jang, Geography

Antoine Jefferson, ALEC

Luke Johnson, Philosophy

Brijesh Karrakat, Plant Pathology

Johannes Karreth, International Affairs

Ellen Kohl, Geography

\*Sayali Kukday, Biochem & Molecular Biology

Ana Kuzle, Mathematics & Science Ed

Antoinette Landor, Child & Family Dev

\*Keri Larson, MIS

Patrick Lawson, Chemistry

Maurice LeBlanc, Mathematics

Inyeop Lee, International Affairs

\*Jacquelyn Lee, School of Social Work

Allison Lenhardt, English

\*Cristiane Lira, Romance Languages

Xuewen Liu, Religion

Gabriel Lovatt, English

Lin-Miao Lu, Comparative Literature

Jill Lucas, Kinesiology

D. Brandon Magers, Chemistry

\*David Marancik, Dept. of Vet. Pathology

Josh Marsh, Theatre & Film Studies

Amanda Mazzaferro, School of Music

Stephen McCreery, Telecommunications

\*Michael McKain, Plant Biology

Andrew Mehring, Odum School of Ecology

Eileen Murray, Mathematics & Science Ed

Christopher Neasbitt, Computer Science

Jennifer Novell, Dept of Romance Languages

Joo Eun Oh, Elementary & Social Studies Ed

Alexander Pagnani, EPIT

### **2011 Outstanding Teaching Award Winners (continued)**

Michael Paparone, Comparative Literature Joseph Pate, Counseling & Human Dev Svcs Andy Peeks, Hugh Hodgson School of Music Myron Petro, Geography \*Justin Pettigrew, Advertising/Public Relations David Peyton, Hugh Hodgson School of Music Manuel Pinto-Barragán, Romance Languages Michal Polanowski, Housing & Consumer Econ Gail Polk, Comparative Literature Maria del Rosario Pozo-Hurtado, Romance Lang Nicholas Radko, Geology Nilo Ramos, Kinesiology Laurel Richmond, Counseling & Human Dev Svcs Katherine Robbins, Food Science & Technology Taylor Robenalt, Art Maria Roberts, Classics Carrie Ross, Animal & Dairy Science \*David Samuels, Microbiology David Savino, Art Martin Seay, Housing & Consumer Economics

\*Amber Shaw, English Tamar Shovali, Psychology Adam Smith, Hugh Hodgson School of Music Luke Snyder, Plant Biology Tamika Sterrs, Hugh Hodgson School of Music Kelly Storm, Computer Science Sairam Tangirala, Physics & Astronomy Anna Thomas, Plant Pathology Lourdes (Lou) Tolosa, Language & Literacy Ed Wei-Chia Tseng, Cellular Biology Krishnakumar Vasudevan, Cellular Biology \*Vijay Veeraghattam, Physics & Astronomy Tori Vratanina, Psychology Catie Walker-O'Neal, Child & Family Dev Melissa Walter, Art Emily Wanless, Political Science \*Sarah Whitaker, EPIT Rachel Wilson, Mathematics & Science Ed Jennifer Wong, Psychology Wallace Woods, Forestry & Natural Rescources

\*Indicates 2010-2011 OTA winners selected to participate in the 2011-2012 Future Faculty Program, which focuses on preparing graduate students for careers in higher education.

# **Interdisciplinary Certificate in University Teaching**

The Graduate School, in collaboration with the Center for Teaching and Learning, offers an Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate in University Teaching. The goal of the Certificate is to provide doctoral and terminal professional degree students with a multifaceted program that supports the enhancement of the students' teaching skills, prepares them for future academic positions, and provides an academic credential that should enhance students' opportunities for academic employment. The certificate is recognized on official transcripts. In 2010-11, nine graduate students earned their teaching certificates, including Evelina Basenko, Genetics; Daniel Bulger, Geology; Christen Bradley, Sociology; Jayna



From left: Jayna DeVore, Forest Resources; Elizabeth Simpson, Psychology; Sairam Tangirala, Physics and Astronomy.

**DeVore**, Forest Resources; **Rebecca Pavlicek**, Infectious Diseases; **Luanna Prevost**, Plant Biology; **Sairam Tangirala**, Physics & Astronomy; **Elizabeth Whittenburg**, Music; and **Elizabeth Simpson**, Psychology. Sixty other graduate students are pursuing the certificate. For more information on the Teaching Certificate Program, go to:

http://www.uga.edu/gradschool/academics/profdev/certificate\_teaching.html.

### Teaching Support Seminars Fall 2011 GRSC 7770 and LLED 7768/69

University policy requires that all TAs receive support for their teaching. Check with your Graduate Coordinator for discipline-specific teaching support. If you have never taught at university level in the United States, you *must* sign up for one of the GRSC 7770 teaching support seminars or a departmental equivalent.

If you are an international student who has not taken or achieved a 26 on the speaking section of the iBT-TOEFL, you must sign up for LLED 7768 where you will be given a language evaluation and placed in the appropriate teaching support seminar. You may review the full TA Policy Statement at: http://www.ctl.uga.edu/teachingassistant/tapolicy

#### **GRSC 7770**

(39-944) Tuesday, 9:30am-12:15pm

GRSC contact: Dr. Paul Quick, CTL 542-0534, pauquick@uga.edu

#### **LLED 7768**

(12-569) Tuesday/Thursday, 11am-12:15pm

#### **LLED 7769**

(02-571) Tuesday/Thursday, 11am-12:15pm

LLED contact: Dr. Linda Harklau, Language & Literacy Education 542-4521, lharklau@uga.edu

### The Center for Teaching and Learning

The Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) is a support unit of the Office of the Vice President for Instruction. It is devoted to the advancement of instruction and faculty development at The University of Georgia. CTL sponsors a range of services and enrichment activities designed to assist faculty and teaching assistants with instructional matters. Dr. Nelson Hilton is the Director of CTL. Dr. Paul Quick and Dr. Denise Domizi coordinate Faculty and TA Development.

- \* Fall Orientation for TAs and LAs
- \* GRSC 7770, 7800, 7900; EDHI 9040
- \* TA Handbook
- \*TA Newsletter
- \* Teaching Resources
- \* Individual Consultation
- \* University Awards for Outstanding Teaching
- \* The Future Faculty Program

- \* Instructional Technology Resources
- \* Teaching Seminars
- \* Web Resources on Teaching (http://www.ctl.uga.edu/)
- \* Teaching Portfolio Samples and Consultation
- \* University Teaching Certificate Support
- \* eLC Help Sessions

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