



## 2012-2013 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 Faculty Recognition Banquet where they received plaques and \$1,000 from the Graduate School in appreciation of their dedication to teaching.

The winners are **Susannah Chapman**, Anthropology; **Elizabeth Lucht**, Genetics; **Dave Samuels**, Microbiology; **Virginia Schutte**, Ecology; and **Keri Valentine**, Career & Information Systems

## Graduate School Teaching Portfolio Program

The Graduate School's Portfolio Program provides graduate students an opportunity to document their UGA teaching experiences. Participants receive feedback from faculty members on their portfolios, and the portfolios are ultimately recognized and certified by the Graduate School.

The CTL is offering a one-hour course fall semester to help students in the preparation of a teaching portfolio. The Graduate School Portfolio Seminar will provide opportunities to investigate the presentation of the teaching and learning process as viewed and experienced by seminar members. The seminar will be co-taught by Professor Sylvia Hutchinson and Dr. Eddie Watson, Director of the CTL.

The seminar will be on Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. in the CTL classroom. The course is not a requirement for submitting a portfolio.

For additional information about the course or the portfolio program, contact Judy Milton ([jmilton@uga.edu](mailto:jmilton@uga.edu)) at the Graduate School.



## The 2013 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 were given a certificate of appreciation from Academic Affairs and are recongized at Honors Day. The following graduate students were recognized this year.

Pete Akers, Geography  
Yury Almetev, Language & Literacy Education  
Tyler Alson, College of Engineering  
Elizabeth Amick, Statistics  
Dong Gun An, Comparative Literature  
Catherine Ariail, History  
Adam Avant, Advertising and Public Relations  
Allen Barton, Human Development and Family Science  
Mandy Bayer, Horticulture\*  
Joshua Bedford, Music  
Marcus Berger, Linguistics  
Nadine Billgen, Grady College  
Elizabeth Bradley, Economics  
Mallory Brady, Human Development & Family Science  
Audrey Branch, Cellular Biology  
Andrew Brooks, Cellular Biology  
Miriam Brown-Spiers, English  
Sean Buskirk, Infectious Diseases\*  
Amanda Carvalho, Kinesiology  
Adrijo Chakraborty, Statistics  
Susannah Chapman, Anthropology\*  
Caitlin Clerkin, Classics  
M. H. "Trae" Cown, Foods and Nutrition  
Mary Lee Cunill, Communication Studies\*  
John Doyle, Mathematics  
Sayonita Ghosh Hajra, Mathematics  
Benita Gladney, Music  
Karen Graham, Language & Literacy Education  
Joanna Green, Marine Sciences  
Paul Griffith, Genetics  
Tyra Gross, Health Promotion and Behavior  
Atilla Hallsby, Communication Studies  
Laura Hanold, Pharmaceutical & Biomedical Sciences  
Joanna Hatt, Warnell Forestry & Natural Resources  
Gary (Matt) Hawkins, Microbiology  
John Hennecken, Music  
Robert Hjelmstad, Music  
Terrell Hooper, Music\*  
Althea Hubbard, Romance Languages  
Joshua Hussey, English\*  
Tom Irvin, Chemistry  
Erik Jacobson, Mathematics and Science Education  
Arash Jalal Zadeh Fard, Computer Science  
Gregory Jansen, Statistics  
John Kerry, Plant Biology  
Kyongseok Kim, Advertising and Public Relations  
Jupil Ko, Kinesiology  
Michael Kofoed, Economics  
Melanie Kolbe, International Affairs  
Srinivasa Murthym Koutha, Chemistry  
Kyle Krafka, Computer Science\*  
David Krumm, Mathematics  
Melissa Land, ESSE  
Mark Lashley, Grady College  
Seungjae Lee, Comparative Literature  
Logan Leslie, Mathematics & Science Education  
Jake Lindheimer, Kinesiology  
David Liss II, Mathematics & Science Education  
Everett Long, Health Promotion and Behavior  
Elizabeth Lucht, Genetics  
Joao Luna-Gonzalez, Geology  
Rosemary Luttrell, English  
Jacob Martin, Statistics  
Thomas McElrath, Entomology  
Samuel McGuire, History\*  
Angela Mech, Warnell Forestry & Natural Resources\*  
Matthew Meisel, Psychology  
Kayla Mennenga, Human Development & Family Science  
Rachel Monette, Elementary & Social Studies Education  
Melinda Moore, Social Work  
William Mosley-Jensen, Communication Studies  
Wayne Nesbitt, J.M. Tull School of Accounting  
Henry Niedermaier, Chemistry  
Kevin O'Brien, Psychology  
Mark Owens, Political Science  
Keon-Ryeong Park, Elementary and Social Studies  
Catarina Passidomo, Geography  
Umesh Patel, Religion  
Crystal Phillips, Microbiology  
Allison Platsky, Geology  
Imana Power, Plant Pathology  
Katharine Putney, Plant Biology  
Caroline Ramsey, English  
Craig Ramseyer, Geography  
Shahab Razavi, Physics and Astronomy  
Jason Rhodes, Geography  
Danielle Rhodes, Human Development & Family Science  
Jose Riojas, Music  
Benjamin Rollings, Music  
Asher Rosinger, Anthropology  
Heather Rudolph, Math and Science Education  
Soha Salamah, Romance Languages  
Clayton Schroer, Classics  
Kimberly Schuldt, Chemistry  
Sara Scott, Art  
Michael Scott, Computer Science  
Anthony Shiver, Philosophy  
Ali Siddiqi, Chemistry  
Allison Siminovsky, Psychology

## 2013 Outstanding Teaching Award Winners (continued)

Louisa Staton, Genetics  
Kristina Summers, Odum School of Ecology  
Clayton Tarr, English  
Mary Elizabeth Thompson, Banking & Finance  
Alexander Vaughn, Chemistry  
Patricia Wagner, Mathematics Education  
Devin Waldrop, Educational Psychology  
Li Wang, Plant Biology

Xuan Wang, Comparative Literature  
Debra White, Animal and Dairy Science  
Gloria Wilson, Art  
Kurt Windisch, History  
Jianre Xu, Risk Management and Insurance  
Ruchi Yadav, Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences  
Caroline Young, English

\*Indicates 2012-2013 OTA winners selected to participate in the 2013-2014 Future Faculty Program, which focuses on preparing graduate students for careers in higher education.

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## 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.

Requirements for earning the certificate include at least four sections of teaching at UGA, nine hours of coursework in three of four categories (teaching strategies, student learning and assessment of the learning environment, technology to support teaching and learning, and professional development for the academy), a teaching project, demonstration of the scholarship of teaching, and a teaching portfolio.

For more information on the Teaching Certificate Program, go to:

[http://www.uga.edu/gradschool/academics/profdev/certificate\\_teaching.html](http://www.uga.edu/gradschool/academics/profdev/certificate_teaching.html).

Mariham Yohannes Abraham  
Crystal Marrie Austin  
Elizabeth Suzanne Bradley  
Jennifer Lee Claggett  
Ujjaini Das  
Renuka Dhandapani  
Kathryn Morris Dye  
Stephanie Morgan Foss  
Matthew Chase Furgerson  
Robin Henager Greene  
Lindsey Marie Harding  
Peter Donald Hazelton  
Kylie Alder Horney  
Hyunsong Kim  
Michael Stephens Kofoed  
Srinivasa Murthy Koutha  
Ann Pawlik Kryzanek  
Zhen Li  
Elizabeth Dianne Lucht

Stacy Marie Musgrave  
Maria Therese Paino  
Bryan Garret Prelgovisk  
Jeremy Daniel Rentsch  
Virginia Grace Schutte  
Alana Shaw  
Jessica Deene Stephens  
Kristina Keith Summers  
Keri Lynn Valentine  
Sarah Kristine Whitaker  
Laura June Davis  
Sayonita Ghosh-Hajra  
Ranjan Kumar Behera  
Andrea Kay Fritts  
Elizabeth Raimy Gleim  
Joanna Louise Green  
Vivia Elair Hill-Silcott  
Sharon King Keller  
Matthew Alexander Sanders

## Teaching Support Seminars Spring 2014 GRSC 7800 and EDHI 9040

In Spring 2014, The Center for Teaching and Learning will offer the following classes in support of the teaching certificate program.

### GRSC 7800: College Teaching and Student Learning

This interdisciplinary course offered each spring focuses on how undergraduates learn. Participants will learn a variety of factors that influence teaching and learning in an attempt to discover and define what it means to be an effective college teacher, and will also discuss theory, techniques, and strategies for helping undergraduates become active participants in their learning. Pre-req: GRSC 7770 or departmental equivalent. For more information, contact Dr. Denise Domizi (dpinette@uga.edu).

### EDHI 9040: Teaching with Technology in the College Classroom

EDHI 9040 is an examination of instructional technology in the college classroom, on campus and online. The purpose of the course is to encourage participants to critically reflect on the use of instructional technologies in their fields and provide them with opportunities to develop skills in employing technology in the classroom. Pre-req: GRSC 7770 or departmental equivalent. For more information, contact Dr. Sherry Clouser (sac@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. Denise Domizi is the Coordinator of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.

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