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Registration
Welcome & Opening Remarks
College of Social Sciences Dean N. Jane McCandless, University of West Georgia

Keynote Address. Make the Connection: Spanning boundaries, problem solving, and building a legacy through community-engaged teaching and research
Presenter: Dr. Jennifer Purcell, Kennesaw State University

Session 1. Social Ecology, Health, and Sustainability - Thematic Session
Moderator: Winston Tripp, University of West Georgia

- Examining the Effects of Linear Greenspace on Residential Property Values using Repeat Sales -- Heather Bono, University of West Georgia; William J. Smith, University of West Georgia; Lauren Morris, University of West Georgia
- Creating Wealth through Peer to Peer Initiatives -- Hannes Gerhardt, University of West Georgia
- Gender Differences in the Health Benefits of a Pedestrian Trail -- Anne Kristen Hunter, University of West Georgia; Emily McKendry-Smith, University of West Georgia; Lisa Gezon, University of West Georgia
- Media Representations of Forest Fires -- Winston Tripp, University of West Georgia

Session 2. Measuring Student Success: Examining Impacts of Students' Academic and Economic Wellbeing in Middle, Secondary and Postsecondary Schools - Thematic Session
Moderator: J.Salvador Peralta, University of West Georgia

- Get ready, set, and go! Are high school students ready to move on? -- J.Salvador Peralta, University of West Georgia; Kathleen Barrett, University of West Georgia
- University to Middle-School: combining scholarship & service. -- Tiffany Parsons, University of West Georgia; Bre’Ahn Heard, University of West Georgia
- Can’t Get No Satisfaction: Life with Student Debt -- Mitchell McIvor, University of West Georgia

Detailed Schedule
October 4th, 2018

7:30-8:30 AM Registration
Campus Center Atrium

8:30-8:45 AM Welcome & Opening Remarks
College of Social Sciences Dean N. Jane McCandless, University of West Georgia
Campus Center Ballroom 108.2

8:45-9:45 AM Keynote Address. Make the Connection: Spanning boundaries, problem solving, and building a legacy through community-engaged teaching and research
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Campus Center Ballroom 108.2

10:00-10:50 AM Session 1. Social Ecology, Health, and Sustainability - Thematic Session
Moderator: Winston Tripp, University of West Georgia
Campus Center Ballroom 108.3

11:00-12:00 PM Session 2. Measuring Student Success: Examining Impacts of Students' Academic and Economic Wellbeing in Middle, Secondary and Postsecondary Schools - Thematic Session
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Campus Center Ballroom 108.4

12:00-1:00 PM Lunch

Block 1: 10:00-10:50 AM
- Welcome
- Keynote

Block 2: 11:00-12:00 PM
- Paper Session
- Paper Session
- Panel Presentation

Block 3: 1:00-1:50 PM
- Workshop
- Paper Session
- Paper Session

Block 4: 2:00-2:50 PM
- Workshop
- Paper Session
- In-Depth Research Session

Block 5: 3:00-3:50 PM
- Panel Presentation
- Paper Session
- Workshop

Campus Center Map
Session 3. Passport to the Future: Black Student Resilience in Overcoming the Risks of Higher Education at Predominantly White Institutions - Panel Session

**Presider:** Michael Hester, University of West Georgia

**Panelists:** Michael Hester, University of West Georgia; Mia Bennafield, University of West Georgia; Yves-Rose Porcena, University of West Georgia

Session 4. Examining and Managing Challenges for Youth - Thematic Session

**Moderator:** Jennifer Beggs Weber, University of West Georgia

- Argumentative Conflict Among Young Adult Romantic Couples. -- Neill Korobov, University of West Georgia
- “Because I Was His Baby Girl”: Teen Mothers, Teen Fathers, and the Policing of Youth and Sexuality. -- Jennifer Beggs Weber, University of West Georgia
- Re-thinking Developmental Approaches to Working with Young People: Youth as Revolutionary Capacity. -- Kathleen Skott-Myhre, University of West Georgia

Session 5. Research in International and Interdisciplinary Contexts - Thematic Session

**Moderator:** Emily Mckendry-Smith, University of West Georgia

- Research Capacity Building through International Collaboration: Case study of Partnerships for Enhanced Engagement in Research (PEER). -- Sooho Lee, University of West Georgia; Carolyn Fonseca, Management Systems International (MSI)
- Examining the Theories, Literature and Mechanisms on the Consequences of Civil Wars and Conflicts on Children's Nutrition in sub-Saharan Africa. -- Aramide Kazeem, University of West Georgia
- Gender Differences in Joining a Religious Community: Recruitment Narratives of the Brahma Kumaris in Nepal. -- Emily Mckendry-Smith, University of West Georgia
- Ethnic Differences in Self-Rated Functional Disability among Aging Population in Nepal. -- Bishnu Adhikari, University of West Georgia; Emily Mckendry-Smith, University of West Georgia; Amy Irby-Shasmani, University of West Georgia
- Human Settlement projects as a racial integration mechanism in still segregated South Africa. -- Jean-Marc Akakpo, Kennesaw State University

Session 6. Policies and Politics: Examining Current Issues - Thematic Session

**Moderator:** Amber Smallwood, University of West Georgia

- Revisiting the CPB Funding Question Again: Proposing an Empirical Model Toward Resolution. -- Amber Smallwood, University of West Georgia; K. Wayne Korbl, University of West Georgia
- Local Paths to the Future: The Effects of Local Education Policies on Post-secondary Education. -- Kathleen Barrett, University of West Georgia; J. Salvador Peralta, University of West Georgia
- Gun Debates in the US: Shooting for Freedom or Aiming at the Common Good. -- Anthony Fleming, University of West Georgia; Dylan McLean, University of West Georgia
- Teaching Students to Visually Model Community Responses to Opioid Crisis. -- Bruce Neubauer, Albany State University

Lunch Break -- Lunch Provided

Session 7. Using Mturk and Qualtrics for Survey Research - Workshop

**Presenter:** Vanessa Griffin, University of West Georgia

Session 8. Investigating Physical and Mental Health Wellbeing from National and International Approaches - Thematic Session

**Moderator:** Amy Irby-Shasmani, University of West Georgia

- Investigating severity of pain, suicidality, access to effective treatment, and demographics among a large international survey sample. -- Larry Schor, University of West Georgia; Mark Burish, University of Texas Medical School; Stuart Pearson, University of West Georgia
- The Opioid Crisis: Understanding Health Disparities in Rural North Georgia/Southern Appalachia. -- Evelina Sterling, Kennesaw State University; Tequila Porter, Kennesaw State University
- Informal Power in the Nursing Role: Sociological Research and the Reduction of Health Inequalities. -- Amy Irby-Shasmani, University of West Georgia
- Wait, wait... there is more! Awareness is just the first step. -- Anne Merrem, University of West Georgia
Session 9. Regulation and Reform: Democratization and Development in the United States and Africa - Thematic Session

Moderator: George Kieh, University of West Georgia

- Not to Die: Legal Representation in Capital Offenses. -- Karen Owen, University of West Georgia; Morgan Padgett, University of West Georgia
- Rethinking Democratization. -- George Kieh, University of West Georgia
- History of Legal Education in Virginia, 1779-1879. -- Thomas Hunter, University of West Georgia
- Weakened Link(ages): Primary Elections and their Effect on American Politics. -- Chapman Rackaway, University of West Georgia

2:00-2:50 PM
Session 10. Student Poster Presentations

Session 11. An Introduction to Mapping - Workshop

Presenter: Brittan McNeal, University of West Georgia

Session 12. Seeing the unseen: Sensitivity, synesthesia and exceptional experiences - In-depth Session

Presenter: Christine Simmonds-Moore, University of West Georgia

3:00-3:50 PM
Session 13. International Development NGOs and Community Needs - Panel Session

Presenter: Laura Hastings, Georgia State University

- A Story of NGOs: The Array of Needs in Peruvian Communities. -- Ana Petrova, Georgia State University; Earl Frye, Georgia State University
- NGO’s in Peru: Alleviating Poverty and Empowering Women. -- Matthew Mottet, Georgia State University
- Solving World Hunger: Evaluating Food versus Cash Aid. -- Shani McLean, Georgia State University


Moderator: Pamela Hunt Kirk, University of West Georgia

- Inmate misconduct and time use: A comparison of local jails and federal and state prisons. -- Mateja Vuk, University of West Georgia
- QUALITY OF LIFE: VULNERABLE POPULATIONS- Percent Children in Poverty, Percent Free or Reduced Lunch Recipients, and Percent African American. -- Joe Flowers Jr., Valdosta State University
- Examining Sentiments for Police and Other Authority Identities from Victims of Same-Sex Intimate Partner Violence. -- Pamela Hunt Kirk, University of West Georgia
- Correlates of Exchanging Sex for Drugs or Money for Adolescent Males: A Hidden Population. -- Brittany McNeal, University of West Georgia

Session 15. Scientific Study of Diverse Communities - Thematic Session

Moderator: Vanessa Griffin, University of West Georgia

- Comparative Responsible Research. -- Heather Mbaye, University of West Georgia
- Support for ExE in the community. -- Christine Simmonds-Moore, University of West Georgia
- "What is a club in any case?": Communities and the Geographical Political Economy of Football (Soccer) Clubs. -- Andy Walter, University of West Georgia

Session 16. A Comparison of Statistical Analysis Packages - Workshop

Organizer: William J. Smith, University of West Georgia
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