

Mass Communications UTV13 Helps Viewers Find Jobs in Local Communities

In cooperation with the Georgia Department of Labor, Mass Communications' UTV13 will air Georgia JobTV. Georgia JobTV allows viewers to search for jobs and watch video reports about career development.

The edition on UTV13 features job openings in Carroll and surrounding counties.

"We're pleased to partner with the University of West Georgia to provide this valuable, customer-friendly employment service to job



*Dr. Camilla Gant
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seekers and employers," said State Labor Commissioner Mark Butler. "No other labor department in the country has a service like this, and I'm especially happy that it's now available in my hometown."

Because experiential learning is an

important part of Mass Communications' mission, UTV13 is also a lab for students.

"We believe it is critically important that students take the knowledge that they learn in the classroom, and put it to work to create a better world," said Dr. Camilla Gant, interim department chair.

Department faculty and staff plan to launch a professional advisory council to ensure on-going dialogue among the academy, industry and community.

Criminology New Online Degree Offers Professional Growth Opportunities

In fall 2011, Criminology will offer the first fully-online degree program at the University. Students may now complete the degree by taking classes completely online.

"Criminology and criminal justice is one of the most frequently sought-after degrees online," said Dr. David Jenks, professor of criminology. There is growing demand from people working in the field who want a degree.

The Criminology program already works with the Carrollton

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Police Department, Carroll County Sheriff's Office, Villa Rica Police Department, and other agencies. The addition of the online program offers even more opportunities for collaboration.

Criminology faculty are also actively involved in the Survey Research Center. The Center conducts data collection efforts, data analysis and report generation for government agencies and nonprofit organizations.

The Center has several community clients – the Carroll County Planning Commission, Carroll Tomorrow, and the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce—and is one of only four academic survey centers in Georgia.



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Psychology Brings Ph.D. and Certificate Programs

The Department of Psychology brings the first Ph.D. program to the College and University in fall 2011. Students can work toward a Ph.D. in Consciousness and Society or a Certificate in Integrated Health.

"We have had a large undergraduate program and a master's program for over 40 years," said Dr. Donadrian L. Rice, department chair. "It's finally time to have a Ph.D. program."

Rice said the Ph.D. program will benefit students, the College and University, and the community. "It adds 'intellectual capital' to the community," said Rice. "We'll draw people—very talented people—to this area who want to pursue a degree."

The program is structured around community work where the basic mission is to combine theoretical reflection and qualitative research in examining the interface of consciousness and society. Students will learn skills in qualitative research, program evaluation, approaches to community transformation and university teaching.

"Students can volunteer to work in various

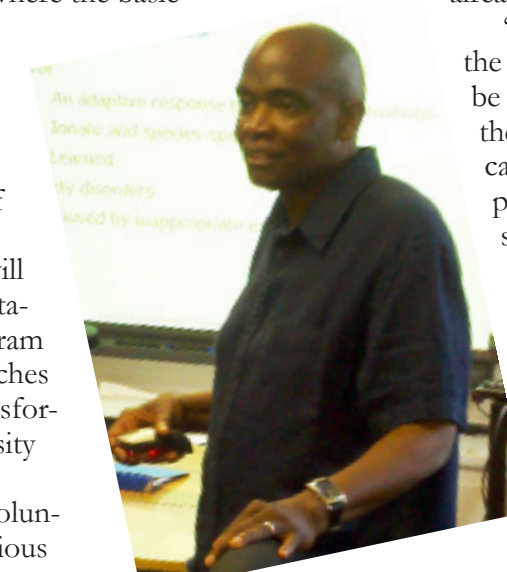
organizations, like hospitals, schools and even in some businesses," said Rice.

In addition to the Ph.D. program, the Integrated Health Certificate is an interdisciplinary program that will incorporate other departments including Anthropology, Biology, Nursing and Sociology.

"Integrated health is a new movement in the health field where researchers are seriously looking at what we used to call 'alternative' kinds of treatments," said Rice.

The Certificate program is designed to develop leaders in integrative health and will have a direct effect on the community, including benefitting healthcare groups such as Tanner Health System, where many of our students already volunteer and work.

"Health practitioners in the community who may be interested in upgrading their own skills in healthcare can come into the program and learn new skills," said Rice.



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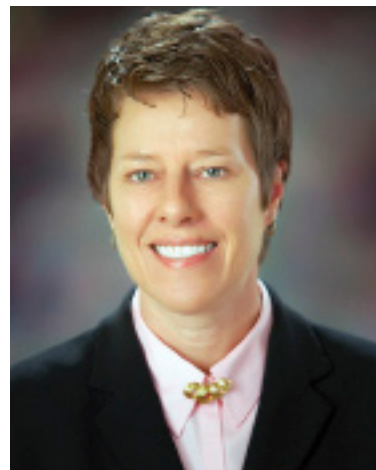
Dean's Office New College, New Opportunities

With this, our first edition of our newsletter, Correlations, I write to share my excitement and to give you a brief update on what we are doing as we lay the foundation for this new College.

Going back a few months, you might remember that the former College of Arts and Sciences was restructured, resulting in the creation of three new colleges. On January 1, 2011, the College of Social Sciences - comprised of the Departments of Anthropology, Criminology, Mass Communications, Political Science and Planning, Psychology, and Sociology - opened its doors and began operations.

Since that time, much has occurred within this new College. As you will read in these pages, faculty and staff in each of the departments have spent significant time reviewing and revising our undergraduate and graduate curriculum. We have taken seriously our commitment to one of the guiding principles of this University, "to develop and support a distinctive set of quality academic programs ... that blend the best of professionalized liberal education, experiential learning, and individual transformation."

We in the Dean's Office have been working diligently as well. While we have many projects underway, perhaps the most well-defined initiatives include (1) our commitment to building the infrastructure needed to support faculty, staff and student professional development activities and (2) our commitment to community outreach. Whether we



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are brainstorming ideas as they relate to our fully functioning Survey Research Center, our newly conceived Center for the Study of Social Dynamics, the Waring Lab, the newly proposed "wet lab" for our colleagues in Anthropology, computer upgrades, or software purchases, Dr. Heather A. D. Mbaye, Associate Dean, Dr. Todd Matthews, Assistant Dean, and I are committed to providing our colleagues and our students with the support that they need to excel in the area of professional growth and development. Erin Brannon, our Business Operation Specialist, and I continually talk of ideas for staff development, while Donna

Hornbuckle takes the lead in our efforts for community outreach and our plans for our Open House.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did

not acknowledge the work of our senior colleagues who, as a group, are serving as members of our Rules Committee and spending countless hours discussing and preparing drafts of our College by-laws. According to the chair of this committee, Dr. Chris Aanstoos, the committee, comprised of Dr. John Fuller, Dr. Camilla Gant, Dr. Lisa Gezon, Dr. Laurel Holland, and Dr. Robert Sanders, is making great progress. In fact, Dr. Aanstoos wrote, "what a great group of colleagues."

As you can tell, it is an exciting time for the new College of Social Sciences and we invite you to join us in any or all of these efforts.

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Political Science & Planning Proposed Master's Degree to Teach Land Management, Growth and Development

The Department of Political Science and Planning is making progress toward offering a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning.

The proposed degree program would combine an appreciation of planning as a profession, studies in urban and regional challenges and opportunities, and analytical skills useful to planning practice.

Dr. Robert Schaefer, department chair, expects the new program would benefit the community because students will understand growth, land management, and development issues.



Dr. Robert Schaefer
Department Chair

Students in the program would know where in the community it is beneficial to develop and conserve. "The planning program is, and will continue to be, a very helpful degree in this regard," said Schaefer.

The proposed degree requires three foundational courses and seven upper-level elective courses. The remaining hours may be selected from across the university.

Graduates would have opportunities across the public, private and nonprofit sectors, including working as planning directors, city or county managers, environmental planners and with economic development organizations.

The degree is pending Board of Regents and SACS Commission on Colleges approval.

Anthropology Waring Endowment and Lab Bring Outreach Projects to Community

One unique aspect of the College's Anthropology department is the Antonio J. Waring, Jr. Archaeological Laboratory. The Lab houses numerous archaeological items, many unearthed during construction of Georgia's roads and buildings.

"The Lab is growing rapidly and we're looking at possibilities of expanding storage space," said Department Chair Dr. Marjorie M. Snipes. "Because of extensive native occupations in Georgia, access to high-quality archaeological curation has long been a valued priority for the state as it works to preserve its unique history."

The Lab also conducts outreach programs including mock excavations for children in the community. They learn to value cultural resources and experience what happens at

an archaeological excavation.

Outreach efforts, scholarships, lecture series and undergraduate research are possible, in part, because of the Waring Endowment.



Dr. Marjorie M. Snipes
Department Chair

The department houses the only endowed four-field program in the University System of Georgia.

"This privilege opens many doors to our students and the community-at-large," said Snipes.

The department plans to add a physical anthropology specialization to include the study of forensics.

Sociology Grants Support Sociology Research and Teaching Initiatives

Sociology's Dr. Laurel Holland, interim chair, expects three new initiatives will create additional opportunities for connections with the community.



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The Center for the Study of Social Dynamics, a qualitative research and experimental lab, begins projects this fall under the direction of Dr. Pam Hunt, assistant professor. "The lab will form a

bridge between the university and the greater community by providing students with an enhanced service

learning experience and providing research services to community organizations," said Hunt.

Assistant Professor Dr. Neema Noori received a grant to teach a course about Central Asia at both Clark Atlanta University and UWG. "It is exceedingly rare for colleges and universities the size of UWG and CAU to offer courses on Central Asia; a region with an immensely rich culture and history that is vital to American security interests," said Noori.

Sociology's curriculum may grow to include a new applied sociology program focusing on real-world sociological practice. Holland said, "If our students are prepared to work in these sectors, they can stay right here in Carrollton."