Have you ever met an academic who seemed to have “it” all together? Faculty often share with me that they want to be that faculty member, the inclusive academic who seems to be able to balance being a great teacher with serving the institution, contributing to their discipline, and maintaining a healthy personal life. This year’s conference “The Inclusive Academic: Strategies for Maintaining Balance in a Changing Academic World” addresses such a goal. Some of our presenters discuss ways to keep your teaching fresh, responsive to the needs of today’s students, but also a source of invigoration for you. Others focus on the balancing act that faculty must maintain: the engaging classroom, the successful career, and the healthy personal life. Still others offer teaching strategies that will engage students while reducing faculty workload. At our Keynote Address, Dr. Roxanne Donovan will share with us the secrets of not merely surviving in today’s academic life but thriving in it.

To assist you in selecting sessions, please note that the conference program has QR codes to scan with your cell phone camera for a session’s description written by each presenter. Be sure to enjoy coffee in IC 112 as you select your next session, and please join us for the Networking Lunches on both days (included in the Registration fee) and for the Networking Dinner on Thursday (Dutch Treat). Lastly, please let those of us at the Registration Desk know if you need anything. Thank you for joining us at Teaching Matters, and thank you for your dedication to teaching matters!
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Please note that participants will need to have their identification lanyards visible, especially during coffee breaks and lunches.
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**Come and see ‘Our Town’ at the GSC Fine Arts Theatre!**
Teaching Matters participants are invited to come see our production of Thorton Wilder’s classic Pulitzer Prize winning drama for free with conference badge or this program. The play tells the story of the fictional American small town of Grover’s Corners between 1901 and 1913 through the everyday lives of its citizens.

Available Showtimes:
Wednesday March 11th, 7:30pm-9:30pm
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7:30 - 10:30 a.m. Coffee Available, Instructional Complex 112

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. **Session 1 - Instructional Complex**

**Session 1 - A: Panel Session** (60 minutes)
IC Room 111
GSC Ambassador: Dr. Linda Hyde

*How I Changed my Syllabus: A Discussion with a Grade Appeals Committee*
Prof. Jean Cook, University of West Georgia
Dr. Kathie Barrett, University of West Georgia
Dr. Jill Drake, University of West Georgia

**Session 1 - B: Workshop Session** (60 minutes)
IC Room 207
GSC Ambassador: Dr. Masoud Nourizadeh

*Research Workshop: Developing a Supportive Network*
Dr. Katie Wester-Neal, Gordon State College
Dr. Brent Johnson, Gordon State College
Dr. Julie Little, Gordon State College
Dr. Beth Pollock, Gordon State College
Session 2 - Instructional Complex  9:45 - 10:45 a.m.

**Session 2 - A: Workshop Session** (60 minutes)  
IC Room 119  
GSC Ambassador: Mr. Peter Higgins  
**Films and Relational Pedagogy: What Can We Learn About Our Academic Lives?**  
Dr. Joseph Jones, Gordon State College

**Session 2 - B: Workshop Session** (60 minutes)  
IC Room 224  
GSC Ambassador: Dr. Amanda Duffus  
**Take Care**  
Prof. Sherri Newberry, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

**Session 2 - C: Panel Session** (60 minutes)  
IC Room 208  
GSC Ambassador: Dr. Mike Womack  
**Which type is Best? Student Perspectives on Study Abroad Programs**  
Dr. Karen Guffey, Gordon State College  
Ms. Hannah Rutledge, Gordon State College  
Ms. Alyssa Copeland, Gordon State College

**Session 2 - D: Individual Presentation Session** (60 minutes)  
IC Room 117  
GSC Moderator: Dr. Ric Calhoun  
**A Balanced Pedagogy: Engaging Classrooms of Both Traditional and Non-Traditional Students** (15 min)  
Prof. Valerie Calhoun, Gordon State College.

**A Glimpse at an ALG-Funded OER Created by Gordon State College Faculty for Spanish 1001/1002 Courses** (15 min.)  
Dr. Darren Broome, Gordon State College

**Simple Changes in Teaching Pedagogies Can Positively Impact Retention Rates** (15 min)  
Mr. Ashraful Chowdhury, Georgia State University – Perimeter College

**Audience Discussion (15 minutes)**
Dr. Roxanne Donovan is Professor of Psychology and Interdisciplinary Studies at Kennesaw State University, a licensed psychologist in Georgia, and co-founder of WellAcademic, LLC. She earned a PhD and MA in Clinical Psychology and a Graduate Certificate in Women’s Studies from the University of Connecticut, a BA in Psychology from Rutgers University, and a BBA in Marketing from the University of Miami. She has over 20 years of experience teaching, training, and consulting in the areas of health and wellness. She has published numerous titles on mental health; stress; and racism, sexism, and other forms of injustice. Her expertise has been shared through national, regional, and local workshops as well as through programming for Georgia Public Broadcasting.
Coffee Available, Instructional Complex  112  1:30 - 4:00 p.m.
Networking Lunch - Highlander Dining Hall (Included)  12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

**Session 3 - Instructional Complex**  1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

**Session 3 - A: Workshop Session** (60 minutes)
IC Room 108
GSC Ambassador: Dr. Jessica Traylor

*The Stress of It All: How to Practice Self-Care and Mindfulness in Education*
Dr. Michelle Drew, Fort Valley State University

**Session 3 - B: Workshop Session** (60 minutes)
IC Room 117
GSC Ambassador: Dr. Alan Burstein

*Developing “Grace-Paths”: Maximizing Intelligent Agents to Improve Student Success While Better Ensuring Balanced Teaching Methods*
Mrs. Alison Nooks, Middle Georgia State University

**Session 3 - C: Individual Presentation Session (60 minutes)**
IC Room 111
GSC Moderator: Dr. Scott Shubitz

*Face-to-Face Presentations in an Online Class: De-stress the Planning!* (15 min.)
Mrs. Suzanne Anthony, University of North Georgia

*Teaching –Ologies Online: What to Do When Field Experience Counts?* (15 min)
Dr. Amanda Duffus, Gordon State College

*MOOC Foundations for Area A Math Courses* (15 min.)
Dr. Mary Wolfe, Middle Georgia State University

**Audience Discussion** (15 minutes)
2:45 - 3:45 p.m.  Session 4 - Instructional Complex

Session 4 - A: Individual Presentation Session (60 minutes)
IC Room 111
GSC Moderator: Dr. Franklin Williamson

Exercise as Self-Care (and How it Has Made Me a Better Teacher) (15 min.)
Dr. Erica Gannon, Clayton State College

Does This Matter? Managing Work, Home, Self, and “Life” (15 min.)
Dr. Jennifer Lovelace, Columbus State University

Mindfulness: The Path to an Inclusive Classroom Community (15 min.)
Dr. Rosaria Meek, University of North Georgia

Audience Discussion (15 minutes)

Session 4 - B: Workshop Session (60 minutes)
IC Room 207
GSC Ambassador: Dr. Scott Shubitz

A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words: The Efficacy of Concept Mapping as a Learning Tool
Dr. Joseph Mayo, Gordon State College

Session 4 - C: Individual Presentation Session (60 minutes)
IC Room 224
GSC Moderator: Dr. Richard Baskin

Delivering Effective Feedback to Students: Strategies for Assessing and Positively Reinforcing Student Performance (15 min)
Dr. Daniel Baracskay, Valdosta State University

Standards Based Grading in College Courses (15 min)
Dr. Mark McCarthy, Columbus State University

“Ok Boomer, I Will Take You Seriously if You Engage Me” (15 min)
Dr. Niaz Khan, Georgia Gwinnett College

Audience Discussion (15 minutes)
Session 5 - Instructional Complex 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Session 5 - A: Workshop Session (60 minutes)
IC Room 111

GSC Ambassador: Dr. Prathibha Joshi Beck

*Teachers Avoiding Boredom: Keeping Yourself Engaged with Your Content*
Mrs. Emily Thompson, Georgia Gwinnett College
Ms. Justyna Kikowska, Georgia Gwinnett College

Session 5 - B: Panel Session (60 minutes)
IC Room 207

GSC Ambassador: Dr. Marwan Zabdawi

*Assessing the Role of Active Teaching in an Inclusive Classroom*
Dr. Scott Shubitz, Gordon State College
Dr. Franklin Williamson, Gordon State College
Dr. Rachel Mittelman, Gordon State College
Dr. Brian Webb, Gordon State College

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Session 5 - Instructional Complex

Session 5 - C: Individual Presentation Session (60 minutes)
IC Room 209

GSC Moderator: Dr. Susan Glenn

Four Cool Tech Tools to Spark Interest and Increase Student Engagement (15 min)
Mrs. Karen Williams-Jones, Georgia State University – Perimeter College

Changing It Up: How I Saved My Sanity After Teaching 100 1001 Classes (15 min)
Dr. Karen Guffey, Gordon State College

How Nine Years of Teaching Taught me How to Empower Female Students in the Economics Classroom (15 min)
Dr. Ying Zhen, Wesleyan College

Audience Discussion (15 minutes)

After Session 5, please join us at Deraney’s Two City Tavern for an informal Networking Dinner at 5:15 p.m. (cost of dinner is not included with conference registration)

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**Session 6 - Instructional Complex**

**Session 6 - A: Panel Session** (60 minutes)  
IC Room 111

GSC Ambassador: Dr. Richard Baskin  
Reflecting and Recharging (Panel)  
Dr. Louis Camara, Middle Georgia State University  
Ms. Tamara Gray, Middle Georgia State University  
Dr. Shannon Hu, Middle Georgia State University  
Mr. Daniel Lin, Middle Georgia State University

**Session 6 - B: Workshop Session** (60 minutes)  
IC Room 207

GSC Ambassador: Dr. Richard Schmude  
Interdisciplinary Uses of Poetry: Where STEM and Humanities Overlap  
Ms. Scarlett Peterson, Georgia State University

**Session 6 - C: Workshop Session** (60 minutes)  
IC Room 222

GSC Ambassador: Dr. Lynn Rumfelt  
Tripple Dipping: How OER Courseware Balances Teaching, Service, and Professional Development in a Rapidly Changing World  
Dr. Jessica Traylor, Gordon State College  
Ms. Manuela Ambrosino, Lumen Learning

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7:00 - 8:00 a.m.
7:30 - 10:30 a.m.

**Friday**

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9:00 - 10:00 a.m.  Session 7 - Instructional Complex
Poster Session (60 minutes)
IC Room 112

GSC Ambassadors: Dr. LaRonda Sanders-Senu and Dr. Richard Baskin

7A: Maximizing Student Learning Through Interactive Techniques in any Teaching Environment
Mrs. Katy Basch, Kennesaw State University

7B: The Effective Use of PowerPoint Presentations in Education
Dr. Gary Fisk, Georgia Southwestern State University

7C: Practicing What You Preach: Using Health Psychology’s Biopsychosocial Approach to Maintain a Healthier Work Lifestyle
Dr. Judy Orton Grissett, Georgia Southwestern State University

7D: Technology Use on a Rural College Campus
Dr. Janet Koposko, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Ms. McKenzie Lewis, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Mr. Jared Roach, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Ms. Sarah Bryant, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Ms. Keylee Johnson, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Ms. Tamia Pena, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Ms. Laura Starnes, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

7E: Use of Full Body Stretch Yoga Poses in Anatomy & Physiology I Lab Activities
Ms. Anna Willingham, Gordon State College
Dr. Cathy Lee, Gordon State College
Dr. Anne Sanders, Gordon State College

7F: Implications of Academic Mergers on Colleges and Universities
Mr. Jared Roach, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Dr. Janet Koposko, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

7G: Does Emphasizing Learning Objectives Improve Student Performance?
Dr. Richard Schmude, Gordon State College

7H: Professional Behavior and Dispositions
Dr. Thelma Sexton, Georgia Southwestern State University

7J: The Cutting Edge: Creating Websites for Multimedia Projects
Mr. John Wilson, Georgia Southwestern State University
Session 8 - A: Round Table Session (60 minutes)
IC Room 111

GSC Ambassador: Dr. Brenda Johnson

Is Your Job Making You Sick? Perspectives on Job Stress, Social Media, and Strategies for Balance
Dr. Laurie Walters, Middle Georgia State University
Dr. Susan Durr, Middle Georgia State University
Dr. Rebecca Nees, Middle Georgia State University
Dr. Amanda Chase, Middle Georgia State University

Session 8 - B: Individual Presentation Session (60 minutes)
IC Room 119

GSC Moderator: Dr. Jason Horn

Finding Balance in the Chaos: Life Lessons from World Literature (15 min)
Dr. Nathanael Gilbert, Middle Georgia State University

Teaching, Service, Scholarship: Debunking the False Trichotomy (15 min)
Dr. Alan Burstein, Gordon State College

Self-Care, Mindfulness, and Work-Life Balance for Task-Oriented Introverts (15 min)
Dr. Marcus Johnson, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

Audience Discussion (15 minutes)

Session 8 - C: Panel Session (60 minutes)
IC Room 207

GSC Ambassador: Dr. Lynn Rumfelt

Finding Balance: Blended Learning in the Corequisite Classroom
Prof. Tammy Hinson, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Prof. Sherri Newberry, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
12:45 - 1:45 p.m.  **Session 9 - Instructional Complex**

**Session 9 - A: Workshop Session**  (60 minutes)
IC Room 220

GSC Ambassador: Dr. Jeremy Richards

**Ungrading: How to Assess Student Learning through Socratic Seminars and Conferencing**
Dr. Julie Little, Gordon State College

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**Session 9 - B: Workshop Session**  (60 minutes)
IC Room 119

GSC Moderator: Professor Solomon Betanga

**Balancing Mind, Body, and Spirit – The Essential Triad**
Dr. Tonya Moore, Gordon State College

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**Session 9 - C: Individual Presentation Session**  (60 minutes)
IC Room 207

GSC Moderator: Professor Valerie Calhoun

**Preparing Teachers with a Global Perspective: A Comparative Study of Teaching in South West Georgia and Ghana**  (15 min)
Dr. Anthony Owusu-Ansah, Albany State University
Ms. Charrell Hunter, Albany State University

**Understanding the Needs of Adult Learners in Online Environments**  (15 min)
Dr. Ric Calhoun, Gordon State College

**Critical Patient Care? There is an App for That!**  (15 min)
Dr. Douglas Masini, Georgia Southern University

**Audience Discussion** (15 minutes)
Session 10 - A: Workshop Session (60 minutes)
IC Room 111

GSC Ambassador: Dr. Brian Webb

No Laughing Matter: Exploring Comics and Graphic Novels in the Classroom
Mr. Perry Ivey, Gordon State College
Dr. Erik McCarthy, Gordon State College
Dr. Cortney McLeod, Gordon State College

Session 10 - B: Individual Presentation Session (60 minutes)
IC Room 119

GSC Moderator: Dr. Brenda Johnson

Role-Playing Simulations as a High-Impact Practice (15 min)
Dr. Steven Elliott-Gower, Georgia College
Ms. Bentley Earnest, Georgia College

Mindset and Metacognition (15 min)
Dr. Jennifer Randall, Dalton State College

A Wonder Elixir to Avoid Mid-Career Burnout: Reflections on Using Reacting to the Past in the Classroom (15 min)
Dr. Nicholas Steneck, Wesleyan College

Audience Discussion (15 minutes)
Session 10 - C: Workshop Session (60 minutes)
IC Room 222

GSC Ambassador: Dr. Anne Sanders

25 Active Learning Strategies (Workshop)
Dr. Simeco Vinson, Georgia College and State University
Ms. Jaclyn Queen, Georgia College and State University

Session 10 - D: Workshop Session (60 minutes)
IC Fourth Floor Lobby

GSC Ambassador: Dr. Jessica Traylor

Burnout Prevention: Yoga and Mindfulness Meditation
Ms. Moriah Bray, Georgia College and State University

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