

Faculty Development

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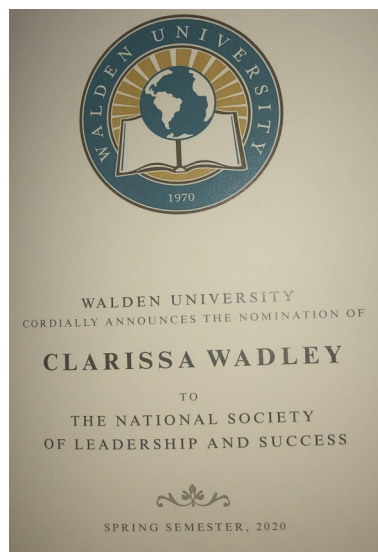
The faculty at Brewton-Parker College strive to promote a culture of learning not only in the classroom but also in their own personal lives. Each year, BPC faculty are provided the opportunity to engage in professional development opportunities in order to further their knowledge in their subject areas, share what they have learned, or even gain knowledge in other areas.

Professional development could be anything from conferences, seminars, or workshops to taking additional courses at the collegiate-level, to independent reading and research.

This annual newsletter serves as a way for BPC faculty to communicate their ongoing commitment to learning and growth with their peers. If you would like to be included in the next Faculty Development Newsletter, submit your professional development information to the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Research.

COLLEGIATE HONORS

Clarissa Wadley, who is currently working on a Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration at Walden University, was recently nominated for the National Society for Leadership and Success. Clarissa has two more classes to complete and will begin her dissertation in spring 2021. Congratulations, Clarissa!



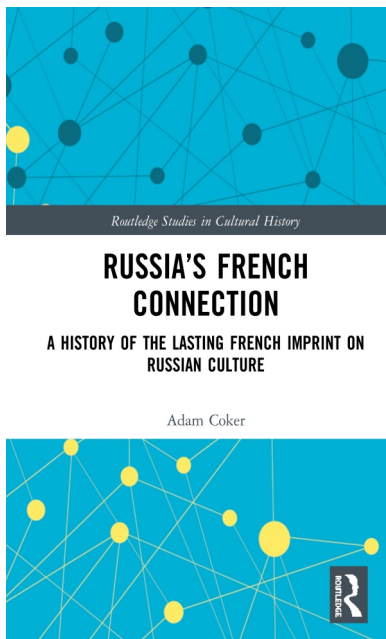
Additionally, **Dr. Roger Byrd** has been accepted into the Graduate Certificate Program for Leadership and Communication at Georgia Southern University. Congratulations, Dr. Byrd!

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YOUR SUMMER READING LIST JUST GOT AN UPGRADE

Dr. Adam Coker, Assistant Professor of History and Christian Studies, received news that his book, *Russia's French Connection: A History of the Lasting French Imprint on Russian Culture* will be published by Routledge as part of its series, "Routledge Studies in Cultural History." Dr. Coker spent several years living and working in Russia. According to Routledge, "This is primarily a book for those interested in European history, particularly imperial Russia, the French Revolution, and Napoleonic Wars."

The book is available for pre-order at <https://www.routledge.com/Russias-French-Connection-A-History-of-the-Lasting-French-Imprint-on/Coker/p/book/9780367819927> . It will be released July 13, 2020.

"The more I learned about Russians, the more I was struck with how their own culture had been influenced by other cultures." Dr. Coker



STUDENTS AND FACULTY WORKING TOGETHER

Dr. Helene Peters, Chair, Division of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, co-authored 4 abstract publications with graduating biology majors. These would have been presented as posters at the annual Georgia Academy of Science meeting in Valdosta in March 2020, but the conference was canceled due to COVID-19. However, the abstracts were still published in the *Georgia Journal of Science*.

Here are the publications:

Kaitlynn M. Gillette* and Helene Peters (2020) "AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE EFFECT OF DIFFERENT EMBALMING FLUIDS ON BEEF, PORK AND CHICKEN MEAT PRODUCTS." *Georgia Journal of Science*, Vol. 78(1)1. <https://digitalcommons.gaacademy.org/gjs/vol78/iss1/1/>

Krizia K. Cornejo* and Helene Peters (2020) "ELECTROPHORESIS ANALYSIS OF COUGH SYRUPS AND LABORATORY TESTING OF ANALGESICS." *Georgia Journal of Science*, Vol. 78(1)10. <https://digitalcommons.gaacademy.org/gjs/vol78/iss1/10/>

Taylor M. Morris* and Helene Peters (2020) "HEART RATE AND ELECTROCARDIOGRAM ACTIVITY IN ATHLETES: PRE-EXERCISE, DURING EXERCISE, AND POST-EXERCISE." *Georgia Journal of Science*, Vol. 78(1)13. <https://digitalcommons.gaacademy.org/gjs/vol78/iss1/13/>

Nicole A. Esterbrook* and Helene Peters (2020) "SURVEY OF THE INCIDENCE OF MYCOPLASMA PNEUMONIAE IN RESIDENT AND COMMUTING STUDENTS AND AN ANTIBIOTIC DISK DIFFUSION TEST USING MACROLIDES, QUINOLONES AND BETA-LACTAMS." *Georgia Journal of Science*, Vol. 78(1)32. <https://digitalcommons.gaacademy.org/gjs/vol78/iss1/32/>

PARTICIPATION AND PRESENTATIONS

Numerous faculty take the time to give back to education by participating in or presenting research papers at conferences around our area.

- ♦ **Dr. Sherida Habersham** presented the findings from a research project at the Georgia Educational Research Association (GERA) Conference in Macon. Her research project was *Dual Enrollment: An Analysis of Persistence, Ethnicity, and Gender*.
- ♦ **Dr. Roger Byrd** presented a paper on prison education at the Southern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting in Nashville, TN. He also presented a paper on recidivism at the Georgia Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Savannah, GA, and chaired a panel discussion on offender re-entry.
- ♦ **Professor Logan Porter** facilitated a table at the Annual Middle Georgia State University Undergraduate History Conference where BPC History major, Hunter Kennedy presented a selection from his Senior Seminar capstone thesis. Additionally, Professor Porter attended the Georgia Association of Historians (GAH) annual conference where he presented a paper entitled “Mandan Discoveries: Lewis and Clark, the Native Peoples, and the Mandan Sister, Corn.”



SERVING LOCAL SCHOOLS IN THE LITERARY ARTS & SCIENCES

Each year, Brewton-Parker College serves as the host for a literary competition for high schools in the state of Georgia. College faculty are asked to serve as judges for events such as singing and interpretation to essay writing and spelling. Faculty members participating this year included:

Professor Lynn Addison scored and judged competitor essays.

Professor George Mosley served as a judge for extemporaneous and impromptu speaking, as well as oral interpretation.

Professor Jerusha Yoder judged essay writing and served as the caller for the spelling competition.

Dr. David Wilson judged all of the musical events for singing and piano. He also served as a judge for four additional literary events around the state this year.

Dr. Helene Peters served as science fair judge at Montgomery County Middle School, awarding a summer science camp scholarship to the winner. She also participated in the annual STEM night at Montgomery County Elementary School leading an interactive activity on how to make batteries out of lemons.

A TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

In October 2019, a group of Brewton-Parker College students, faculty, and alumni embarked on a ten-day trip to Israel. Faculty on the trip included **Dr. Matt Haley**, **Professor Daryl Fletcher**, **Dr. David Wilson**, and the President, **Dr. Steve Echols**.

When asked about a memorable event on the trip, Dr. Haley stated, “On our first full day in Israel, we gave a concert at the Basilica of Jesus the Adolescent, overlooking Nazareth. It was a beautiful night and the doors to the church were wide open. I felt a wonderful sense of amazement as I looked out over the lights of Nazareth while performing with my friends, colleagues, and students. There are certain moments in life where you marvel at your blessings, and this was surely one of those.”

Both Drs. Haley and Wilson also noted how much it meant to see the trip through their students’ eyes. According to Dr. Wilson, “I loved seeing the students light up when they realized they were living in real time biblical truth. My joy came from seeing them connect the dots with their Introduction to the New Testament or Old Testament courses to what they were experiencing in the Holy Land. It was pure joy to lead others in the land of Jesus.”

Dr. Haley recounts a special night that he recalls:

On one of our last nights, Brewton-Parker led an event for kids in Bethlehem while their parents were upstairs for a Jubalheirs concert and dinner. The scene was chaotic, with a room full of excitable kids and significant language and cultural barriers. Despite the difficulties and distractions, our students performed well and did a great job of managing the situation. Dr. Wilson was able to give the kids a Gospel presentation, our brass trio (Daryl Fletcher, Zachary Fletcher, and me) performed and demonstrated instruments, the choir sang wonderfully, and our students led the kids in games. It was much more chaotic than any of us expected, but it was a wonderfully successful and memorable night. I was particularly proud of how well our students did in managing a challenging performing environment.

What a wonderful trip it must have been! We hope there will be another one soon!



DECENNIAL REVIEW & REAFFIRMATION

Brewton-Parker College is now in its decennial review stage with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). Members of the college's reaccreditation leadership team began this journey in December 2018 when it traveled to the annual SACSCOC conference in New Orleans, LA to attend the Orientation for the Reaffirmation Class of 2021. The college submitted its Compliance Certification Report on all standards on March 2, 2020, which was reviewed by an off-site committee of our peers during the month of April 2020. Below is a list of important dates in our continuing reaffirmation cycle. We ask that you continue to be in prayer as we walk through this journey.

June 1, 2020—SACSCOC Off-site Committee returns its findings from its review of our Compliance Certification Report

September 14, 2020—QEP and Focus Report due

October 26-29, 2020—SACSCOC On-Site Review Team on campus at BPC

June 2021—SACSCOC Board meets to make decision on reaffirmation

WELCOME NEW FACULTY

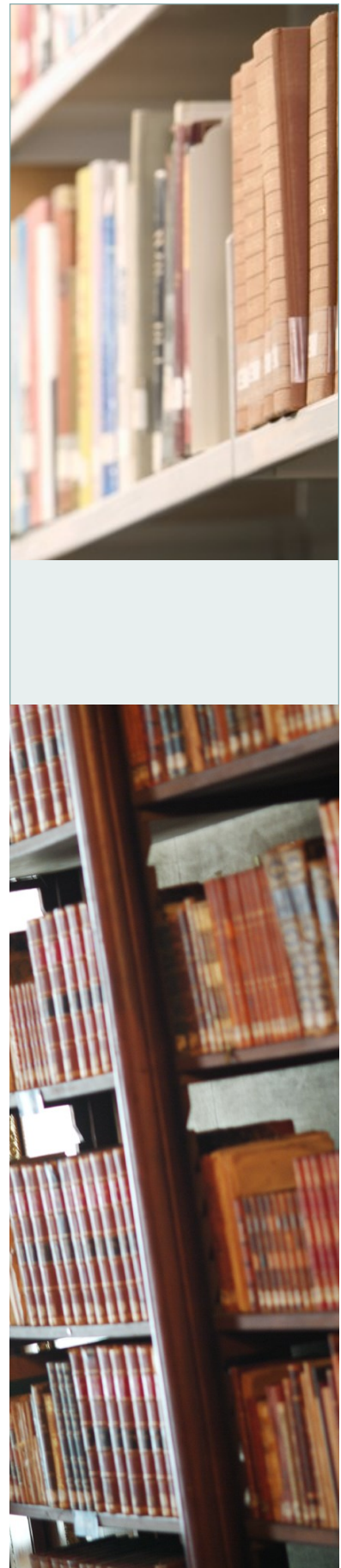
Please join me in welcoming our newest faculty members who will be starting in the fall semester.

Alison Renee Nichols Bailey (2020), Associate Professor of Nursing
Division of Mathematics and Natural Sciences
Director of Nursing (Nurse Administrator)
A.S.N., Calhoun Technical College (Orangeburg); B.S.N., University of South Carolina (Aiken); M.S.N., University of South Carolina (Columbia); D.N.P., Wilkes University

Ingrid Hellstrom (2020), Instructor of Psychology
Division of Education and Behavioral Sciences
Director of Library and Information Services
B.A., M.S.L.I.S., Catholic University of America; M.S., Georgia Southern University; additional studies, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale

Rachel B. Kozlowski (2020), Assistant Professor of Chemistry
Division of Mathematics and Natural Sciences
Instrumentation Specialist
B.S. (Biochemistry and Chemistry), Campbell University; Ph.D., Emory University

Michael Steinmetz (2020), Assistant Professor of Christian Studies
Division of Christian Studies and Humanities
Director of Information Technology
B.A., Louisiana College; M.A., Th.M., Ph.D., New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary



BREWTON-PARKER COLLEGE

Brewton-Parker College is a four-year, coeducational Christian liberal arts college accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. Brewton-Parker offers more than twenty areas of undergraduate study to a diverse population of students in the micropolitan setting of Mount Vernon/Vidalia in the south-central region of Georgia. As a Georgia Baptist institution, Brewton-Parker affirms the supremacy of Christ and expects members of faculty and administration to model Christian values before the students, in their professional activities, and in their lives.



THERE IS SOMETHING NEW TO LEARN EVERY SINGLE DAY . . .

It is no secret that a good teacher requires a good education. For that reason, our faculty strive to stay up-to-date with the ins and outs of their changing fields of study by going to conferences and watching webinars. Below is a small listing of those participating in learning events this year.

Lynn Addison and **Toni Banks** attended the webinar, *COVID-19 and the Economy* by N. Gregory Mankiw, textbook author and Professor of Economics at Harvard University.

Toni Banks and **Deokhyo Kim** attended the Clearinghouse Academy in Atlanta, Georgia, hosted by the National Student Clearinghouse.

Logan Porter attended two webinars through Teaching American History (TAH), *Insights from History* and *American Heroes* and is currently participating in a series of webinars hosted by the George Washington Teacher Institute Professional Development Sessions. He is also registered for additional professional learning opportunities later this summer through the Gilder Lehrman Institute Online Teacher Seminar and the US Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Nicole Shepard completed webinars on athletes and mental illnesses, building leadership teams, driver training, what COVID-19 means for Georgia Independent Colleges, and the EntreLeadership Summit.

All Brewton-Parker College faculty participated in active learning this year when the college hosted active shooter training.

HONORING PROFESSOR FLETCHER

The Brewton-Parker College family was saddened by the loss of one of our own this year, Director of Library and Information Services and Instructor of Information Technology, Professor Daryl Fletcher. In August 2019, Professor Fletcher was lovingly elected by his peers to serve as this year's Faculty Marshal. He certainly had a love for continual learning, earning an Associate's degree from North East Alabama Community College, a Bachelor's in Communication from the University of Alabama, a Master's in Library Science from the University of Alabama, and a Master's in Christian Studies from Luther Rice College and Seminary. He was also an avid lover of music who participated in the college's music ensembles and chapel services and a devoted supporter of the Brewton-Parker College Lady Barons basketball team.

Professor Fletcher's continual smile and easy-going attitude will be missed by students and faculty-alike. Our hearts and our love go out to the Fletcher family, Tara, Zachary, and Dylan.

