

Faculty Development

BPC FACULTY HARD AT WORK

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 will serve 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.

A VERY BUSY SUMMER

The summer months are a great time for faculty to engage in professional development opportunities. Many faculty not only teach courses for BPC during the summer but also travel to conferences and seminars. The summer of 2018 was no exception.

In June 2018, Tanvi Chauhan, Circulation Assistant, and Daryl Fletcher, Director of Library Services, attended the Atlanta Area Bibliographic Instruction Group Conference at Mercer University. The overall conference subject was “Instruction Near and Far: Engaging Our Users Where They Are.”

Dr. Helene Peters hosted BPC’s annual science camps for area elementary and middle grades students in June and July. Over sixty students from ages 9 to 15 descended on the Math and Science building to try their hand at CSI Day, math games and brain twisters, Chemistry Day, tornado science, and Ecology Day, during which they built a hydroponic habitat. Dr. Peters’ annual summer camps continue to be a success, encouraging interest in STEM with a fun environment while promoting BPC.



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WEEKEND READING

In September 2018, Dr. Amanda Wrenn Allen's first published book, *The Eucharistic Debate in Tudor England: Thomas Cranmer, Stephen Gardiner, and the English Reformation*, was released. One reviewer of Allen's book stated that it is a "fresh argument in this theological debate that, once published, will occupy an original niche in Reformation scholarship." On October 25, the Altama Museum of Art and History in Vidalia celebrated Dr. Allen's accomplishment by hosting a special reception in her honor. The book may be purchased in [hardcover](#) or [e-version](#).

"My job as a professor is to connect with students both in and out of the classroom."

Dr. Allen stays engaged in her subject year round. Below are some other endeavors in which she was involved in 2018-2019:

- AP Reader: European history
- Guest speaker at the Altama Museum of Art and History in October 2018; subject, "Debating the English Reformation"
- Guest speaker on WVOP Radio in November 2018; subject, "The Earlier English Reformation"
- Guest speaker at the Montgomery County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Colonists in November 2018; subject, "Prepping Anglicanism for the Colonies"
- Chair/Commentator: "Defining Legitimate Warfare" at the Southern Conference on British Studies in Birmingham, AL in November 2018
- Executive Councilor at the Southern Conference on British Studies in November 2018
- Guest speaker at the Vidalia Women's Club in February 2019; subject, "History at Brewton-Parker College"
- Recipient of Georgia Humanities Grant

PIGGIN' OUT

Although it may not exactly qualify as "professional" development, Dr. Amanda Allen also took some time out of her busy schedule to get up close and personal with our "southern" ways. On February 16, 2019, Dr. Allen participated in a charity event by showing BPC student Stella Fulford's pig, Dr. A, in the Montgomery County Livestock Show.

Professor Lynn Addison and adjunct professor Karl Hay were also present at the show.





BECOMING “DR.” BYRD

An intelligent heart acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge (Proverbs 18:15 ESV)

Roger Byrd, part-time instructor in the area of social sciences, is a life-long learner who embodies all that it means to seek knowledge. In 2018 alone, Mr. Byrd added three feathers to his educational cap.

1. He received his M.S. in Criminal Justice from Georgia Southern University;
2. He received a graduate certificate in cybercrime from Armstrong Atlantic University; and
3. He defended his dissertation, “Secondary Education and Offender Recidivism in Georgia: An Analysis of Perspectives of Community Supervision Officers,” to successfully complete his Ed.D. at Valdosta State University, officially becoming Dr. Roger Byrd.

Since that time, Dr. Byrd has worked to combine his knowledge-base in the criminal justice system with his newly-acquired degree in education. In November 2018, Dr. Byrd presented a paper at the Georgia Political Science Association Annual Conference entitled, “Throwing Away the Key: Missed Opportunities in Corrections Education.”

STUDENTS AND FACULTY WORKING TOGETHER

In April 2018, Dr. Helene Peters had the honor of presenting a poster with former BPC student Katie Sills at the Georgia Academy of Science Conference at the University of West Georgia. Since the presentation, the abstract of the poster has been [published in the Georgia Journal of Science](#).

Dr. Peters is also excited to announce that she will be returning to present with three students this year. Students Sarah Batchelor, Autumn Lopez, and Joshua Queen will all present their posters on March 15th.

ASSESSMENT, OH ASSESSMENT, HOW LOVELY ARE THY BRANCHES

In December 2018, Toni Banks attended her first annual SACSCOC conference. In addition to attending sessions on the reaffirmation process, Toni filled her days with workshops on assessment to better prepare herself for her new role at BPC.

Those workshops included,
IE Evaluators: Assessment & Strategic Planning

Understanding and Planning for the QEP

Assessing Student Outcomes, Standard 8.2

Student Achievement, Standard 8.1

Evaluating Educational Quality: The Importance of Rubrics in Assessment

Assessing Writing: How One School's English Department Assesses the Gen Ed Writing Requirement

Implementing an Effective Educational Program Assessment Feedback Process: Assessing your Assessments

EDUCATION ABOUT . . . EDUCATION

It is no secret that a good teacher requires a good education. For that reason, our faculty in the Division of Education constantly strive to stay up-to-date with the ins and outs of teacher certification in the state of Georgia.

Associate Professor of Education Barbara Reid routinely participates in professional development conferences and seminars, such as:

Certification and Program Officials Conference – October 2018 – Middle Georgia State

GaPSC Annual Certification and Program Officials “Drive-in” Conference - October 2018 - Middle Georgia State

GaPSC Certification Division's Outreach Training— April 2018—Coffee County BOE

Southeast Ga P-20 Collaborative—March 2018 - Liberty County

GaPSC EPP Faculty Ethics Assessment Symposium - March 2019 - Middle Georgia State University



CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR LICENSING

Since he began his career at Brewton-Parker College, Professor Vance Rhoades has amassed some 518.75 hours of continuing education in the fields of counseling and psychology. The ever-changing field of psychology requires constant learning as old disorders change and new struggles manifest.

This year, Professor Rhoades attended a conference hosted by the American Psychiatric Association in conjunction with the Licensed Professional Counselors Association in Macon. The conference was entitled, “Mastering the Diagnostic and Statistical manual (DSM-5) and the International Classification of Disease Model (ICD-10): A Symptoms-Based Approach.”

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). In December 2018, Drs. Echols, Brian, and Shepard, along with Toni Banks, traveled to the annual SACSCOC conference in New Orleans, LA to attend the Orientation for the Reaffirmation Class of 2021. BPC leadership learned what to expect during the reaffirmation process. Below is a list of important dates in our reaffirmation cycle. We ask that you continue to be in prayer as we walk through this journey.

September 9, 2019—Report on Standard 8.2a due

October 21—24, 2019—Dr. Beverly Robinson travels to Pasco-Hernando State College to serve as an onsite observer

November 19, 2019—Dr. John Hardt, VP at SACSCOC, arrives on campus for an advisory meeting

December 2019—SACSCOC Committee considers our September report

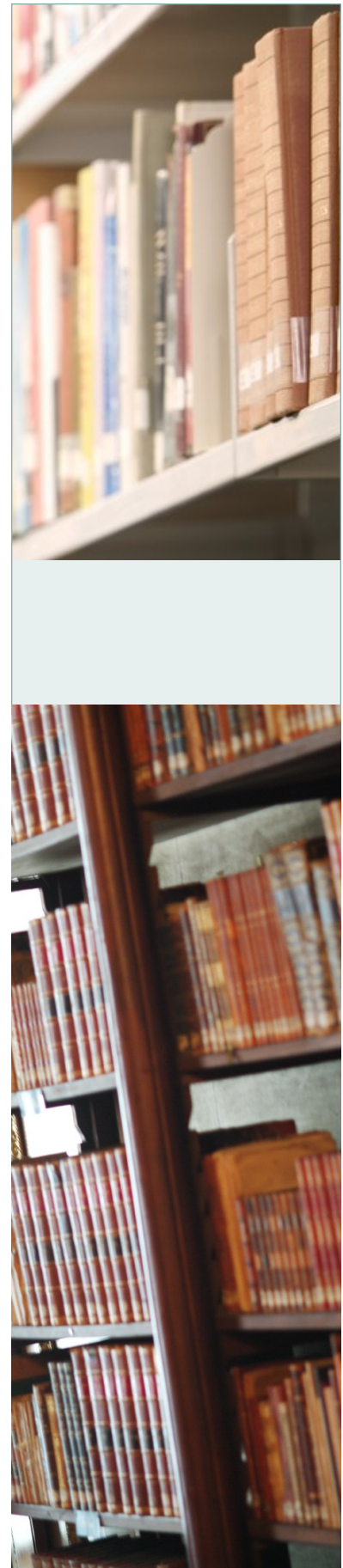
March 2, 2020—Compliance Certification Report on all standards due

April 21-24, 2020—Off-site Committee considers 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



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 about 750 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.

TECHNOLOGY AND WEBINARS

Your Learning Management System Administrative Team (LMSAT) has been hard at work attending webinars and reviewing products and software to improve services for faculty, students, and staff at BPC. The LMSAT strives to ensure that we are working with the best software systems possible to keep our data organized and safe. Below is a list of products and services reviewed by your LMSAT this year.

ProctorU

BioSignature ID

U-Card/U-Auth

SmartID

Concourse Syllabus Management

D2L Performance Plus

VitalSource

Pearson MyLab

Scantron Assessment Solutions

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