

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.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

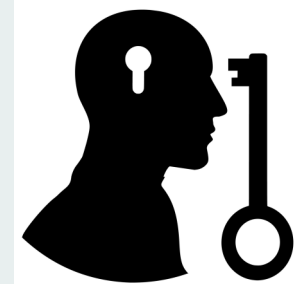
2020-2021 was a difficult year for everyone. The Covid-19 pandemic put a damper on everyone's plans for the last 2 years. However, it sure has not stopped the faculty at BPC. We have several of our faculty members who have continued their education and received a degree.

In May 2021, **Toni Banks**, Assistant Professor of Business, Interim Chair of Division of Business, and Assistant Provost for Institutional Effectiveness and Research, completed a Master of Arts in Teaching in Secondary Mathematics from Middle Georgia State University.

In January 2021, **Timothy Miller**, Assistant Professor of History and curator at Brewton Parker Historic Village, received his Ph.D. in History from the University of Oxford. His thesis was titled "Gold for Secrets: The Hartlib Circle and The Early English Empire, 1630-1660."



Dr. Roger Byrd, Associate Professor of Social Sciences, and Prison Program Director, completed WRIT 7100 *Professional Communication Strategies* at Georgia Southern University.



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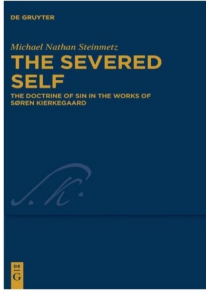
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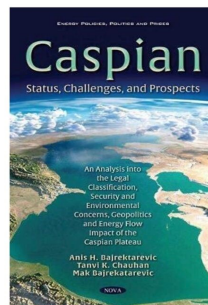


In September 2021, **Dr. Michael Steinmetz**, Assistant Professor of Christian Studies and Director of Information Technology, published an academic book entitled *The Severed Self: The Doctrine of Sin in the Works of Søren Kierkegaard*. Whenever Dr. Steinmetz teaches Christian doctrine, he likes to bring the book into the conversation. Dr. Steinmetz says the book can be a resource in two main ways. He states that the book is for “those who want a firmer grasp on the doctrine of sin and those who want a firmer grasp on the thought of Søren Kierkegaard.” For more information on Dr. Steinmetz’s recent publication, please visit, www.degruyter.com/document/doi/10.1515/9783110753448/html.

Below are some interesting facts about our newest authors:

- Dr. Steinmetz received BA in Philosophy/Religion from Louisiana College.
- He received his Masters in Theology from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. His PhD in Theology and minor in New Testament from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.
- Dr. Steinmetz is currently working on a ‘Kierkegaard’s theology for evangelicals’ style of book.
- Dr. Steinmetz’s book was published by De Gruyter Press in Germany.
- Tanvi Chauhan received her Bachelor’s degree in Biology from Brewton Parker in 2015.
- Tanvi received her Masters degree in International Relations from Troy University in Alabama in 2019.
- Tanvi has extensive experience living and working in both Asia and Africa.
- Tanvi’s book was published by Nova Science Publishers, Inc.

In December 2020, **Tanvi Chauhan**, acting Director of Library and Information Services, published an academic book entitled *Caspian: Status, Challenges, and Prospects; an Analysis into the Legal Classification, Security and Environmental Concerns, Geopolitics and Energy Flow Impact of the Caspian Plateau*. The book was co-written with Anis Bajrektarevic and Mak Bajrektarevic. The academic book explores how the world’s largest inland body of salt water escaped economic and political notice for a very long time. Chauhan describes the book as a good read for “anyone wanting to study the Caucasus and Eurasian area with a particular focus on the Caspian in a comprehensive basis.” For more information on Ms. Chauhan’s recent publication, please visit, <https://novapublishers.com/shop/caspian-status-challenges-and-prospects-an-analysis-into-the-legal-classification-security-and-environmental-concerns-geopolitics-and-energy-flow-impact-of-the-caspian-plateau>.





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.

Jessica Stovall, Assistant Professor of Psychology and Associate Professional Counselor, attended the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Christian Counseling Conference. Ms. Stovall also completed training in Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) therapy and completed a doctoral seminar on Clinical Supervision Theory and Practice.

Lynn Addison, Assistant Professor of Business and Associate Provost for External Programs, has attended 6 D2L webinars. She attended 5 virtual Fusion-D2L Conferences in 2021. Professor Addison also completed the course *Inclusive Online Teaching Teach-out* in Fall 2020. In this course, higher education faculty examined students' barriers to learning, including unconscious bias, physical impairments, and lack of motivation. Participants explored and discussed how inclusive pedagogy and universal design for learning can help to address those barriers and improve student learning outcomes. Additionally, Professor Addison attended an OpenStax webinar on using educational technology to increase student engagement in your classroom, and next week she will be attending another D2L webinar on ePortfolios.

Brewton-Parker College

Brewton-Parker College is a four-year, coeducational Christian liberal arts college accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and School Commission on Colleges. Brewton-Parker offers more than twenty areas of undergraduate study to a diverse population of students in the metropolitan 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.



New Programs and Degrees

Brewton-Parker has 2 new programs that will begin Spring 2022:

• Bachelor of Science in Sport and Exercise Science with two concentrations,

-Pre-physical Therapy

-Health and Human Performance

We also began offering the following associate's degrees this year:

- AS in Allied Health
- AA in Education
- AA in Criminal Justice
- AA in Psychology.

Online degree program offerings have expanded to now include all of the majors in the B.B.A. and a B.A. in General Studies.

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. Sampyo Hong, Associate Professor of Physical Sciences, was awarded a grant from the National Science Foundation in 2020. Dr. Hong was able to select BPC students to participate in summer undergraduate research funded by this grant. Dr. Hong chose BPC student Chance Hatcher to participate in the program at the University of Central Florida. The undergraduate research performed by students like Hatcher is an excellent opportunity to gain science education, inspiration, personal, and professional development.

Dr. Roger Byrd presented a paper on prison education at the Southern Criminal Justice Association. He also presented a PowerPoint on offender re-entry at the Criminal Justice Association of Georgia. Dr. Byrd participated in a panel discussion on "evaluating year one of the Biden administration" at the Georgia Political Science Association.

Dr. Christian Dickinson, Assistant Professor of English, presented a paper on Robert Browning's "Christmas Eve" at the Victorian Interdisciplinary Studies Association of the Western United States (VISAWUS).

Dr. Adam Coker, Assistant Professor of History and Christian Studies, presented a paper at the 2021 annual meeting of the Association for Slavic, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies. The paper was titled "A la Francaise: French Cultural Influences on the Decembrists." This and two other papers were part of a research panel entitled "Making Contact: Russian Interaction with the West in the Nineteenth Century and in the Early Soviet Period."

DECENNIAL REVIEW & REAFFIRMATION

Brewton-Parker College is pleased to announce that The Southern Association of Colleges and Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Board of Trustees met in June and reaffirmed the BPC's SACSCOC accreditation for the next ten years. Through the submission of a Compliance Certification Report and onsite review, the SACSCOC Board of Trustees reaffirmed that BPC is compliant in meeting every guiding principle and standard of the Principles of Accreditation.

For BPC, the process started in December of 2018 with an orientation for the Class of 2021 hosted by SACSCOC. The Compliance Certification Report was submitted in October of 2020 and concluded with the announced decision in June, in total a two- and one-half-year process.

Dr. Steven F. Echols, BPC President, noted that the commission gave BPC the best possible results with no notations or additional reporting required. "This response from SACSCOC is the best in many years and perhaps the best ever in the history of BPC. This action by SACSCOC is a strong affirmation of the financial health of the school, as well as achieving high standards in governance, academic curriculum, and student services. Throughout the process, the staff and faculty worked extremely hard and deserve the credit for the wonderful outcome.

The reaffirmation allows BPC to continue in its unique role as the only accredited four-year Christian college south of Macon, Georgia and north of Jacksonville, Florida. Brewton-Parker is excited to be able to continue to move forward with the fulfillment of our mission to see the lives of the students transformed academically and spiritually for the glory of God."



WELCOME NEW FACULTY

Please join me in welcoming our newest faculty members who are joining the BPC family.

Christian S. Dickinson (2021), Assistant Professor of English Division of Christian Studies and Humanities Assistant Director of the Academic Success Center A.A., Florida State Community College at Jacksonville; B.A., University of North Florida; M.A., Florida State University; Ph.D., Baylor University

Tara T. Fletcher (2020), Instructor of Business Division of Business Assistant Registrar Faculty Athletics Representative, NAIA, NCCAA B.S., additional graduate studies, University of Alabama; additional studies, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; M.B.A., DeVry University, Keller Graduate School of Management

Lisa Kelley (2021), Assistant Professor of Education (part-time) Division of Education and Behavioral Sciences B.S.Ed., M.Ed., Ed.S., Georgia Southern University; Ph.D., Capella University

Kimberly Kicklighter (2021), Assistant Professor of Nursing (part-time) School of Nursing A.S. in Nursing, Middle Georgia College (now Middle Georgia State University); M.S.N. (Nursing Leadership and Management), Western Governors University

Timothy E. Miller (2021), Assistant Professor of History Division of Christian Studies and Humanities Curator, Brewton-Parker Historic Village A.A., Young Harris College; B.A., Shorter College; M.Div., Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary; M.A., Georgia State University; D.Phil., University of Oxford

William Franklin Sharpe (2021), Assistant Professor of English Division of Christian Studies and Humanities Director of the Academic Success Center A.A., Middle Georgia College; B.A., M.A., Georgia Southern University; Ph.D., University of Alabama

Brandi Jo Reynolds (2021), Assistant Professor of Nursing School of Nursing, Certificate in Imaging Sciences, Southeastern Technical College; A.A., East Georgia State College; A.S.N., B.S.N., South Georgia State College; M.S.N., Walden University

Jessica Stovall (2022), Assistant Professor of Psychology, Division of Education and Behavioral Sciences, Associate Professional Counselor, Student Development B.A., Williams Baptist College; M.A., additional doctoral studies, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

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Still Looking. . .Faculty Needs

Brewton-Parker College is currently looking to hire for the following faculty positions:

- Nursing
- Computer Information Systems
- Director of Library Information Systems

Please direct potential candidates to the employment page on the BPC website.

HONORING LOGAN PORTER



The Brewton-Parker College family was saddened by the loss of one of our own this year, Assistant Professor of History, Logan Porter. Professor Porter was also the Director of Pi Gamma Mu as well as the Faculty Liaison for the Historic Village at BPC. He completed his A.A. in Behavioral Science at Brewton Parker in 1980. In 1982 he completed his B.A. in Social Science through Tift College of Mercer University at Brewton Parker College. In 2019, he received an M.A. in American History through Gilder Lehrman American History Institute and Pace University. Professor Porter's students were his "children" and he always took an active interest in their lives. Teaching was his legacy and he inspired countless lives and careers. Professor Porter was a prolific historian and his knowledge and love for American history and government was unparalleled. He was always continuing his education of history by traveling around the world or attending workshops and seminars. Professor Porter was a collector of many things including White House Memorabilia, Hummel's, and rep-

licas of Faberge Eggs. He enjoyed searching for globes on Jekyll Island, collecting and reading books, traveling to historic sites, cooking, and spending time with his family.

Professor Porter's smile and easy going attitude will be missed by students and faculty-alike. Our hearts and love go out to the Porter family, Miriam, Shirley, Elizabeth (Hunter), and Liam.



We will see you all in January! Administrative offices open January 4th with classes beginning on January 10th!