

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 Assistant to the Provost.

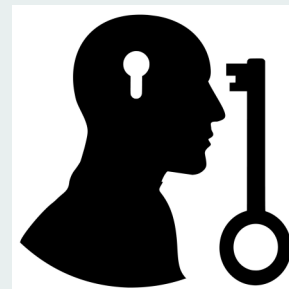
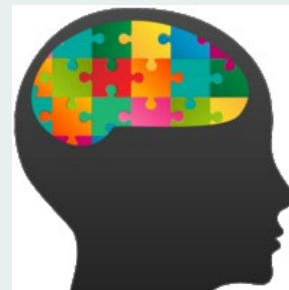
CONTINUING EDUCATION

During the 2022-2023 academic Year, **Toni Banks**, Assistant Professor of Business and Assistant Provost for Institutional Effectiveness and Research, was selected as a fellow for the NWC UU’s Data Equity Fellowship. The NWC UU’s Data Equity Fellowship prepares higher education leaders to advance institutional mission fulfillment and equity initiatives through data-informed approaches to assessment, reflection, and planning to eliminate equity gaps. In addition to regular meetings, reading two books, participating in a learning community of practice, and completing monthly assignments, Data Equity Fellows enacted a project on their own campus applying a data-informed approach to an equity-focused challenge/opportunity at their institution. The fellowship culminated in a poster presentation of the project’s findings to over 200 data colleagues and industry experts this summer.

Dr. Debbi Bryarly, Director of the School of Nursing, completed her Doctorate of Nursing Practice with a concentration in Healthcare Systems Leadership. Congratulations, DR. Bryarly!

Karl Hay, Assistant Professor of Computer Information Systems and Chair of the Business Division, completed a certificate in Object-Oriented Programming in Java with Georgia Technical College.

Jessica Stovall, Assistant Professor of Psychology, completed Ph.D. seminars in Counseling Approaches to Social Problems and Advocacy (Spring 2022); Teaching in Higher Education (Summer 2022); Counseling in the Church (Fall 2022); and Neuropsychology and Psychopharmacology (Spring 2023) at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. She also completed a Master of Theology (Th.M.) from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in May 2023).



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YOUR SUMMER READING LIST JUST GOT AN UPGRADE

Throughout the 2022-2023 academic year, **Dr. Helene Peters**, Professor of Biology, Chair of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, has been busy having the following published:

Figueiro*, Samuel and Peters, Helene (2023) "THE EFFECTS OF SLEEP DURATION ON COGNITION AND MOTOR FUNCTION" Georgia Journal of Science, Vol. 81, No. 1, Article 14.

Available at: <https://digitalcommons.gaacademy.org/gjs/vol81/iss1/14>

Frederick, Chelsea and Peters, Helene (2023) "CAN CINNAMON SUPPLEMENTS LOWER BLOOD GLUCOSE LEVELS?," Georgia Journal of Science, Vol. 81, No. 1, Article 15.

Available at: <https://digitalcommons.gaacademy.org/gjs/vol81/iss1/15>

Hartley*, Ansley and Peters, Helene (2023) "AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE OCCURRENCE OF STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS (ROSENBAACH, 1884) AND SCREENING FOR ALCOHOL PRESENCE IN MECHANICALLY EXPRESSED BREASTMILK SAMPLES," Georgia Journal of Science, Vol. 81, No. 1, Article 18.

Available at: <https://digitalcommons.gaacademy.org/gjs/vol81/iss1/18>

Jones*, Grace and Peters, Helene (2023) "THE FEMALE MICROBIOME: PROBIOTICS, LACTOBACILLUS INCIDENCE AND ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE" Georgia Journal of Science, Vol. 81, No. 1, Article 22.

Available at: <https://digitalcommons.gaacademy.org/gjs/vol81/iss1/22>

Mays, Alexia and Peters, Helene (2023) "LUNG CAPACITY OF ATHLETES AT BREWTON-PARKER COLLEGE AND THE GROWTH AND ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE OF STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS AND PSEUDOMONAS AERUGINOSA," Georgia Journal of Science, Vol. 81, No. 1, Article 24.

Available at: <https://digitalcommons.gaacademy.org/gjs/vol81/iss1/24>

Morris*, Cuyler and Peters, Helene (2023) "THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SHOULDER INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL RANGE OF MOTION AND ISOMETRIC GRIP STRENGTH OF COLLEGIATE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL ATHLETES" Georgia Journal of Science, Vol. 81, No. 1, Article 27.

Available at: <https://digitalcommons.gaacademy.org/gjs/vol81/iss1/27>

Stewart*, Mackenzie and Peters, Helene (2023) "THE INCIDENCE OF CONCUSSIONS IN SOCCER PLAYERS AT BREWTON-PARKER COLLEGE AND THE USEFULNESS OF CONCUSSION SYMPTOM SEVERITY REPORTS" Georgia Journal of Science, Vol. 81, No. 1, Article 34.

Available at: <https://digitalcommons.gaacademy.org/gjs/vol81/iss1/34>

Garcia*, Ronald and Peters, Helene (2023) "A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF OVINE, BOVINE AND SWINE BRAIN ANATOMY," Georgia Journal of Science, Vol. 81, No. 1, Article 119.

Available at: <https://digitalcommons.gaacademy.org/gjs/vol81/iss1/119>

*Denotes student presenter

New Programs and Degrees

Brewton-Parker has new programs that will begin Fall 2023:

- ◆ Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing
- ◆ Bachelor of Science in Psychology
- ◆ Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education—English (6-12)
- ◆ Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education—Chemistry (6-12)
- ◆ Bachelor of Science in Music Education (P-12)
- ◆ Bachelor of Science in Special Education—General Curriculum (P-12)
- ◆ Bachelor of Science in Sport Management
- ◆ Bachelor of Science in Biology: Concentration in Forensic Science
- ◆ Bachelor of Science in Sport & Exercise Science: Concentration in Pre-Athletic Training

Temple Baptist Theological Seminary began offering graduate programs Spring 2023:

- ◆ Master of Arts in Ministry
- ◆ Master of Arts in Biblical and Theological 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. Debbi Bryarly, Associate Professor of Nursing and Director of the School of Nursing, presented a poster at the Georgia Association for Nursing Education (GANE) conference in March 2023.

Dr. Christian Dickinson, Assistant Professor of English and Assistant Director of the Academic Success Center, attended and presented a paper at the Secularism and Transcendence Theology Conference at McMaster Divinity College in Toronto, Canada in April 2023. Dr. Dickinson has also had several poems published in magazines, including our own *Oracle*, as well as in *Spectral Realms*, *ParAbnormal*, and *Mythic Circle*.

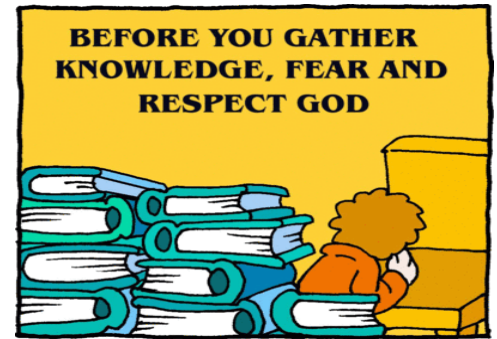
Dr. Andrew Hollingsworth, Assistant Professor of Theology & Christian Philosophy, presented at three conferences this year: "Divine Temporalism and the Eternal Processions" at the annual meeting of the Society for Philosophy of Religion; "Penal Substitutionary Atonement and the Ontology of Time," co-authored with R.T. Mullins, at the biennial meeting of the Baptist Association of Philosophy Teachers and at the Southwestern Regional Meeting of the Evangelical Philosophical Society.

Mr. John E. Shaffett, Director of Library and Information Services and Assistant Professor of English and History, attended the Association of Christian Librarians Conference in Ohio in June 2023. He also co-presented on "Reading, Writing, and Research as a Process: Do They Belong Together?" He attended a one-day virtual library conference with the Catholic Library Association in early May. He is also currently finishing his dissertation, with plans to graduate with his Ph.D. in December 2023. He has been working on his Ph.D. for 8 years now by taking classes year-round until he completed all courses last year. Shaffett notes that his "Ph.D. is a gift for his mother since she was never able to go to college, but she sacrificed for her kids to go to college."

Dr. Nicole Shepard, Chief Financial Officer and Associate Professor of Business, served on a SACSCOC on-site review committee in fall 2022.

Dr. Michael Steinmetz, Assistant Professor of Christian Studies, and Assistant Vice President of Information Technology, attended the Secularism and Transcendence conference at McMaster Divinity College and was asked to contribute a chapter to the upcoming book of conference papers. The title of the chapter will be "Kierkegaard's Concept of Repetition: Seeking Transcendence in a Secular Age."

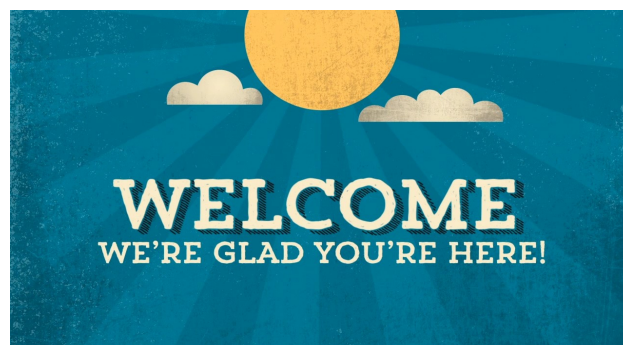
Ms. Jessica Stovall, Assistant Professor of Psychology, presented "Gatekeeping as a Caring Act: Responsibilities in Various Programmatic Stages of Counselor Education" at the Christian Association for Psychological Studies East Regional Conference in Lancaster, PA in November 2022. She also attended the American Association of Christian Counselors National Conference in Dallas, TX in September 2022 and the Christian Association for Psychological Studies International Conference in Louisville, KY in March 2023.



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.





Welcome New Faculty

Please join me in welcoming our newest faculty members who joined the BPC family in the 2022-2023 academic year.

Megan Shae Carter (2023), Assistant Professor of English Division of Humanities and Fine Arts B.A., M.A., Georgia Southern University

Byron Esley Edens (2022), Professor of Preaching and Christian Ministry Temple Baptist Theological Seminary Vice President of Online Learning A.A., Midlands Technical College; A.C.E., B.A., University of South Carolina; M.Div., D.Min., New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; Ph.D. (Leadership), Carolina University; additional graduate studies in applied management and decision sciences in information technology, Walden University

Micah Wade Eller (2022), Assistant Professor of Chemistry Division of Mathematics and Natural Sciences B.S., Tennessee Technological University; Ph.D., Emory University

Mark W. Gregory (2022), Professor of Old Testament Dean, Temple Baptist Theological Seminary B.S., Mississippi State University; M.Div., Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Ph.D., The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Justine M. Hardy (2023), Assistant Professor of Biology and Exercise Science Division of Mathematics and Natural Sciences B.S., M.S., Georgia Southern University; Ph.D. (Leadership – Health Science), University of the Cumberland

Karl L. Hay (2022), Assistant Professor of Computer Information Systems Chair, Division of Business and Associate for Church Relations Preliminary studies, Florida State University and Palm Beach Atlantic College; B.S., Brewton-Parker College; M.B.A., Georgia College and State University; additional studies in computer information systems, Strayer University and *Georgia Institute of Technology*

Andrew Hollingsworth (2022), Assistant Professor of Theology & Christian Philosophy Temple Baptist Theological Seminary Online Instructional Design Specialist, Office of External Programs B.A., Mississippi College; M.A., Th.M., Ph.D., New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Christopher D. Kirk (2022), Assistant Professor of English Division of Humanities and Fine Arts Assistant Director of Library and Information Services Preliminary studies, University of Memphis; B.A., Excelsior College; M.S.I.S., University of North Texas, School of Library and Information Science; M.Hum., University of Dallas

John E. Shaffett (2022), Assistant Professor of English and History Division of Humanities and Fine Arts Director of Library and Information Services B.A., M.A., Southeastern Louisiana University; M.L.I.S., Louisiana State University; additional doctoral studies in humanities and literature, Faulkner University (Ph.D. completed?)

Kimra Tollefson (2023), Assistant Professor of Nursing School of Nursing A.A.S., University of Alaska Fairbanks; A.D.N., Excelsior College; B.S.N., M.S.N.Ed., additional doctoral studies, Walden University

Kimberly Warren (2023), Assistant Professor of Nursing School of Nursing B.S.N., Middle Georgia State University; M.S.N., South University

