

# PTFC NEWS

News from the KSU Part-Time Faculty Council

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The Kennesaw State University Part-Time Faculty Council (PTFC) was formed in 2013 by a resolution from the Faculty Senate. It was created to provide part-time faculty with a vehicle to share information and explore issues or concerns relevant to all part-time faculty.

## From the PTFC President's Desk



As spring approaches, we look forward to blooming flowers, bright sunshine, and the end of spring semester. Even though summer will be here before we know it, the PTFC continues to work on issues relevant to all KSU part-time faculty, including the council's bylaws, shared governance issues, and more. The semester may end in May, but our work will continue.

Looking forward to next fall, we already are busy rescheduling the Part-time Faculty Retreat that was previously planned for this month. With so many things going on at KSU this semester, it was nearly impossible to find the space, date, and time that would work best for everyone. We hope that fall will provide a more timely gathering where the information we share can be put to use immediately.

We were, however, happy to yield to the Georgia First-Year and Transition Studies Conference being hosted by University College on Friday, March 25. You can read more about this important conference on page two. We encourage all part-time faculty to try to attend and gain valuable resources to enhance their teaching.

We also continue to look for opportunities to increase awareness about the PTFC and its work. To that end, several of our members will be presenting at the SPACE conference in June to educate part-time faculty from other universities on establishing councils to represent themselves and their colleagues. Details on this event are included herein.

Indeed, there is much to anticipate for the new academic year. We hope the remainder of this semester is a good one for each of you. As always, if you have anything that you consider important to part-time faculty as a whole or to you as an individual, please reach out to your departmental representative or to me personally. We are here to serve YOU!

Warm regards,

*Yvonne Wichman*

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## Retreat Rescheduled!



The Part-Time Faculty Retreat scheduled for Saturday, March 26, from 8:30 AM to 12 PM has been postponed to a later date. The postponement was necessary due to a conflict with the First-Year and Transition Studies annual conference on Friday, March 25, and Easter on Sunday, March 27. The two events created personal and professional conflicts for many part-time faculty (PTF) who wished to attend the retreat.

The retreat will now be moved to the fall, and the council is working to establish a new date early in October. Everything else will remain the same, such as the time, format, and other details. The location will change from the KSU Center to the Student Center on the main Kennesaw campus. This should prevent the scheduling conflicts that arose before as the KSU Center is quite busy all year round.

As soon as the date is set and the site is reserved, complete details will be posted on Inform so that everyone can "Save the Date" for the rescheduled event. The PTFC hopes this move will also allow for the information presented to reach PTF earlier in their teaching semester and prove even more useful to them.

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For more information about the Part-Time Faculty Council and access to past issues of newsletters and other documents, please visit:

**[ptfc.kennesaw.edu](http://ptfc.kennesaw.edu)**

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## Georgia First-Year and Transition Studies Conference



KSU, University College, and the Department of First-Year and Transition Studies (FYTS) are again hosting the second annual Georgia First-Year and Transition Studies Conference. The event will take place on Friday, March 25, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, at KSU Center on Busbee Drive across from the Kennesaw campus. Registration fees are as follows: Students-\$50 per person, General-\$85 per person, and KSU Faculty and Staff-\$15 per person. Registration includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

The conference keynote speaker is Dr. George D. Kuh, an adjunct research professor of education policy at the University of Illinois and Chancellor's Professor of Higher Education Emeritus at Indiana University. He directs the National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment (NILOA) and founded the Strategic National Arts Alumni Project (SNAAP), the first-ever in-depth look at the factors that help or hinder the careers of graduates of arts-intensive training high schools and postsecondary institutions. He has been a consultant to more than 375 institutions of higher education and educational agencies in the United States and abroad.

In addition to Dr. Kuh, the agenda is filled with presentations by other leaders in the field of FYTS. This is a conference you will not want to miss. To learn more and register for the conference, visit: <http://www.kennesaw.edu/fytconference/>.

### KSU Resources—Office of the Ombudsman



One option for informal and confidential assistance with finding ways to resolve difficulties is the KSU Office of the Ombudsman. Ombuds help by listening to concerns, helping to analyze a situation, reviewing and explaining university policies or regulations, and helping to explore options. If you have a problem, an Ombuds can be an effective first step in finding a solution, particularly before pursuing formal action or processes.

Dr. Timothy Hedeem is based on the Kennesaw campus, and Dr. Joel Fowler is located on the Marietta campus. Either Ombuds is available to assist faculty, staff, or administrators on either campus. The Ombuds office can be reached by phone at 470-578-7773 (Kennesaw campus) or 470-578-7414 (Marietta campus). If you reach voicemail, please let them know when they might reach you; they seek to return calls within a day.

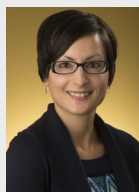
Visitors may also contact the Ombuds office by email at [ombuds@kennesaw.edu](mailto:ombuds@kennesaw.edu). If contacting them by email, remember that email should not be considered confidential and only include your contact information and availability to speak. More information about the Office of the Ombudsman can be found on their website at <http://ombuds.kennesaw.edu/>.

### SPACE 2016

The Symposium for Part-time, Adjunct, and Contingent Educators (SPACE) is a conference where part-time, adjunct, and contingent faculty can present their original scholarship in a peer-reviewed, professional setting. SPACE also provides a venue for contingent faculty members to share what they are doing in the classroom and to connect with their contingent colleagues.



The keynote speakers, Lynée Lewis Gaillet, Professor and Chair of the English Department at Georgia State University, and Letizia Guglielmo, Associate Professor and Interim Director of Composition at Kennesaw State University, will be speaking on “Expanding the Scholarly Conversation on the New Faculty Majority and Contingent Faculty Work.”



Proposals are being sought that demonstrate the variety and quality of scholarship being conducted by part-time and contingent faculty and the innovative teaching practices demonstrated by this growing force in higher education. Registration for SPACE includes admission to all conference sessions, breakfast, lunch, and beverages all day. The Early Bird Rate, which ends on June 1st, is \$75.00; the Regular Rate, which starts June 2nd, is \$95.00. Registration is being processed through Eventbrite.com, and you may pay with credit card or by check. Details are available at the SPACE website: <http://www.spaceducators.com/>

### CETL News

CETL, the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, has a variety of opportunities that you can utilize to enhance your teaching, improve student learning, and develop your skills as a faculty member. Part-time faculty are invited and encouraged to attend any CETL workshops. The **Teaching Academy for Part-time Faculty** is coming up on April 4-5, 2016, from 8 AM to 5 PM, in the CETL offices at 3211 Campus Loop Road on the Kennesaw Campus. For further information, contact Mandy McGrew at [mandymcgrew@kennesaw.edu](mailto:mandymcgrew@kennesaw.edu). To apply for the workshop, visit <http://cetl.kennesaw.edu/faculty-funding/teaching-academy-part-time-faculty>.

## Notable News



In this section of the newsletter, we highlight the honors, achievements, and other “notable news” from our part-time faculty community. It is important to recognize these achievements because they bring value to our community at KSU. Please take time to congratulate your colleagues on their accomplishments!

**Nelda Hadaway**, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, has been invited to return as an AP Calculus Reader for the College Board in June. This will be her sixth year as a Calculus Reader in Kansas City, Missouri. Approximately 930 high school and college mathematics faculty members are invited each summer to score free response questions from the AP Calculus exam.

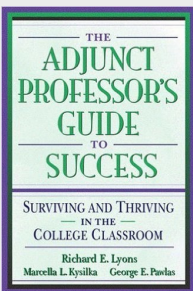
**Charles R. Jackson (Chuck)**, School of Music, served as a guest conductor of the Barber Middle School Band, the Five Forks Middle School Band, and the Kennesaw Mountain High School Symphonic Band Camp in Georgia in February. He also served as conductor of the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association District 8 Honor Band in Williamsburg, Virginia. He has been selected as the Organizing Chairman for the Music for All/ Bands of America National Concert Band Festival in Indianapolis, Indiana and will also serve as an Adjudicator for the Annual Indianapolis Public Schools Concert Festival in March. In April, Chuck will be the guest conductor for the Georgia Music Educators Association Districts 2, 8, & 11 South Georgia Middle School Region Band at Valdosta State University.

**Jason Ford**, University College, was recently hired as the new Supervisor of Supplemental Instruction for the Marietta Campus. The mission of Supplemental Instruction is to provide an environment that increases the learning and retention of all students enrolled in courses supported by the SI program. Current courses offered include: Anatomy & Physiology; Biology; Chemistry; Physics; Political Science; and Mathematics.

**Tom Gibson**, School of Music, has been invited to collaborate with legendary trombonist, Jim Pugh, at the "Complete Trombonist Workshop," hosted by University of Illinois June 26-July 2 in Urbana, Illinois. The week-long workshop is attended by trombone players from around the world. Tom also currently holds various leadership positions on non-profit boards and arts organizations including: Atlanta Metro Arts Leaders, Jazz Orchestra Atlanta, and Il Brasso Magnifico. He is President of the Board of Directors of the Atlanta Pops Orchestra as well as their Principal Trombone and Associate Music Director.

**Mary Migliaro**, First-Year & Transition Studies Department, will be presenting three workshops in April at the 32nd International Symposium on Child Abuse in Huntsville, Alabama. Titles include: *Nonprofit CEO Succession Planning*, *The Correlation between Animal Abuse, Domestic Violence, and Child Abuse*, and *Understanding Personal Bias to Work More Effectively in your Field*.

## Resources for Part-Time Faculty



Are you looking for a good resource specific to part-time faculty? Check out “*The Adjunct Professor’s Guide to Success: Surviving and Thriving in the College Classroom*” by Richard E. Lyons, Marcella L. Kysilka, and George E. Pawlas. This handy guide covers everything from classroom survival issues to techniques for building a part-time career in academe.

Available in paperback from Amazon (new and used copies), this resource will provide most new adjunct or part-time faculty with tips for survival and guidance on sticking around for a while.

If you know of some great resources you have found and would like to share them, send an email to the editor and we’ll feature them in future newsletters!

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## Ideas for Future Newsletter Articles

If you have ideas for articles or would like to write one yourself, please email the editor, Mary Migliaro, at [mmigliar@kennesaw.edu](mailto:mmigliar@kennesaw.edu) for more details.

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