Tenure Approved For Three ABAC Faculty Members

Three members of the faculty at ABAC have been approved for tenure, effective Aug. 1, according to Dr. Gail Dillard, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Those receiving tenure include Dr. Joseph Brown, Becca Turner, and Amy Warren. Tenure may be granted to a faculty member who has served at least five years as an assistant professor and has shown the potential for making significant contributions to the college and in the faculty member's field of study.

Brown received his A.B. in English and Political Science from the University of Georgia, his M.A. in English from Auburn University, and his Ph.D. in English from Louisiana State University. He joined the School of Liberal Arts faculty in 2011 and serves as an Associate Professor of English in the School of Liberal Arts.

Turner earned her B.S.A. in Agricultural Communication and her M.M.A. in Mass Media Communication from the University of Georgia. She has been a member of the School of Liberal Arts faculty since 2007. She will receive a promotion to the rank of Associate Professor of Speech Communication on Aug. 1. Warren is an Associate Professor of Education in the School of Human Sciences. She received her B.S. and M.S. in Early Childhood Education from Florida State University. She has been a member of the ABAC faculty since 2007.

Four ABAC Faculty Members Receive Promotions

Four members of the faculty at ABAC have been approved for promotion, effective Aug. 1, according to Dr. Gail Dillard, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Those receiving promotions include Dr. Darby Sewell, Dr. James Galt-Brown, Becca Turner, and Diantha Ellis.

Sewell has been promoted to Professor of Family and Consumer Sciences in the School of Human Sciences, where she has served as Dean since 2009. She earned her A.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences from ABAC, her M.Ed. and B.S. in Family and Consumer Sciences Education from the University of Georgia, and her Ph.D. in Family and Consumer Sciences Education from Iowa State University. She joined the ABAC faculty in 2002.

Galt-Brown earned his B.A. in History from the University of South Carolina, his M.A. in History from Murray State University, and his Ph.D. in History from Mississippi State University. He has been promoted to the rank of Professor of History in the School of Liberal Arts. He has been a member of the ABAC faculty since 2003.

Turner earned her B.S.A. in Agricultural Communication and her M.M.A. in Mass Media Communication from the University of Georgia. She has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor of Speech Communication in the School of Liberal Arts. She joined the ABAC faculty in 2007.

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Entering freshmen will experience college life for the first time on Saturday with the start of the annual Welcome Week festivities at ABAC. Welcome Week, introduces new students to the college through a number of activities and experiences, leading to the start of the fall semester on Aug. 12.

Welcome Week begins with First-Year Move-In from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. on Sat. The ABAC Pool will be open from 1-6 p.m. for students to cool off after their move. The day’s events culminate with a “No-booze-a-palooza” at Lakeside Lobby from 8-11 p.m.

On Sunday, students will assemble in Gressette Gym for the Welcome Rally, the official start of Welcome Week. After the rally, students can take advantage of the ABAC Pool from 4-9 p.m. From 7-9 p.m., students can gather at the Lakeside Lawn to take part in “So You Think You Can Tie Dye” before cooling off with SnoBiz snow cones while watching “Furious 7” under the stars with Screen on the Green. The movie begins at 9 p.m.

From 10-10:45 a.m. on Aug. 10, students can get to know their campus and community with a brief information session in Howard Auditorium followed by tours of the campus and Tifton. Once back on campus, they can cool off with a dip in the ABAC Pool from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Lake Baldwin will be the setting for the Cardboard Boat Races from 2-3 p.m. Sink or swim with this ABAC tradition to see which team can make the best boat using only duct tape and cardboard boxes to race across Lake Baldwin. Supplies will be provided, and prizes will be given out to the most “effective” boat. All boats must be assembled during the event, not before. Students can end their day by being mesmerized by hypnotist William Mitchell at 8 p.m. in Howard Auditorium.

On Aug. 11, the Freshman Convocation begins at 11 a.m. in Gressette Gym. The convocation signals the close of Welcome Week and the start of a new academic year. A Meet-n-Eat will immediately follow the event from noon-2 p.m. at the Donaldson Dining Hall. Students are encouraged to come and meet the ABAC faculty and staff. The pool opens from 1-6 p.m. so that students can enjoy a relaxing afternoon before fall term classes begin on Aug. 12.

Seasonal Closure for Portion of Museum in August

The Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC will have its scheduled seasonal closure for several parts of the site during the month of August. Museum Director Garrett Boone said the Historic Village, Gallery, and the Museum will be closed until Sept. 1.

The administrative offices will remain open Monday – Friday from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Conference facilities will remain available throughout the month of August. The Country Store will continue to operate on its normal schedule of Monday – Saturday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Normal operating hours for the Historic Village, Gallery and Museum will resume Sept. 1. For more information, call (229) 391-5205 or visit the web site at www.abac.edu/museum.

ABAC’s Kappa Sigma Fraternity Receives National Award

Kappa Sigma member, Tyler Coleman with past Worthy Grand Master Phillip Bell, as he accepts the Founders Award of Excellence during Grand Conclave. This award is one of the highest given by the National Headquarters of Kappa Sigma. ABAC’s Rho-Rho chapter was one of only 39 chapters to receive this prestigious award with over 300 chapters in the national fraternity.

ABAC and the Georgia Partnership for Telehealth in Nicaragua

Troy Spicer, Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences, and Dr. Jerry Baker, Dean of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources, recently visited Matagalpa, Nicaragua as part of the ABAC and Georgia Partnership for Telehealth project in order to set up Telehealth equipment for local residents and train doctors in the area.
### Ellis

Ellis received her A.S. in Business Administration from ABAC, her B.B.A. in Accounting and Management from Georgia Southwestern State University, and her M.B.A. in Business Administration from Valdosta State University. She became a part of the Stafford School of Business faculty in 2008. She has been promoted to Associate Professor of Business Administration.
Thursday, August 6, 2015

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| 8:30 AM  | Howard Auditorium | Refreshments (Faculty and Staff)  
Refreshments courtesy of Office of the President |
| 9:00 AM  | Howard Auditorium | Welcome (Faculty and Staff)  
Introduction of new Faculty: Dr. Gail Dillard  
Introduction of new Staff: Richard Spancake |
| 9:15 AM  | Howard Auditorium | Presidential Address (Faculty and Staff)  
Speaker: Dr. David Bridges |
| 10:15 AM | Howard Auditorium | Human Resources Seminar (Faculty and Staff)  
Speaker: Richard Spancake  
Topic: Changes to USG Policy & Title IX Training  
Speaker: Troy Spicer  
Topic: New Resources at the Health Center |
| 11:00 AM |                  | Break / Faculty Relocate to Bowen 100 |
| 11:10 AM | Bowen 100       | VPAA Updates (Faculty)  
Speaker: Dr. Gail Dillard |
| 12:00 PM | ABAC Dining Hall | LUNCH Provided for Faculty & Staff  Courtesy of SODEXO |
| 1:30 PM  | Bowen 100       | Student Development Seminar (Faculty)  
Speaker: Dr. Maggie Martin & Dean Bernice Hughes  
Topics:  
Students in Distress  
Students with Disabilities |
| 2:15 PM  | Bowen 100       | Advising Updates (Faculty)  
Speaker: Nick Urquhart |

Fall Dining Hours  
The Dining Hall and Retail Stores will reopen for regular business hours starting Friday.
GMA Installs New Turpentine Exhibit in Macon

A new exhibit in Macon from the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC highlights the role that pine trees and turpentine had in the history of agriculture in the state of Georgia.

Located in the lobby of the Georgia Farm Bureau headquarters on Bass Road, the exhibit is open to visitors at no charge. On display through early 2016, the exhibit is part of an ongoing partnership between the Georgia Farm Bureau, the Museum, and ABAC.

The newly installed exhibit spotlights the history of Georgia’s naval stores. Turpentine camp artifacts, rosin barrels, a tree-cutting technique for collecting rosin called cat faces, and various tools are on display. The centerpiece of the exhibit is a collection of the original portraits of the winners of the Miss Gum Spirits of Turpentine pageant dating from the mid-1940s through the mid-1960s.

The exhibit also includes manuals from the American Turpentine Farmers Association containing important historic information, meeting minutes, and curious historical tidbits shedding light on the industry.

Previous Museum exhibits in Macon at the Georgia Farm Bureau headquarters have included a tobacco exhibit and several exhibits on cotton.

For more information on this or other traveling exhibits, interested persons can contact Huff at phuff@abac.edu.

Target Presents Grant to Museum Gallery

Target recently presented a $3,000 community grant to the Gallery at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC. The grant will support the Gallery’s Bottles and Brushes art classes. Attending the presentation were (l-r): Tony Richards from Target, Tony Christopher from Target, Target Distribution Center General Manager Stacy Lippa, Museum Curator Polly Huff, Denise Verdesoto from Target, and Alisha Stabler from Target.

Alumni Visit in Lakeland, Georgia

Dr. Bobbie Robson (left) and Mrs. Kim Bridges (right) recently visited with ABAC friends in Lakeland, Georgia. They shared a tour of Lakeland’s Milltown Murals and visited Governor Ed Rivers house with Mrs. Nell Roquemore (center) and enjoyed lunch with retired ABAC Professor Helen Strickland (seated).

Town and Gown Event to be Held on August 20 at ABAC

The 8th Annual Town and Gown Connection will take place on Aug. 20 from 4–6 p.m. in Gressette Gymnasium at ABAC. The event will feature businesses and churches that will welcome new and returning ABAC students to Tifton.

Churches can take part in this event for $10, businesses can participate for $25, and all non-profit organizations can join in free of charge. All churches, businesses, and non-profit organizations must register ahead of time. Businesses are invited to bring samples, freebies, coupons, or even job applications. One table and two chairs will be provided for each participant. A drawing for door prizes will take place at the end of the event.

For more information or to register for the Town and Gown event, businesses and churches can contact Bernice Hughes, Dean of Students, at bhughes@abac.edu.

Please submit information by Thursday at noon to Lindsey Roberts at lroberts@abac.edu for inclusion in the next edition of the FOCUS.

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