Visionary Student Panel is coming up!

**October 11 & 12, 6-8 pm, Willingham Auditorium – Please encourage students to attend!**

We have **18 presentations** scheduled at this 2-night event. Students will have 7 minutes to present their ideas and 3 minutes to answer questions from the audience and the judges. Presentations span a variety of topics and disciplines, so there is something for everyone! Some of the topics include: prosthetics, sustainability, sexual assault, medical tourism, & Black Lives Matter. A downloadable flyer is available on the web.

**Finding Our Way: Ethics in Global, National, & Local Contexts**

This year, October brings **Global Ethics Day** (Oct 19) as well as a 3-week series of ethics events presented by the new minor in Ethics, Leadership, & Service. Two of the QEP student learning outcomes address students articulating and applying ethical reasoning, (**SLO 3 & SLO 5**), and these events can help the campus community think about what ethical thinking truly means. Faculty are encouraged to use these events to help spark ideas to use in class or for supplemental class assignments.

- **“From a Clash of Civilizations to a Partnership of Peoples”: a talk in celebration of Global Ethics Day** – Dr. David Ritchie
  Oct 19, 6pm, SEB 110
- **“Avatar”: Blasting Open Pandora’s Box of Global Strife**: movie screening and discussion – Judge C. Ashley Royal, US District Court, Middle District of GA
  Oct 20, 6pm, STN 251
- **“Should We All Become ‘Effective Altruists?’”: a lunch discussion** – Dr. Rosalind Simson
  Oct 21, 12pm, CSC II
- **“Machiavelli & the Ruin of Republics”** – Dr. Kevin Honeycutt
  Oct 25, 6pm, KNT 101
- **A Case Study in Ethical Leadership: a Screening & Discussion of the Movie “Eye in the Sky”** – Col Arthur Howard, USAF Retired, Ph.D.
  Oct 26, 6pm, STN 251
- **“Dealing with Diabolical Forces”** – Dr. Thomas C. Ellington, Professor of Political Science at Wesleyan College
  Oct 27, 6pm, STN 251
- **“Ethics in Real Time: Modeling Change in the World of Community Redevelopment”**: a lunch discussion – Alex Morrison ’07, Executive Director, Macon-Bibb Urban Development Authority
  Nov 1, 12pm, CSC II
- **“Moral Hygiene”** – Dr. Paul Lewis
  Nov 3, 6pm, STN 251

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**CONNECTING CAMPUS TO REAL-WORLD ISSUES:**

**Vice-Presidential Debate Viewing Party**
Oct 4, 9pm, Willingham

**Sex Signals**
Oct 10, 4pm, 6pm 8pm, Willingham

**Presidential Debate Viewing Party**
Oct 19

**Global Ethics Day**
Oct 19

For more information on these events, please see [the calendar](#).

You can also subscribe to the calendar on your phone or desktop! Use this [iCal link](#), or contact Judy.
Thinking about 2017 courses?
If you have students who need extra class time to implement projects that integrate research & service, consider offering credit using CSL 200: Service-Learning in Local Communities (pg. 175 in course catalog). This course is variable credit (1-3 hours) and can be used in any undergraduate College to offer credit for community-based learning. For more information, contact Dr. Mary Alice Morgan.

Funding for Summer Student Research Program
Applications for the Summer Program are due November 1. Ideal projects take the EXPRESS work conducted over the summer and use it in an EXPLORE-level class to connect to more students. This summer, Dr. David Goode & Dr. Linda Hensel utilized the program to expand and enhance the Integrated Biology, Organic Chemistry, Mathematical Modeling (BOMM) Laboratory Course (BIO 212/CHM 221). The participating students worked to produce and pilot learning modules that describe the importance of combating biofilms in the global community, as well as the use and overuse of antibiotics. This is a great use of the Research that Reaches Out initiative to impact a number of students in different ways.

Funding for Projects that Impact Student Learning
The next round of applications for Semester Project Support are due December 1st, and support projects that integrate with the QEP student learning outcomes. The faculty-staff guide is an important pre-read before preparing an application. If you would like to discuss project ideas and/or applications before you submit, contact Dr. Bridget Trogden.

Engaging in Ideas with Your Colleagues
There are 11 cross-disciplinary affinity groups, covering a range of topics, available for faculty and staff:

- Local Engagement with Arts & Impacts of the Arts
- K-12 Education & Youth Development
- Sustainability of Humans & Environment
- Human Health & Disease
- Humanities in Public Life
- Atlanta Campus Research Collaboration
- Blight, Housing, & Homelessness & Urban Planning/Revitalization
- Cross-Community Relationships & Understanding via Dialogue
- Global Development
- Human Rights
- Nonprofit & Small Business Development & Financial Literacy

contact Judy Wilbanks to be included in the future

First Annual SoCon Undergraduate Research Forum (SURF) – Spartanburg, SC, Oct 28-29
Mercer is sending 12 sets of student presenters to SURF later this month, and half of these projects connect with Research that Reaches Out. We are proud of our students working on local, national, or global problems!

1. Kennedi Johnson (Advisor, Dr. Kathryn White - Music)
   “We Gon’ Be Alright”: Hip Hop & Black Lives Matter
   This research explains the Black Lives Matter movement through grievances addressed in today’s hip hop music.

2. Lillie Barnett (Advisor, Dr. Richard Kosowski - Music)
   A Study of Stress in a University Choir
   This study measured the relationship between singing and stress in a choir of 48 university students.

3. Aaron Scherf (Advisor, Dr. Geoffrey Ngene - Finance)
   How to Kill a Microfinance Fund: A South African Case Study of Tembeka Social Investment Co.
   An examination of the inception, growth, and collapse of the microfinance industry in Cape Town, South Africa.

4. Gabrielle Hale (Advisor, Dr. Tom Scott - History)
   I’ll Make a Man Out of You: Higher Education in the Antebellum Era
   An examination of the differences between access to higher education for men and women prior to the Civil War.

5. Timothy Lewis (Advisor, Dr. Chris Grant – Political Science)
   Public Schools Serving Low-Income Students: A Case for K-8 Education
   An exploration of challenges faced by students in public schools and possible pedagogical & structural solutions.

6. Pierre Balinda (Advisor, Dr. Anthony Choi - Engineering)
   Universal Vehicle Operator
   This research resulted in the development of improved software used to aid in unmanned space exploration.