



# Advancing Graduate Education in Georgia

**GEORGIA COUNCIL OF GRADUATE SCHOOLS  
SPRING 2019 CONFERENCE & MEETING**

**MAY 16 – 17, 2019**

**Atlanta, Georgia**

# WELCOME LETTER



Dear Colleagues:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Georgia Council of Graduate Schools' (GCGS) sixth annual meeting. Georgia State University is pleased to host the annual meeting, particularly as we implement our newly approved Graduate School.

This year's theme, "Holistic Approaches to Graduate Student Support and Success," promises to provide a strong foundation for a wonderful conference that focuses on the rich variety of approaches with which we support graduate students. Ranging from emotional support to pedagogical approaches, this year's sessions offer a breadth of topics that will help

faculty and staff engage graduate students and, more broadly, further the underlying conversation about graduate studies.

I am grateful to the many conference presenters, as well as the GCGS Executive Committee, for creating such an informative and thought-provoking program. The program also includes the second Three Minute Thesis (3MT) showcase, with recent winners from the master's and doctoral levels around the state, as well as a Georgia State student jazz group performance.

The GCGS serves as an ever-evolving hub that connects administrators, faculty, staff, and graduate students across the state of Georgia. This meeting allows us to connect and share our innovations, ideas, knowledge, and expertise. Thank you for your commitment and contributions to the advancement of graduate education in Georgia.

Lisa Armistead, Ph.D.  
GCGS President  
Associate Provost for Graduate Programs  
Professor of Psychology  
Georgia State University

# ABOUT GCGS

Graduate education has a central role in providing individuals with the advanced knowledge, skills, and abilities essential to guaranteeing Georgia's and our nation's economic and social prosperity. The Georgia Council of Graduate Schools builds awareness of the benefits and value of a graduate degree to the students and citizens of Georgia.

Established in 2013, the Council was founded to represent graduate education in the state of Georgia with four goals:

- to share knowledge of graduate education among its members;
- to advocate for the improvement and advancement of graduate education through appropriate channels;
- to review and implement policies related to graduate education within the state; and
- to enhance communication with stakeholders.

The Council is governed by elected officers that form the Executive Committee. The members of the committee include the president, a vice president/president-elect, secretary, treasurer, communications officer, and immediate past president.

The Council meets twice each year, once during the spring semester and once during the fall semester. The fall meeting allows administrators to carry forward the work initiated by the Council. The spring meeting is planned as a conference for administrators and staff. The annual business meeting is held during the spring conference.

Membership in the Council is open to nonprofit institutions of higher education, which have a physical location in the state of Georgia and offer graduate programs/degrees. Member institutions must be accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Others, such as corporations, non-profit organizations, and individuals, may join as associate members. For more information about the Georgia Council of Graduate Schools please visit our website: [www.georgiacgs.org](http://www.georgiacgs.org)

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## GCGS OFFICERS (2018-2019)

**Lisa Armistead –President**  
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*Georgia State University*

## SPECIAL THANKS TO:

**GCGS Conference Committee**

**Kelly Peters - Brenau University**

**Georgia State University – School of Music**



## KEYNOTE



Dr. Elizabeth A. Klonoff is the Vice President for Research and Dean of the College of Graduate Studies at the University of Central Florida, one of the largest universities in the nation.

Klonoff is charged with advancing UCF's reputation and impact as a 21st-century, metropolitan research university by growing graduate enrollment, specifically for research-focused degrees, and elevating the scale and quality of its research. UCF is classified as a high research activity university, according to the Carnegie Foundation.

Since her arrival in 2016, UCF has been ranked one of the top 50 public research universities in the nation. The university has seen its sponsored research increase to \$181 million in 2018, and U.S. News & World Report ranked 27 of UCF's graduate programs in the top 100 in the nation in 2019.

Prior to joining UCF, she held an appointment at San Diego State University and the University of California, San Diego, where she served as the co-director of the joint doctoral program in clinical psychology. She has also worked as the director of the Behavioral Health Institute in California and the director of the Behavior Therapy/Behavioral Medicine Clinic, as well as the co-director of the Chronic Pain Center at the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and University Hospitals of Cleveland.

A clinical and health psychologist, Klonoff received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Oregon. She was a professor of psychology at San Diego State University and a professor of psychiatry at the University of California, San Diego. She also has worked as a faculty member in the departments of Psychiatry, Neurology, Psychology and Pediatrics at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and in the departments of Psychiatry, Pediatrics and Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Duke University Medical Center.

She has served in multiple roles at various publications and is an Associate Editor for the American Psychologist journal. Klonoff has conducted research in the areas of tobacco control, sexism, racism, and physical and mental health. The National Institutes of Health and the California Department of Health Services have funded her work. She has published widely on culture and gender diversity in clinical psychology, behavioral medicine, and preventive medicine and is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association in multiple divisions.

# SCHEDULE

## Thursday, May 16, 2019

<b>2:00 – 2:30</b>	<b>Registration – Lobby – Centennial Hall</b>	
<b>2:30 – 3:30</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Conference Opening</b>	<b>120 Conference Room</b>
	<b>Be Well, Do Well: Integrative Health Collaboration to Support Graduate Students Success at an Urban University</b>	
	Speaker: Dr. Jill Lee-Barber, Senior Director, Psychological and Health Services, Georgia State University - Counseling and Test Center	
	Speaker: Dr. Jeana Griffith, Associate Director of Psychological and Health Services, Georgia State University - Counseling and Test Center	
	Speaker: Dr. Mikyta Daugherty, Associate Director of Clinical Services, Georgia State University Counseling and Test Center	
	Speaker: Ms. Lineliz Vassalo, Mind-Body Coordinator, Georgia State University - Counseling and Test Center	
<b>3:30 – 3:40</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>3:40 – 4:30</b>	<b>Marketing Your Graduate Programs</b>	<b>120 Conference Room</b>
	Speaker: Ms. Kristen Delaney, Director of Marketing & Communication Undergraduate & Graduate Admissions, Georgia State University	
	Speaker: Ms. Lita Malveaux, Director of Graduate Admissions, Georgia State University	
	Speaker: Mr. Cody Benson, Senior Director of Digital Strategy, Georgia State University	
<b>4:30 – 5:15</b>	<b>Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Showcase</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>
	Moderator: Ms. Nikki Palamiotis, Assistant Dean of Graduate Students, Graduate College - Kennesaw State university	
<b>5:30 – 7:00</b>	<b>Welcome Reception</b>	<b>120 Conference Room</b>
	<b>Featuring Jazz Duo: Forever Ivy</b>	
	 Hani'el & Eden Mastriani-Levi	
	<i>Music Majors: Jazz Studies, Georgia State University</i>	

# Friday, May 17, 2019 (MORNING)

<b>7:30 – 8:30</b>	<b>Registration – Lobby</b>	
<b>8:30 – 9:30</b>	<b>Breakfast &amp; Keynote Speaker</b> Elizabeth A. Klonoff, Ph.D., ABPP Vice President for Research and Dean of the College of Graduate Studies, University of Central Florida	<b>120 Conference Room</b>
<b>9:30 – 9:45</b>	<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>Session 1</b> <b>9:45 - 10:45</b>	<b>Building Graduate Student Support and Success through Campus Partnerships</b> <i>Institution: Georgia Institute of Technology</i> Speaker: Dr. Marla Bruner, Director of Graduate Studies Speaker: Dr. James Black, Special Projects Coordinator, Office of Graduate Studies Speaker: Ms. Nazanin Tork, Assistant Director of Graduate Studies  <b>Collaborate &amp; Connect: Successful Partnerships for Professional Development in Graduate Education</b> <i>Institution: Georgia State University</i> Speaker: Ms. Mariam Qureshi, Manager, Academic and Professional Development, Office of Graduate Services, College of Arts & Sciences Speaker: Ms. Dori Neptune, Project Coordinator, Office of the Associate Provost for Graduate Programs	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Seminar 223</b>
<b>Session 2</b> <b>9:45 - 10:45</b>	<b>Integrating orientation content into a required first semester online course to support new online graduate student success</b> <i>Institution: Valdosta State University</i> Speaker: Dr. Linda Most, Department Head, Department of Library & Information Studies Speaker: Dr. Colette Drouillard, Associate Professor, Department of Library & Information Studies  <b>The Spaghetti Method: Lessons Learned from Creating Engaging Programming for the Non-Daytime Student</b> <i>Institution: Georgia State University - J. Mack Robinson College of Business</i> Speaker: Ms. Emily Lakemaker, Director of Graduate Student Experience Speaker: Ms. Wini Akande, Associate Director Student Experience Speaker: Ms. Gillian Barlow, Assistant Director of Integrated Graduate Student Services	<b>120 Conference Room</b>

# Friday, May 17, 2019 (MORNING CONT'D)

10:45 – 11:00

**BREAK**

**Session 1**

**Supporting Financial Readiness through the Creation of a Graduate Financial Education Program**

**120 Conference Room**

11:00 – 12:00

*Institution: University of Georgia*

Speaker: Dr. Lisa Sperling, Senior Director, Office of Recruitment & Diversity Initiatives

Speaker: Ms. Kristin J. Short, Graduate Assistant

**Know Your Students, Know Your Program: A Data-Driven Approach to Supporting Graduate Student Retention, Progression and Completion**

*Institution: Georgia State University - College of Arts and Sciences*

Speaker: Ms. Amber Amari, Assistant Dean for Graduate Programs, Office of Graduate Services

Speaker: Mr. John Stewart, Manager, Graduate Retention and Progression, Office of Graduate Services

**Session 2**

**How to Successfully Initiate, Build and Maintain a Positive Adviser/Student Relationship**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor,**

11:00 – 12:00

*Institution: Georgia State University - J. Mack Robinson College of Business - Graduate Recruiting and Student Services*

**Seminar 223**

Speaker: Mr. Ian Schonberg, Assistant Director of Graduate Advisement

Speaker: Ms. Kori Barham, Academic Adviser

Speaker: Mr. Jermaine Clarke, Academic Adviser

**It Takes A Village: A Team Approach for Graduate Student Success!**

*Institution: Georgia State University - J. Mack Robinson College of Business*

Moderator: Ms. Charlene Watkins, Assistant Director Student Experience

Panelist: Ms. April Williams, Assistant Director Student Experience

Panelist: Mr. Jermaine Clarke, Academic Adviser

Panelist: Ms. Daena Spencer, Senior Career Coach

# Friday, May 17, 2019 (AFTERNOON)

12:00 – 12:15

**BREAK**

**Lunch Plenary Easing Graduate Students' Statistical Anxiety through Mental Performance Training**

**120 Conference Room**

12:15 – 1:30

*Institution: Augusta University*  
Speaker: Dr. Megan Buning

**Fostering a Growth Mindset and Discovering the Hidden Curriculum in Graduate Education**

*Institution: Middle Georgia State University*

Panelist: Dr. Neil Rigole, Chancellor's Learning Scholar & MSIT Graduate Program Coordinator

Panelist: Dr. Loretta Clayton, Director of Graduate Student Policy & Support

Panelist: Ms. Dana Casper, Graduate Studies Librarian

Panelist: Dr. Monica Miller, Assistant Professor of English

1:30 – 1:40

**Closing Remarks**

2:00 – 3:00

**GCGS Business Meeting (Closed Session)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Floor,  
Suite 308**

## PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

Get to know and connect with the 2019 presenters  
<https://georgiacgs.org/annualconference2019-presenter-biographies>



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# Institutions Represented

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Georgia Institute of Technology  
Georgia State University  
Kennesaw State University  
Mercer University  
Middle Georgia State University  
Morehouse College  
Piedmont College  
University of Georgia  
University of West Georgia  
Valdosta State University



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