



Teaching Matters

September 1, 2021

Office of the Vice Provost for Instruction

A note from the Vice Provost

Dear faculty and staff,

Welcome to September. And, just when we came out of the summer hoping to spend more time together, discussing topics in classes, working side-by-side in labs, and just spending lots of time together with the COVID-19 challenge in the rearview mirror, here it comes again, COVID, in all its variant forms. But yet, you persist and beyond all expectations, you do what needs to be done every day, every time, and often when no one is watching. If we have come to recognize one thing about this University, it is that we are emboldened by staff, students, and faculty who are persistent and resilient, and endlessly positive.



In fact, there is a quite bunch of resilient, persistent staff members who work faithfully and quietly (and somewhat invisibly) but yet play a key role in the instructional success of our students. The Academic Advising team members, under the new leadership of Ms. Veronica Williams, spend time with our students as they determine courses, schedules, and a path toward graduation. We also know that the first two years of college are critical to mapping an efficient and effective academic pathway and it is in the Academic Advising Department where those conversations occur. I would respectfully ask that you visit the Academic Advising [website](#) and get to know this important team. I know I am grateful for their critical role in promoting an academic path that allows students to experience life-changing instruction in both classrooms and laboratories. It is insufficient, but essential that I celebrate the work of our Academic Advising Team in this newsletter. Thank you to Laura Austin, Chris Cannon, Kirsten Ceron, Denise Coleman, Sapna Darji, Ron Hickerson, Rosalyn Holliday, Sonya Holmes, Laneka Jenkins, Kalpana Ramgopal, Beunka Stephens, and LeeAnn Walker for work well done.

Finally, on September 13, we welcome our new Director of Study Abroad, Ms. Katherine Grego. More information about this exciting addition to our team might be found below. Just as I do with all of my Instruction and Innovation Team, with our new Director of Academic Advising, Ms. Veronica Williams, I look to Ms. Grego to help challenge us at Augusta University to offer a College experience like no other.

Sincerely,

Zach Kelehear

Innovation Updates



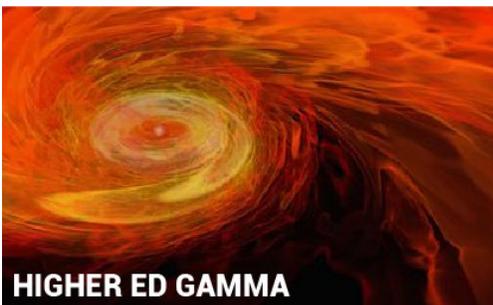
[Katherine Grego names Director of Study Abroad](#)

Katherine Grego, who will join Augusta University in September, comes from Columbus State University, where she has served as the study abroad coordinator for the Center for Global Engagement since 2018. Prior to that, she served as a study abroad graduate assistant and the coordinator of the American Cross-Cultural Experience Program at Columbus State.

View the full article on [Jagwire](#).

[CII's Hidden Gem](#)

Did you know within the Center for Instructional Innovation, Rhonda Powell provides not only technical illustration but also large format printing and lamination to students, faculty and staff? We are pleased to offer a variety of printing and finishing options. Our qualified staff is willing to answer any questions you may have and will assist you with your projects. We welcome the opportunity to help you with your large format printing and lamination needs.

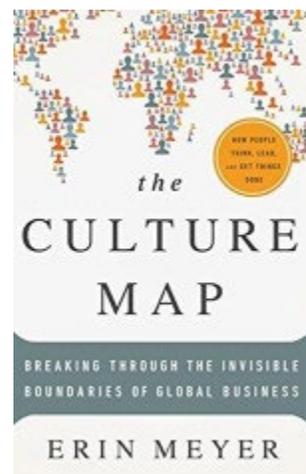


[Seize the Power of Experiential Learning](#)

Ready to kick your teaching into high gear and try something new? Tired of delivering the same old lectures to tired student faces? Explore multiple ways to integrate experiential learning into your courses and curriculum through Steven Mintz's article [Seize the Power of Experiential Learning](#).

Engaging with International Colleagues

Over many prior editions of the Teaching Matters newsletter, we have introduced you to members of the AU international community through personal profiles of faculty, students, and visiting scholars. As you begin this semester, we encourage you to consider the importance of unique culture when engaging with members of the international community who were raised, educated, or trained in other cultures. We invite you to consider *The Culture Map*, by Erin Meyer, as a source for broadening your understanding of how your international colleagues, students, and visiting scholars may behave and communicate differently from you and others in the AU learning environment.



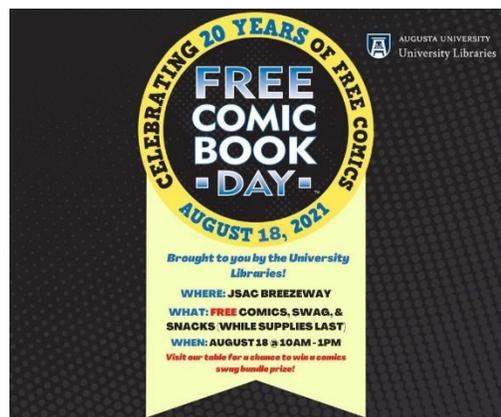
Affordable Learning Georgia

Affordable Learning Georgia Grant Opportunity

Affordable Learning Georgia has opened a call for grant proposals. This is an opportunity to transform your classes from a traditional textbook model, to a low-cost/no-cost alternative, which has been shown to improve student retention and persistence. If you should have any questions about applying for a grant or converting your class to affordable materials, feel free to contact any of Augusta University's ALG Champions: Melissa Johnson, ALG Library Champion, Clement Aubert, ALG Faculty Champion, or Stacy Kluge, ALG Design Champion.

University Libraries Celebrates Free Comic Book Day

The University Libraries celebrated their 2nd annual Free Comic Book Day (FCBD) on August 18th, 2021. This yearly event encourages people of all ages to partake in the reading (and grabbing) of a free comic or two! FCBD was created to bring awareness to the comics industry and introduce new readers to the medium. Festivities occur in comic book shops and libraries all over the country, where activities include giveaways, cosplay contests, panels hosted by comics creators, and more.





[Study Abroad/ Away Fair](#)

Studying abroad or away just may be the single experience in your education that changes your life. Come to this event to meeting faculty leading future programs and learn more about what AU has to offer with studying abroad or away (domestic).



[Tutoring and Coaching at ASC](#)

Tutoring and coaching began on August 23rd. Students can go to <https://www.augusta.edu/academicsuccess/> to see the schedule for all of our subjects and make an appointment to meet with a peer educator.



September Events

[Career Services September Events](#)

Career Services has a variety of sessions scheduled for September. Students can register for any program by contacting Career Services at careercenter@augusta.edu or 706-737-1604.

View Previous Teaching Matters Issues

Need to refer back to a recent issue of the Office of Instruction and Innovation's Teaching Matters? Each monthly issue of Teaching Matters has also been preserved in Scholarly Commons. A note by the Vice Provost for Instruction, Dr. Zach Kelehear, introduces the issue each month. Table of Contents include information in the areas of Innovation Updates, Faculty and Staff Updates, and Student Updates. See the complete collection on the [Augusta University Open Repository](#)

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Both the Reese and Greenblatt Libraries offered free comics and goodies to students who stopped by their respective tables. Over 100 visitors grabbed comics, stickers, and other Free Comic Book Day swag while simultaneously being entered into a grand prize giveaway. College of Mathematics and Science student Trisha Patil won our comics bundle, a prize package that included select graphic novels, figurines, and the plush mascot of the event's local comic book shop sponsor Top Dog Comics. Top Dog graciously provided free comics and prizes for students to enjoy this year!

For more information about Free Comic Book Day, visit <https://www.freecomicbookday.com/>. Those interested in using comics in the classroom will be pleased to know that the Libraries also offer a handy LibGuide about researching and teaching with comics and graphic novels. To find available items to check out, pop culture databases, academic conferences, and more, visit our guide at <https://guides.augusta.edu/comics>.

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