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A newsletter for Armstrong Atlantic State University faculty & staff

Linda M. Bleicken Inaugurated

The inauguration of Linda M. Bleicken as Armstrong's seventh president on September 17 attracted academic dignitaries from across the region including University System of Georgia Chancellor Erroll B. Davis, Jr. (top left) who officiated during the installation ceremony. The timing of the event carried a special significance for the university community, as it marked, to the day, the 75th anniversary of the start of classes in the historic Armstrong House in 1935.

Making a surprise appearance after altering his travel plans was Savannah Mayor and Armstrong alumnus Otis Johnson (second from top) who took the podium to congratulate Bleicken.

"It is indeed an honor for me to be here to say how proud I am to have gotten to know the president of this great institution," said Johnson.

Other speakers included Felton Jenkins, vice chair of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia; John C. Helmken II, chair of the Armstrong Foundation; Renee H. Connolly, president of the Alumni Association; Robert LeFavi, president of the faculty senate; Corine Ackerson-Jones, chair of the Staff Advisory Council; and Zerik K. Samples, president of the Student Government Association.

75th Notable Alumni

The Armstrong Alumni Association hosted 150 alumni honorees and guests during a 75th Notable Alumni reception in the Student Union on September 16 (pictured at bottom). The reception attracted alumni from across the country for a night of sharing memories, reconnecting and enjoying a good time.





Treasure Savannah

More than 400 students, faculty and staff volunteers fanned out across the city for the Treasure Savannah Day of Service on the morning of Saturday, September 18. The volunteers provided service at various nonprofit organizations across the city, including the American Cancer Society, Union Mission, the West Broad Street YMCA and America's Second Harvest. Some volunteers spent the morning on campus, cleaning up the grounds and helping to restore bike racks. Pirate Athletics hosted a free basketball clinic for school children. Chris Nowicki (student affairs) and Jason Tatlock (history) coordinated the event.



Pirates on the Run

The 5K Armstrong Pirates on the Run/Walk hosted on September 25 as part of the 75th anniversary festivities attracted more than 300 participants and raised more than \$10,000 for scholarships that will benefit students of merit. The run started and finished at the north end of Forsyth Park, near the Armstrong House. Following the race, Leopold's Ice Cream unveiled a new sweet treat, Pirates' Treasure, in honor of Armstrong's anniversary. The new flavor will continue to be offered during the foreseeable future.



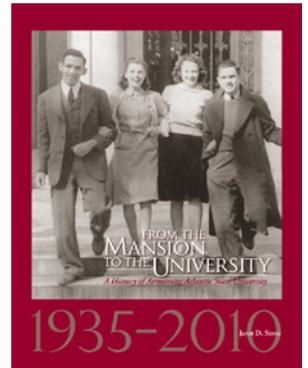
Howells publishes textbook

Beth Howells, associate professor of English and director of the writing program, is the author of a new textbook, *Literature: Reading to Write*, published by Longman, an imprint of Pearson. The 608-page volume features an array of classic and contemporary voices as well as a section devoted to newer genres such as graphic novels.

Designed for use in the second semester of first-year college composition courses, the book utilizes an interactive approach to help students become thoughtful readers and adept academic writers. Howells tested the textbook outline and proposed course with students over the past 10 or so years. Four of her former students contributed writing samples to the textbook, while two other former students served as research assistants. More information on the book is available on the [publisher's website](#) and at [Amazon.com](#).

Stone Holds Book Signing

Janet Stone, professor emerita of history, will host a book signing following the publication of her book, *From the Mansion to the University: A History of Armstrong Atlantic State University 1935-2010*. The event will be held from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, October 23 at E. Shaver Bookseller on Madison Square in Savannah. To reserve a copy, call 234.7257. The book is also available in the Armstrong bookstore and can be purchased [online](#) or by calling 344.2603.



Calendar

*For all art, music & theatre events call 344.2801 from noon to 3 p.m., weekdays, for information.

Through October 12

The Department of Art, Music & Theatre presents "Longitudes and Latitudes: Stories from Abroad," a student art exhibition inspired by study-abroad experiences throughout the globe, in the Fine Arts Gallery. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays. Admission is free.

October 4

Last Day of Class (Session 2)

October 5

Reading Day (Session 2)

The Armstrong Wind Ensemble performs at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. General admission is \$6.

October 6

Midterm (Session 1)

Health and Wellness Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Student Union Ballrooms A, B, C. Health and Wellness providers from Savannah will present information on health topics such as breast cancer, lung disease, asthma, dental care and skin care. Blood pressure readings, cardiovascular tests, muscular strength tests, flexibility tests and body fat readings will be offered. For more details, contact Megan Feasel, assistant director for recreation at Armstrong at 344.3089 or Megan.Feasel@armstrong.edu.

The Department of Art, Music & Theatre presents an art gallery reception for Longitudes and Latitudes: Stories from Abroad at noon in the Fine Arts Gallery. Admission is free.

October 6-7

Final Examinations (Session 2)

October 8

The Department of Art, Music & Theatre presents Patricia Antonio, clarinet, and Samantha Cook, bassoon, in a student recital at 2:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Admission is free.

October 11-12

Fall Break

October 13

First Day of Class (Session 3)

October 14

Tom Kohler and Susan Earle will be signing copies of their book, *Waddie Welcome and the Beloved Community* in the Armstrong Bookstore from 2:30-3:30 p.m. This wonderful thought-provoking book is Armstrong's Common Read selection for the 2010-2011 academic year. Copies of the book are available at the Armstrong Bookstore for \$16.

October 14-16

The Department of Art, Music & Theatre hosts the Georgia Theatre Conference which will attract in excess of 1,200 participants. The conference includes two high school one-act play festivals, a community theatre play festival, a performance and keynote address by The Upright Citizen's Brigade Improvisation Troupe, a workshop on playwriting by Jeff Sweet (Broadway and Off Broadway credits) and various workshops.

October 15

Games Your Children Are Dying to Play, Faculty Lecture Series, 12:10 p.m., University Hall 156.

October 20

CELEBRATE ARMSTRONG DAY

10 a.m., Student Union Residential Plaza and Compass Plaza — Join the annual festival and celebration of Armstrong. Lots of fun, food, games, and more.

October 23

National Physical Therapy Month 5K, 8 a.m. — Burnett Hall is the starting point. Join us for the 2nd annual Armstrong National Physical Therapy Month 5K. Cost is \$15 to register and \$25 for registration and a t-shirt. Go to active.com to register and search "AASU" or contact aasupt5k@gmail.com. All proceeds go to the Armstrong Physical Therapy Club. Registration is due by October 10 to receive a t-shirt.

The Savannah Valley of the Scottish Rite Masons will host the 5th Annual RiteCare Golf Tournament at Sterling Links Golf Club in Richmond Hill at 10 a.m. The entry fee for this event is \$80 per player or \$100 to sponsor a hole. Both are tax deductible. All money raised from this tournament will benefit the Armstrong RiteCare Center for Communication Disorders. The money is earmarked to purchase important items that will aid in the provision of speech and language services to clients and in the clinical education of Armstrong students. Some of the items to be purchased with these funds include new diagnostic tests and protocols, audiometers, spirometers and software designed specifically for use with individuals experiencing communication difficulties. The deadline to register for the tournament is October 7 and the deadline to sponsor a hole is October 17. For more information about the golf tournament, contact H. Jay Robbins, 32° KCCH, golf fundraising chairman, at 965.0704 (home) or 663.3355 (cell).

October 24

The Department of Art, Music & Theatre presents Brittny Hargrove, soprano, in a student recital at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Admission is free.

October 26

Career Services will host a Fall Career Fair from noon-4 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. Nearly 50 employers from various industries will be present to talk with students about career and internship opportunities. Employers attending include: Emory Healthcare, Hargray, LaGrange Police Department, Peace Corps, Publix, St. Joseph's/Candler and Wachovia/Wells Fargo. Students should attend the fair dressed professionally with copies of their resumes to distribute. To help with preparation for the fair, Career Services will be holding several workshops throughout the month of October on what to bring, what to wear, and what to say at the Career Fair. See the Career Services' website for dates, times, locations and a complete list of participating employers. Your assistance in encouraging students to attend the workshops and fair are much appreciated. For more information, please contact Liz Wilson, assistant director of career services at Elizabeth.Wilson@armstrong.edu or 344.3248.

October 27

The Department of Art, Music & Theatre ceramics program hosts "Raku Sushi/Pizza Night" at 6 p.m. in the Fine Arts Hall courtyard and Fine Arts Hall, room 102. View kiln-fired pottery of Armstrong art majors and witness the kiln-firing process firsthand. Admission is free.

October 28-31

The Masquers theatre troupe celebrates Halloween with *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon*, Don Zolidis' madcap romp of the collected stories of the Brothers Grimm. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. in the Jenkins Hall Black Box Theater. General admission is \$10. Discounts available to military, seniors, alumni association members, students/children and Armstrong faculty/staff. Armstrong students presenting valid Armstrong PirateCard will be admitted free of charge. *Connect Savannah* is the print sponsor of the Masquers.

October 29

The German Socialstaat Revisited: A System in Turmoil, Faculty Lecture Series, 12:10 p.m., University Hall 156.

The Department of Art, Music & Theatre hosts the Georgia Music Educators Association District Honor Choir in concert in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Admission is free.

Kudos

Suzy Carpenter and **Bill Baird** (chemistry and physics) published "A Cost Effective Way to Extend an Instrument's Life" in the October issue of the *Journal of Chemical Education*. The article describes their successful efforts (monetarily and functionally) to modernize a 20+ year old instrument used in the organic chemistry sequence.

Vann Scott (psychology) and co-authors published an article, "Concurrent Validity of the Pediatric Attention Disorders Diagnostic Screener for Children with ADHD," in the journal *Child Neuropsychology*, 16(5), 478-493.

Brad Sturz (psychology) has accepted a position on the editorial board of *Frontiers in Comparative Psychology* and has also accepted a position on the reader panel of *Nature*.

Patricia Wachholz (College of Education), with **Linda Ray**, **Susan Hibbard** (Florida Gulf Coast University) and **Peter Ndiang'ui** (Canterbury School) published a manuscript, "Reading Fluency in Content Area Classrooms: Lessons from High School," in *The Florida Reading Journal*, 46(1), 37-43.

Richard Wallace (chemistry) presented "Edible And Ornamental Banana Development For Non-Tropical Climates" at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Lucinda Schultz (art, music & theatre) has been named to the board of directors of the newly reconstituted American Traditions Competition (ATC) for singers, a competition which celebrates the richness and heritage of American music. Formerly a part of the Savannah Music Festival, the ATC will open the 2011 competition in January.

Regina Rahimi (adolescent and adult learning) was invited to join the editorial review board of the *Research in Middle Level Education Online*, a journal of the National Middle School Association.

April Garrity (communication sciences and disorders) and a colleague published "Auxiliary BE Production by African-American English-Speaking Children With and Without Specific Language Impairment" in the October issue of the *Journal of Speech, Language, and Hearing Research*.

Deborah S. Jamieson (art, music & theatre) will present a paper, "The Art of Forgery: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Integrating Art History and Chemistry" at the 2010 Southeastern College Art Conference (SECAC), October 20-23 in Richmond, Va.

Leigh Rich (health sciences/public health) has been awarded the 2011 Visiting Researchers Residency for the Brocher Foundation. The Brocher Foundation is a private, nonprofit foundation focused on issues related to public interest. Its main task is to create a place for researchers to work and hold meetings. The Brocher Centre was inaugurated in May 2007 and is located on the shores of Lake Geneva in Hermance, close to Geneva, Switzerland. Rich will be completing her book, *Risk and Intent: An Ethical, Legal, and Social Analysis of Body Boundaries in the Age of Biotechnology*, and will be in residence July-September 2011 in Geneva.

Delana A. Nivens (College of Science & Technology), **Clifford W. Padgett** (chemistry), **Deborah S. Jamieson** (art, music & theatre) and chemistry students **Jeffery M. Chase** and **Katie J. Verges** have published "Art, Meet Chemistry; Chemistry, Meet Art: Case Studies, Current Literature, and Instrumental Methods Combined To Create a Hands-On Experience for Nonmajors and Instrumental Analysis Students," in the October issue of the *American Chemical Society Journal of Chemical Education* (Vol. 87 No. 10, 1089-1093). This work was funded by a joint NSF grant in 2008.

June Hopkins (history) attended a celebration at the Frances Perkins Center in Newcastle, Maine, during the weekend of August 14-15, marking the 75th anniversary of the Social Security Act. Hopkins delivered an address to nearly 200 guests on Harry Hopkins' contributions to the Act. On August 30, she was interviewed on live Wisconsin Public Radio, the Kathleen Dunn Show, regarding the history of Social Security and her grandfather's part in crafting the bill.

Junseob Moon (criminal justice) was appointed in August as an editor of the Asian Pacific Journal of *Police and Criminal Justice*. This journal is an international peer-reviewed journal affiliated with the Asian Association of Police Studies, an international organization embracing scholarly, scientific, practical and professional knowledge concerning policing and crime control.

Greg Wimer (health and physical education) authored a presentation, "Six weeks of forearm training enhances resting brachial arterial function," at The American College of Sports Medicine national meeting in June.

Armstrong in the News

Following are some of the top stories appearing in print and broadcast media in September 2010. For more details on these and other stories, contact Francisco Duque in Marketing & Communications at 344.2971, or Francisco.Duque@armstrong.edu.

8/30 Jane Rago (languages, literature & philosophy) interviewed regarding the campus common read for 2010-2011.
WTOC-TV Mid Morning Live

- 9/1 Armstrong Police Department trains SCAD students on fire extinguisher use.
WSAV-TV
- 9/1 Savannah universities start year braced for budget cuts.
Savannah Morning News
- 9/3 Amanda Hanlon's (art, music & theatre) artwork is featured in exhibition at Kobo Gallery.
Savannah Morning News
- 9/4 College of Heath Professions awarded grant to benefit disadvantaged students.
WTOC-TV
Also, WTOC-TV 9/7, Savannah Morning News 9/15
- 9/10 Scotty Joyner and Suzanne Ansley (advancement) interviewed about the upcoming 5K Pirates on the Run.
WTOC-TV Mid Morning Live
- 9/12 Michael Toma (economics) quoted in story about regional housing market and employment.
Savannah Morning News
- 9/14 Jack Simmons (languages, literature & philosophy) interviewed for story on pedal power in Savannah.
Connect Savannah
- 9/15 President Linda Bleicken interviewed regarding Armstrong's 75th anniversary events and her inauguration.
WTOC-TV Mid Morning Live
- 9/15 Armstrong joins LIFE, Inc. and other co-sponsors in the annual wheelchair cleaning and information fair.
West Chatham Neighbor
- 9/16 Robert Harris (art, music & theatre) interviewed about Southeastern Choral Arts Festival hosted by Armstrong.
Savannah Morning News
- 9/17 President Linda M. Bleicken is inaugurated.
WTOC-TV and WSAV-TV
Also, *Savannah Morning News* 9/18
- 9/18 Armstrong holds Treasure Savannah Day of Service.
WJCL-TV
Also, WTOC-TV 9/17, 9/21 and *Savannah Morning News* 9/28
- 9/20 Janet Stone (professor emerita of history) interviewed about her new book.
WTOC-TV Mid Morning Live
- 9/21 Armstrong Police Department hosts cooking safety night for students.
WTOC-TV and WSAV-TV
- 9/21 Student garden on campus stirs up debate.
WTOC-TV

- 9/21 Michael Toma (economics) interviewed on the economic recovery.
WJCL-TV
- 9/21 Pirates Women's Tennis honored at Greater Savannah Sports Council luncheon.
WJCL-TV
Also, *Savannah Morning News* 9/22
- 9/24 Michael Toma (economics) speaks at the annual Manufacturer's Appreciation and Awards breakfast.
Savannah Morning News
- 9/25 5K Armstrong Pirates on the Run is highlighted.
spotted.Savannahnow.com
- 9/26 Armstrong student Jennifer Walz is champion triathlete.
Savannah Morning News
- 9/27 Armstrong kicks off Latino Heritage Week.
WTOC-TV
- 9/28 Anne Thompson (academic affairs) quoted in story regarding the 25th anniversary of the Coastal Georgia Center.
Savannah Morning News
- 9/28 Janet Stone (professor emerita of history) pens history of Armstrong.
Savannah Morning News

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is October 15.

Please send submissions to AASU.news@armstrong.edu.

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