

Events Calendar - Fall 2023

Thursday, August 17	Department of History Welcome Event
	Time: 11am - 1pm Location: SLC Lobby Macon Campus
	Join the History Department in welcoming the start of a new semester!
	Contact: Dr. Matthew Zimmerman
Tuesday, August 22	Department of History Welcome Event - Cochran Campus
	Time: Noon - 1pm Location: Conference Room, Wiggs Building (2nd floor) Cochran Campus
	Join the History Department in welcoming the start of a new semester!
	Contact: Dr. Matthew Zimmerman FLYER
Monday, August 28	English Studies Organization Open Mic Knight
	Time: 5:00pm Location: Writing Center (TEB 226) Macon Campus
	Come share a poem or very short story, sing an original song, or play one on an instrument. All students are invited!
	Contact: Dr. Shane Trayers FLYER
Thursday, August 31	English Studies Organization Book Club: <i>Howl's Moving Castle</i>
	Time: 1:00pm Location: Writing Center (TEB 226) Macon Campus
	This is a student led, informal discussion of the book.
	Contact: Dr. Shane Trayers FLYER
Wednesday, September 6	How to Study for your Language Class
	Time: 3pm Location: SoAL 110 Macon Campus
	Language faculty will discuss tips on how to study to be successful in a language class.
	Contact: Dr. Sabrina Wengier FLYER

How to Study for your Language Class

**Thursday,
September 7**

Time: 3:30pm

Location: Microsoft Teams (<https://tinyurl.com/mryyed5z>)

The language faculty will share tips on how to be successful in a language class and in studying a language.

Contact: [Dr. Sabrina Wengier](#) [FLYER](#)

CANCELED - Whistle Stop Cafe Field Trip: Juliette, Georgia

**Saturday,
September 9**

Time: arrive between 10am and 10:30am

Location: Whistle Stop Cafe, 443 McCrackin St, Juliette, GA 31046

ESO is sponsoring this trip to the Whistle Stop Cafe, which was originally built for the movie, Fried Green Tomatoes, which is based off the book by Fannie Flagg. After filming it became a working restaurant. There's movie related sights to see there and around town. You must also have your own transportation to the event and pay for your own food at the restaurant. Please note that you **MUST** fill out travel forms and give them to Dr. Trayers by Thursday, September 7th in order to participate.

Contact: [Dr. Shane Trayers](#)

Communicating with Professors

**Monday,
September 11**

Time: 5pm

Location: The Writing Center (TEB 226) | Macon Campus

How do you write appropriate emails for professors? What exactly are "office hours" and why should you go to them? This workshop will help answer these questions!

Contact: [Dr. Sharon Colley](#) [FLYER](#)

Book Discussion: Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

**Tuesday,
September 12**

Time: 7-8pm

Location: Roberts Library 231 (Writing Center) | Cochran Campus

The English Studies Organization will be gathering to discuss Ray Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451. Come and join us!

Contact: [Dr. Mary Christian](#) [FLYER](#)

SoAL Graduate Program Information Session

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Teams ([click here to register](#))

**Wednesday,
September 13**

Continue your journey to success. That graduate degree or certificate credential is closer than you think. Join us for a virtual information session about Graduate Programs and Certificates being offered in the School of Arts in Letters.

Contacts: [Dr. Monica Miller](#) and [Dr. Andre Nicholson](#) [FLYER](#)

ESO Book Club Discussion - Fried Green Tomatoes

Time: 1-2pm

Location: Writing Center TEB 226 | Macon Campus

**Thursday,
September 14**

Whether you've seen the movie or read the book, come join our student-led, informal discussion of the book by Fannie Flagg or the movie it is based on or both.

Contact: [Dr. Shane Trayers](#) [FLYER](#)

Communicating with Professors

Time: 5pm

Location: Microsoft Teams (link to come)

**Monday,
September 18**

How do you write appropriate emails for professors? What exactly are "office hours" and why should you go to them? This workshop will help answer these questions!

Contact: [Dr. Sharon Colley](#) [FLYER](#)

French Conversation Table

Time: 2pm

Location: SoAL 110 | Macon Campus

**Wednesday,
September 20**

Come and practice some French!

Contact: [Dr. Sabrina Wengier](#) [FLYER](#)

ESO Writing Marathon

**Friday,
September 22**

Time: 10am - 12pm

Location: Writing Center TEB 226 | Macon Campus

Find joy in writing again by participating in a Writing Marathon on campus!

Contact: [Dr. Shane Trayers](#) [FLYER](#)

Joy Harjo Reading and Book Signing

**Tuesday,
September 26**

Time: 11:30am

Location: Volleyball Gym | Macon Campus

The School of Arts & Letters will welcome Joy Harjo, internationally renowned musician, performer, and writer of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, 23rd Poet Laureate of the United States (2019-2022), and 1st Native American Poet Laureate, to present on September 26, 2023, at 11:30am on the Macon Campus.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Contact: [Dr. Amy Berke](#) [FLYER](#)

History Advising Kick Off

**Thursday,
September 28**

Time: 11am - 1pm

Location: SoAL 110 | Macon Campus

Drop by for help with advising and registration!

Contact: [Dr. Matthew Zimmerman](#) [FLYER](#)

Goat Yoga by Homegrown Yoga

**Thursday,
September 28**

Time: 5:30pm

Location: SLC Amphitheater | Macon Campus

Student Life is partnering with ESO to bring in Homegrown Yoga and live goats. Any fitness level can do goat yoga! Come join us for a fun, happiness awareness event!

Contact: [Dr. Shane Trayers](#) [FLYER](#)

Celebrating Korean and K-Pop!

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Math Auditorium | Macon Campus

**Monday,
October 2**

MGA students and faculty will showcase their Korean, demonstrate Taekwondo, present their art works inspired by K-pop, and present K-pop music videos on the huge HD screen in the Math Auditorium. The videos will be accompanied by commentary on Korean culture and K-pop music.

Contact: [Dr. Yunsuk Chae](#) [FLYER](#)

Strategic Notetaking

Time: 5pm

Location: The Writing Center (TEB 226) | Macon Campus

**Tuesday,
October 3**

How can notetaking save you time and stress? We will suggest helpful methods of notetaking!

Contact: [Dr. Sharon Colley](#) [FLYER](#)

Book Discussion: *Beloved* by Toni Morrison

Time: 7pm - 8pm

Location: Roberts Library 231 | Cochran Campus

**Tuesday,
October 3**

The English Studies Organization is hosting a book discussion on *Beloved* by Toni Morrison.

Contact: [Dr. Mary Christian](#) [FLYER](#)

Info Session: History - Secondary Education and MAT

Time: 2pm

Location: Virtual

**Wednesday,
October 4**

Come find out everything you need to know about the secondary education program in History! We'll also review the Masters in Teaching (MAT) option available at MGA. We'll see you there!

Contact: [Dr. Charlotte Miller](#) [FLYER](#)

Overcoming Anxiety for Language Learning

Wednesday,
October 4

Time: 3pm

Location: Microsoft Teams (<https://tinyurl.com/mrxdscyf>)

Many people feel nervous about learning a language. Learn some ways to overcome your anxiety so you can start your language learning journey!

Contact: [Dr. Sabrina Wengier](#) [FLYER](#)

Overcoming Anxiety for Language Learning

Monday,
October 9

Time: 2pm - 3pm

Location: SoAL 110 | Macon Campus

Many people feel nervous about learning a language. Learn some ways to overcome your anxiety so you can start your language learning journey!

Contact: [Dr. Sabrina Wengier](#) [FLYER](#)

Art Exhibition Opening: Stefani Byrd

Monday,
October 9

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Peacock Gallery | Russell Hall, Cochran Campus

Art Exhibition titled *Domicile*, featuring the work of Stefani Byrd. The work utilizes Byrd's domestic life as source material for an intimate visual study of form and space using 3D scanning technology. *Domicile* explores how the pandemic and the need to quarantine has changed our collective relationship to home, shifting it from a refuge to also that of a confine. The Exhibition runs from October 2 through November 3.

Contact: [Prof. Luke Buffenmyer](#) [FLYER](#)

Indigenous Literature Read-In

Monday,
October 9

Time: 7pm - 8pm

Location: Roberts Library 231 | Cochran Campus

In honor of Indigenous Peoples' Day, the English Studies Organization is hosting an Indigenous literature read-in. Bring a poem, short story, or nonfiction work to read aloud. Suggested authors include (but are not limited to): Joy Harjo, Louise Erdrich, Heid E. Erdrich, Kaitlyn Curtice, Annette Clapsaddle, Leslie Marmon Silko, Tommy Orange, Zitkala-Sa

Contact: [Dr. Mary Christian](#) [FLYER](#)

Strategic Notetaking

**Tuesday,
October 10**

Time: 5pm
Location: Microsoft Teams (link to come)

How can notetaking save you time and stress? We will suggest helpful methods of notetaking!

Contact: [Dr. Sharon Colley](#) [FLYER](#)

Work in Progress: John Murphy on Joseph Conrad

**Wednesday,
October 11**

Time: 12:30pm - 1:30pm
Location: Microsoft Teams ([click here to join](#))

Join us as Dr. John Murphy shares a work in progress on “The Precarity of Virtue: Ethics, Anthropology, and Character in Conrad’s Heart of Darkness.” Come and hear about the project and share questions and feedback.

Contact: [Dr. Mary Christian](#) [FLYER](#)

Bring Your Own Book Fair: Scary Edition

**Tuesday,
October 17**

Time: 1:00pm
Location: Writing Center (TEB 226) | Macon Campus

Students are invited to bring their favorite scary book to share with everyone!

Contact: [Dr. Shane Trayers](#) [FLYER](#)

Music Department Open House

**Tuesday,
October 17**

Time: 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Location: Band Room, Music Building | Macon Campus

Explore the latest additions to the Music Department's state-of-the-art facilities and discover valuable insights about the program. Join us for an evening featuring a performance by the MGA Commercial Combo, an enlightening presentation on our new facilities by Professor Michael Gaffney, and an exciting preview of upcoming events by Dr. Justin McAdara.

Contact: [Dr. Justin McAdara](#) [FLYER](#)

French Conversation Table

**Thursday,
October 19**

Time: 12:30pm
Location: Microsoft Teams (link to come)

Come and practice some French!

Contact: [Dr. Sabrina Wengier](#) [FLYER](#)

Graduate Application Writing: Statements of Purpose and Other Documents

**Monday,
October 23**

Time: 12:20pm
Location: Writing Center (TEB 226) | Macon Campus

Make your graduate application as strong as possible! Career Services will provide a workshop on writing statements of purpose and other texts for graduate applications.

Contact: [Dr. Sharon Colley](#) [FLYER](#)

Book Discussion: *Crank* by Ellen Hopkins

**Tuesday,
October 24**

Time: 7pm - 8pm
Location: Roberts Library 231 | Cochran Campus

The English Studies Organization is hosting a book discussion on *Crank* by Ellen Hopkins.

Contact: [Dr. Mary Christian](#) [FLYER](#)

SoAL Graduate Program Information Session

**Wednesday,
October 25**

Time: 6:00pm
Location: Teams ([click here to register](#))

Continue your journey to success. That graduate degree or certificate credential is closer than you think. Join us for a virtual information session about Graduate Programs and Certificates being offered in the School of Arts in Letters.

Contacts: [Dr. Monica Miller](#) and [Dr. Andre Nicholson](#) [FLYER](#)

Coffee and Conversation with Professors Andre Nicholson and LaRonda Sanders-Senu

**Thursday,
October 26**

Time: 2pm
Location: Library | Cochran Campus

Drs. Nicholson and Sanders-Senu will discuss their recently released anthology, *insecure, Awkward & #Winning: Intersectionality of Race, Gender & Sexuality in the Works of Issa Rae*.

Contact: [Dr. Andre Nicholson](#) [FLYER](#)

English Studies Organization's Annual Mystery Theater

**Thursday,
October 26**

Time: 6:00 - 8:00pm
Location: Arts Complex Theatre | Macon Campus

English Studies Organization's Annual Mystery Theater is a one-time performance on October 26th with limited tickets. More details coming!

Contact: [Dr. Shane Trayers](#) [FLYER](#)

Senior Exhibition: Jackson Griffith - Closing Reception

**Friday,
October 27**

Time: 6:30pm
Location: Arts Complex Lobby | Macon Campus

Artwork by Jackson Griffith will be on view in the Arts Complex Lobby from **October 23rd through October 27th**. The closing reception will be followed by a short concert in the Rehearsal Hall.

Contact: [Jackson Griffith](#) [FLYER](#)

**Movies & Makeup
Blood, Gore, & More**

**Tuesday,
October 31**

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Location: Outside Russell Hall, near library | Cochran Campus

Prof. Edwards and students apply Hollywood make-up effects to students.

Contact: [Rebecca Edwards](#) [FLYER](#)

Banned Book Trivia

**Tuesday,
October 31**

Time: 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Location: Student Life Lounge | Warner Robins Campus

Join the Honors Student Association and the MGA Library for Banned Book Trivia!

Contact: [Dr. Heather Ness-Maddox](#) [FLYER](#)

Pay It Forward - Kindness Cards

**Wednesday,
November 1**

Time: 9:15am start

Location: TEB Lobby | Macon Campus

ESO's Pay It Forward Event is one of the Happiness Awareness (Positive Psychology) events. ESO will be handing out Kindness Cards. All you need to do is one act of kindness and pass the cards on. See how kindness spreads throughout our community.

Contact: [Dr. Shane Trayers](#) [FLYER](#)

Grammarpalooza

**Thursday,
November 2**

Time: 12pm - 2:30pm

Location: Writing Center (TEB 226) | Macon Campus

Grammarpalooza is The Writing Center's regular semester writing refresher. This social game allows core students to review common editing problems in a light-hearted and candy-laden environment. This fall, our review items will be its/it's, a/an, and commas versus semi-colons; our theme is "My Neighbor Totoro."

Contact: [Dr. Sharon Colley](#) [FLYER](#)

An Evening of Percussion

**Thursday,
November 2**

Time: 7:30

Location: Arts Complex Theater | Macon Campus

Miguel Castro, director of percussion, presents the first student recital of the semester.

Contact: [Dr. Justin McAdara](#) [FLYER](#)

A Night of Saxophone with Jared Cummings ft. Dr. Giuliano Graniti

**Saturday,
November 4**

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Arts Complex Theatre | Macon

Jared Cummings (DMA student, FSU) and MGA's own Dr. Giuliano Graniti perform.

Contact: [Dr. Justin McAdara](#) [FLYER](#)

Jazz Band & Commercial Combos

**Monday,
November 6**

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Arts Complex Rehearsal Hall | Macon

MGA's Jazz Band and Commercial Combo perform.

Contact: [Dr. Justin McAdara](#) [FLYER](#)

Dr. Cory Smith Happiness Awareness and Mindfulness Walk

**Monday,
November 6**

Time: 12:30pm

Location: Writing Center TEB 226 | Macon Campus

Dr. Cory Smith, Professor of Psychology, will be speaking on happiness and positive psychology. After his talk, he will be leading a mindfulness walk around campus.

Contact: [Dr. Shane Trayers](#) [FLYER](#)

Brown Bag: Joys & Jaundice, Research in East Africa with Dr. Charlotte Miller

**Tuesday,
November 7**

Time: 12:30pm

Location: SoAL 206 | Macon Campus

Presented by the History Student Organization and the Department of History. Dr. Miller presents ongoing research, and discusses research practices.

Contact: [Dr. Charlotte Miller](#) [FLYER](#)

Citation Guide Workshop

**Tuesday,
November 7**

Time: 5pm

Location: Writing Center (TEB 226) | Macon Campus

Join this workshop/game to become comfortable with using citation guides for MLA, APA, Chicago, and other styles.

Contact: [Dr. Sharon Colley](#) [FLYER](#)

Bethany Knowles: Senior Recital

**Tuesday,
November 7**

Time: 6:30 pm

Location: Arts Complex Rehearsal Hall

Bethany Knowles brings an hour of both classical and musical theater repertoire. Free and public event!

Contact: [Dr. Justin McAdara](#) [FLYER](#)

All Rights Reserved

**Tuesday,
November 7**

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Russell Hall Theater | Cochran Campus

Theatre at MGA presents All Rights Reserved, a play by Michael Ragozzino, directed by John Iverson.

Contact: [John Iverson](#) [FLYER](#)

All Rights Reserved

**Wednesday
November 8**

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Russell Hall Theater | Cochran Campus

Theatre at MGA presents All Rights Reserved, a play by Michael Ragozzino, directed by John Iverson.

Contact: [John Iverson](#) [FLYER](#)

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Contact: [Dr. Sharon Colley](#) [FLYER](#)

Book Club & Happiness Awareness - Shawn Achor's *The Happiness Advantage*

**Thursday,
November 9**

Time: 1:00pm

Location: Writing Center TEB 226 | Macon Campus

Come join us for an informal, student-led discussion of Shawn Achor's book *The Happiness Advantage*. This is part of our Happiness Awareness events for fall.

Contact: [Dr. Shane Trayers](#) [FLYER](#)

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Contact: [John Iverson](#) [FLYER](#)

Art Exhibition Opening: Shannon Riddle *Interplay*

**Monday,
November 13**

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Peacock Gallery | Russell Hall, Cochran Campus

Artwork from MGA's own Shannon Riddle. The exhibition runs from November 13 - January 19. More information to come.

Contact: [Prof. Luke Buffenmyer](#) [FLYER](#)

Stages of Memories

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Arts Complex Theatre | Macon Campus

**Tuesday,
November 14**

Stages of Memories is crafted from the interviews of ten MGA students on campus, highlighting both the shared events that unite them and the individual experiences that make each one of them unique.

Contact: [John Iverson](#)

Book Discussion: *Looking for Alaska* by John Green

Time: 7pm - 8pm

Location: Roberts Library 231 | Cochran Campus

**Tuesday,
November 14**

The Cochran English Studies Organization is hosting a discussion of John Green's novel *Looking for Alaska*. Come join us!

Contact: [Dr. Mary Christian](#) [FLYER](#)

UPDATES - Chambers Singers

Time: 8:00pm

Location: Arts Complex Rehearsal Hall | Macon Campus

**Tuesday,
November 14**

MGA's Chamber Singers perform. Formerly scheduled at Wesleyan College.

Contact: [Dr. Justin McAdara](#) [FLYER](#)

French Conversation Table

Time: 2pm

Location: SoAL 110 | Macon Campus

**Wednesday,
November 15**

Come and practice some French!

Contact: [Dr. Sabrina Wengier](#) [FLYER](#)

Music Composition and Career Masterclass with David Fletcher

Time: 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Location: Band Room, Music Building | Macon Campus

**Wednesday,
November 15**

Guest musician David Fletcher presents a masterclass in music composition and careers. Return at 4:30pm to get a behind the scenes look at MGA's Jazz Band as they workshop one of David Fletcher's compositions.

Contact: [Dr. Justin McAdara](#)

Stages of Memories

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Arts Complex Theatre | Macon Campus

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Contact: [John Iverson](#) [FLYER](#)

CANCELLED - Stages of Memories

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Russell Hall Theatre | Cochran Campus

**Thursday,
November 16**

Unfortunately, the Cochran performance of *Stages of Memories* has been cancelled.

Contact: [John Iverson](#) [FLYER](#)

Stream of Consciousness

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Arts Complex Rehearsal Hall | Macon Campus

**Thursday,
November 16**

Full sensory experience with sound sculptures; featuring guest artist David Fletcher on acoustic trombone and Dr. Justin McAdara on electric trombone. Four local artists/art students will be doing live painting during the performance.

Contact: [Dr. Justin McAdara](#) [Flyer](#)

MFA In Film Production Info Session with UCF

Time: 12:30pm - 1:00pm

Location: Arts Complex Theatre | Macon Campus

**Tuesday,
November 28**

Professor Philip Peters from the University of Central Florida (UCF) will come to our Macon campus for an in-person presentation about their MFA Film program and the other exciting opportunities that they have there at UCF.

Contact: [Prof. Zardosht Afshari](#) [FLYER](#)

Storytelling Through Music: The Lion King

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Arts Complex Theater | Macon Campus

**Tuesday,
November 28**

Professor Michael Gaffney presents a Film Score Analysis on The Lion King.

Contact: [Prof. Michael Gaffney](#) [FLYER](#)

History Student Organization - Cochran Movie Night

Time: 7:30pm

Location: 230 Walker Hall | Cochran Campus

**Tuesday,
November 28**

Movie Night featuring Frank Capra's Why We Fight: The Nazis Strike.

Contact: [Dr. Tracie Provost](#) [FLYER](#)

History Last Day of Classes Celebration

Time: 11am - 1pm

Location: SLC Lobby | Macon Campus

**Wednesday,
November 29**

Send off the semester right by joining the History Department and celebrating the last day of classes!

Contact: [Dr. Matthew Zimmerman](#)