

# GGC School of Liberal Arts Focus: Take a Bow!

## Faculty and Staff Receive Promotions and Awards in 2021

### 2021 Fall Recognition Ceremony:

On Thursday, September 23, 2021, Georgia Gwinnett College gathered to recognize campus-wide staff and faculty achievement. Two members of the SLA received awards for excellence:

**GGC Staff Award:** Lisa Shaffer, Faculty Coordinator.

### Outstanding Student Engagement Faculty Award:

Ellen Rafshoon, History.

The ceremony next turned to promotions. SLA faculty promoted to **Professor** included:

Rachel Bowser, English.

Bruce Carroll, Criminal Justice/Criminology.

Myung Choi, Spanish.

Gregory Gullette, Anthropology.

Allen Keith Kelly, English.

Niaz Khan, English/Communications.

Jeanne McCarthy, English.

Luis Mora, Spanish.

Nathan Orgill, History.

Stacy Rusnak, Film.

These faculty were promoted to **Associate Professor**:

Kate Balsley, Film.

Georgeta Connor, Geography.

Rachel Fischer, Music.

Ebony Gibson, English.

Paul Grant, Political Science.

David Kirschner, Sociology.

Kristene McClure, English.

Catherine Moore, Art.

Marie Ratchford, Criminal Justice/Criminology.

Maryann White, Criminal Justice/Criminology.



### The First GGC Professor Named *Emeritus*:

Alan Marks, Psychology. (A future issue of *SLA News* will be devoted to Dr. Marks).

### ROAR Awards:

In Spring 2021, Student Life gave to faculty a series of awards for excellence in oversight and collaboration with registered student organizations. Three SLA faculty were recognized in two categories:

### RSO Advisor of the Year:

Richard Rawls, History.

### Outstanding SISC Campus Partner Awards:

Tirza Leader, Psychology.

Ebony Gibson, English.

**Top Claw Awards:** According to criteria, "Top Claw recipients go above and beyond, and embody the spirit of a true GGC Grizzly. They give all they have with a positive attitude while showcasing the college's four core values: integrity, excellence, accountability and respect." The following SLA members received the awards for Fall 2020, but they were only announced as recipients in early 2021:

Eugene Berger, History.

Marni Brown, Sociology.

Ebony Gibson, English.

Marc Gilley, Music.

On September 23, GGC Provost Dr. George Low said, "We participate in a ceremonial tradition designed to recognize and celebrate academic achievement and to acknowledge the contributions of those demonstrating excellence." The SLA has cause to celebrate!