The Professional Development Wednesdays Speaker Series is designed to provide a platform for exploration of current trends and research in education today. The program also provides an opportunity for the mentoring of doctoral students in an effort to enhance their development as academics. While the series offers College of Education faculty members an opportunity to hear innovative and thought-provoking speakers, it also fills an important professional development need by providing access to experts at Georgia State University as well as at the state and national levels.

The speaker series is coordinated by Dr. Susan Ogletree through the Educational Research Bureau and in collaboration with Dr. Joyce Many, associate dean of undergraduate studies and educator preparation; Dr. Steve Harmon, chair of the Learning Technologies Division; with input from College of Education Interim Dean Paul Alberto and chairs of the College of Education’s six departments.

Professional Development Wednesdays are held at 12 noon (unless otherwise noted) in the College of Education Forum, room 1030. Information about the speakers is available to the general public on the college’s website at http://education.gsu.edu and all presentations will be available for download at iTunes U.
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Georgia’s Plans for the edTPA: Educator Preparation Open Forum

Presenter: Joyce Many

The forum will begin with a brief overview of the history of the edTPA, the piloting of the program by Georgia institutions and Georgia State programs, and Georgia’s current plans for implementation. Following the introduction, faculty will be encouraged to share their experiences, concerns and/or questions.

Joyce Many is the associate dean of undergraduate studies and educator preparation in the College of Education.

This Educator Preparation presentation will begin at 12 p.m. in the Forum (College of Education room 1030).

Some Statistical Techniques for Quantitative Researchers: Data Mining and Decision Trees

Presenter: Murat Kayri

Murat Kayri is an associate professor in the Computer and Instructional Technology Department at Mus Alparslan University in Turkey. His research interests include statistical modelling by using data mining and artificial neural network techniques for educational researchers.

This special presentation will begin at 2 p.m. in the Forum (College of Education room 1030).
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The Role of Spatial Thinking in Learning Science and Mathematics

Presenter: Nora Newcombe

Nora Newcombe is a professor at Temple University, specializing in cognitive development, and the principal investigator of the NASF-funded Spatial Intelligence and Learning Center. She is the author of numerous articles, chapters and books on topics, including spatial development, autobiographical memory, the nativism-empiricist debate, the relation of cognitive and neural development, and how cognitive research can be used in education.

This Research Wednesdays presentation will begin at 12 p.m. in the Forum (College of Education room 1030). A light lunch will be served to those who RSVP to Erin Whitney in the COE’s Educational Research Bureau at 404-413-8090 or ewhitney@gsu.edu.
Top 10 Pre-Award Issues

Presenters: Yolanda Gantz, Alison Norsworthy and Pam Willingham

The top 10 pre-award issues will be presented and discussed, including understanding the deadlines for proposals, proposal guidelines, budgeting guidelines, rules and the OMB circulars, and communication with department chairs and the Educational Research Bureau.

Yolanda Gantz is a grants and contracts officer in the College of Education’s Educational Research Bureau. Alison Norsworthy is the associate director of the Educational Research Bureau. Pam Willingham is a research associate in the College of Education’s Educational Research Bureau.

This Educational Research Bureau presentation will begin at 12 p.m. in the Forum (College of Education room 1030).
D2L Crash Course

Presenter: Uzma Bhatti

This forum is intended for anyone getting started with Desire2Learn. Faculty will be introduced to tools and functions related to course design and layout, activity design and grading.

Uzma Bhatti is an education technician specialist in the College of Education’s Learning Technologies Division.

This Learning Technologies Division presentation will begin at 12 p.m. in the Forum (College of Education room 1030).
The New GACE Assessment: Educator Preparation
Open Forum

Presenter: Joyce Many

This forum will begin with an overview of the new GACE content assessments, resources for faculty, and plans for the development of the new portfolio-based GACE assessments for curriculum and instruction, instruction technology, and teacher leader areas. Following the introduction, faculty will be encouraged to share their experiences, concerns and/or questions.

Joyce Many is the associate dean of undergraduate studies and educator preparation in the College of Education.

This Educator Preparation presentation will begin at 12 p.m. in the Forum (College of Education room 1030).
The Importance of Education Research: A Strategic Approach to Apparent National Priorities

Presenter: Peggy McCardle

Peggy McCardle previously served as chief of the Child Development and Behavior branch at the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), U.S. National Institutes of Health, and directed the organization’s Language, Bilingualism, and Biliteracy program. She has been a classroom teacher, speech-language pathologist, and has held faculty positions at South Carolina State College, the University of Mississippi, the University of Maryland and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

This Research Wednesdays presentation will begin at 12 p.m. in the Forum (College of Education room 1030). A light lunch will be served to those who RSVP to Erin Whitney in the COE’s Educational Research Bureau at 404-413-8090 or ewhitney@gsu.edu.
Differences in Agencies: What I Need to Know About IES, NSF and NIH

Presenters: Alison Norsworthy and a faculty panel

Alison Norsworthy and a faculty panel will discuss the major differences in three federal funding agencies: the Institute of Education Sciences, the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health. The faculty panel will give insight on the agencies from the standpoint of an applicant and a reviewer.

Alison Norsworthy is the associate director of the College of Education’s Educational Research Bureau.

This Educational Research Bureau presentation will begin at 12 p.m. in the Forum (College of Education room 1030).
There's a lot of excitement in higher education these days about using technology for teaching and learning. From MOOCs to Mobile, from Apps to Zotero, everyone is jumping on the bandwagon. But this isn't the first time the bandwagon has passed this way. Technologies can be a great asset to creating effective learning environments, but they can also be an over-hyped distraction from what really matters. This seminar will look at some new and emerging learning technologies with an eye toward helping you determine what to do, and what not to do to use them effectively. It will provide a framework of learning and instructional theory to help guide your use of technology in your classes.

Steve Harmon is the chair of the College of Education’s Learning Technologies Division.

This Learning Technologies Division presentation will begin at 12 p.m. in the Forum (College of Education room 1030).
Georgia’s Teacher and Leader Evaluation Systems: Educator Preparation Open Forum

Presenter: Joyce Many

This forum will review the teacher and leader evaluation systems and the efforts by Georgia institutions and Georgia State departments to integrate attention to these in preparation programs. Following the introduction, faculty will be encouraged to share their experiences, concerns and/or questions.

Joyce Many is the associate dean of undergraduate studies and educator preparation in the College of Education.

This Educator Preparation presentation will begin at 12 p.m. in the Forum (College of Education room 1030).
Practitioner Inquiry and the Constructive Disruption of University Culture

Presenter: Susan Lytle

Susan Lytle retired in June 2012 as Professor Emerita of Education in the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania. During her tenure, she served as the Joseph L. Calihan Term Chair in Education, chair of the Language and Literacy in Education Division, and director of the master’s and doctoral programs in reading/writing/literacy. She is the founding director of the now 26-year-old Philadelphia Writing Project, a site of the National Writing Project, an urban school-university collaborative network focused on teacher-to-teacher professional development and fostering practice-based research on teaching, learning and schooling.

This Research Wednesdays presentation will begin at 12 p.m. in the Forum (College of Education room 1030). A light lunch will be served to those who RSVP to Erin Whitney in the COE's Educational Research Bureau at 404-413-8090 or ewhitney@gsu.edu.
Research in Schools: Gaining Entry and Sustaining Partnerships with P-12 Schools

Presenters: Gwen Benson and Susan Ogletree

This presentation will provide information for new faculty members on how to gain entrance to the P-12 school community. A discussion around P-12 partnerships and collaborative work will also be presented.

Gwen Benson is the associate dean for school, community and international partnerships in the College of Education. Susan Ogletree is the director of the College of Education’s Educational Research Bureau.

This Educational Research Bureau presentation will begin at 12 p.m. in the Forum (College of Education room 1030).
iPad Essentials: Techniques and Apps for Teaching and Writing

Presenter: Tim Merritt

The iPad can do great work both in the classroom or when preparing for it. Research your topic online, make notes, read and markup PDFs and sync it all back to your desktop. Create and deliver presentations, record in-class activities, and grade student assignments – all this and more on this versatile and portable device.

Tim Merritt is an education technician specialist in the College of Education’s Learning Technologies Division.

This Learning Technologies Division presentation will begin at 12 p.m. in the Forum (College of Education room 1030).