



## WLC Weekly Message – September 8th, 2025

### Welcome

We are excited to welcome **Tyler Kiser** as the newest WLC front-desk student assistant! Tyler, a Computer Engineering major, will be joining Athena at our front desk. Please take a moment to stop by and say hello this week!

### WLC Successes

**Wenhua Jin** had a **new article published**: Chunsheng Yang, Han Luo, Wenhua Jin. 2025. "Identification and evaluation of L1 and L2 Chinese accents." *Chinese Language and Discourse*. Vol 16 (2), pp181-200. John Benjamins Publishing.

*We want to celebrate you! Please send your successes to Federica and Nina for inclusion in our weekly message and new publications to Noah for inclusion in our website*

### Thank You



Many thanks to **Brian Olovson** for securing a new tabling opportunity for us, and to **Brian Olovson, Hyunji Kim, and Kei Yamaguchi** for representing WLC at the **Radow Open House** on **Saturday, September 6**. Brian, Hyunji, and Kei spoke with over 150 prospective students and their family members, sharing information about our programs and helping to raise awareness of what WLC has to offer.

## To-Do Items

**Microsoft Authenticator is replacing Duo** as our new authentication system here at KSU. Please visit [switchmfa.kennesaw.edu](https://switchmfa.kennesaw.edu) from your computer, then download Microsoft Authenticator to your mobile device and **register** to enable secure sign in. Important: **Duo will be discontinued on September 17**. Anyone who has not completed the transition by that date will be locked out of all systems requiring authentication, including D2L, KSU email, OwlExpress, and others. Please note that students will also be part of the transition: if you have scheduled **online assessments or projects due on September 17-18**, please consider adjusting as some students may be locked out of the system.

To all WLC Faculty and Staff, please read carefully in preparation of next AY:  
The USG Policy now allows for final exams to be counted as instructional time. After reviewing feedback from faculty, and consultations with the Cabinet and Deans, **the academic calendars for Fall 2026, Spring 2027, and Summer 2027 have been updated** to reflect this change in policy. These updated calendars can be accessed [via this link](#). Please email Paul Parker at [pparke25@kennesaw.edu](mailto:pparke25@kennesaw.edu) if you have any questions.

## Opportunities

WLC colleagues who are engaging in research and writing are invited to join the **WLC Writing Circle for research mentoring support**. The initiative is led by **Zaya Rustámova**. If you are interested, please contact Zaya no later than **September 15** and let her know what format of meetings you prefer and your days/times availability.

**Owl Under 40 Class of 2026 Nominations:** Do you know an outstanding Owl under 40 who is making bold strides in their career, community, or beyond? Help us recognize the next class of KSU alumni leaders by submitting a nomination for the 40 Owls Under 40 Class of 2026. Your nomination could shine a spotlight on a graduate whose story deserves to be celebrated. Nominations for the Class of 2026 are open **for the month of September**.  
[https://my.reviewr.com/s2/site/KSU\\_40\\_Owls\\_Under\\_40\\_2026](https://my.reviewr.com/s2/site/KSU_40_Owls_Under_40_2026)

## Upcoming WLC Events





You are warmly invited to join Arturo Matute Castro and Andrea Scapolo for a special event featuring students from the **Maymester in Italy 2025** program. Students will present in groups about their experiences living and learning in Montepulciano, Italy, and the community engagement research projects they developed while abroad. These projects were supported by the **Undergraduate Research Award** generously granted by the **Education Abroad Office**. The event will also highlight the personal, academic, and career benefits of study abroad. It will be an excellent opportunity not only to celebrate our students' work but also to **learn more about the Study Abroad in Italy program and the upcoming 2026 iteration**. The program director will be present to share details and answer questions for potential candidates.

## 2025 ASIAN STUDIES INTERNSHIP SEMINAR

11am-12:45pm Thur. Oct. 23, 2025  
SO-1019 Kennesaw campus  
with 20+ Japanese Companies





KENNESAW STATE  
UNIVERSITY



ジョージア日本商工会  
THE JAPANESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF GEORGIA



SAUPO  
SYMPOSIUM ON ASIAN U.S. PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



## Other Events

Please consider including the **RCHSS Fall 2025 Government and Non-Profit Career Fair** in your courses. The event is scheduled for **October 30th from 11 AM to 3 PM** in the Student Gym. We have this event in Sutable, so faculty members can assign credits for attendance in a seamless fashion. Here is the link: [https://app.joinhandshake.com/career\\_fairs/18003f36-f941-4835-ada7-e1126dcd17fc/student\\_preview](https://app.joinhandshake.com/career_fairs/18003f36-f941-4835-ada7-e1126dcd17fc/student_preview)

## Reminders

### UPCOMING—EARLIEST TO LATEST

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Full-time faculty should **submit their conference information to Federica and Marsha as soon as possible** and, once approved, **enter it into Concur before September 15 to ensure their travel funds are encumbered**. As shared at the retreat, tenure-track faculty are allotted \$1,400 for travel for the AY (please use R02030 for research trips and conferences), and non-tenure-track faculty are allotted \$700 for the AY (always use 02030). Each full-time faculty member also receives \$130 for membership or registration, bringing the total annual allotment to \$1,530 for TT and \$830 for non-TT faculty. Additional funding opportunities will be shared as they become available. Please add **Chris Roper** (not Jamie) to the workflow.

For FT and LT faculty, please remember to mark your calendars for our **Fall WLC Meetings**, as follows: **9/30, 10/28 and 11/18**. All meetings will be held from **12:30-1:45 in ALC 5102**. Full-time faculty are required to attend their monthly department meetings as part of their professional service workload and are welcome to add these to their ARDs. Invites have been sent to your Outlook calendars.

It's time to **update our publications display!** For all faculty who had publications in the last few months, please **send the cover page of your article/chapter/book to Nina**. She and the front-desk student assistants will rotate out older publications and print out and add the new ones. Please look at the display to check on what is needed. This is open to PT, LT, and FT faculty: we look forward to seeing your recent work celebrated! Please send these in by **September 30**.

The Office of Research is pleased to announce the development of a new regional **Research Showcase, "The World of Tomorrow"**, scheduled for March 31–April 1, 2026. This event will feature: Optional workshops (e.g. Entrepreneurship, AI etc); Interactive research zones (e.g., Health Pavilion, Technology Center); An industry collaboration zone designed to foster external engagement. Additionally, a keynote presentation, and panel discussion, as well as tours will take place. The showcase will be inspired by the 19th and 20th century world fairs—an immersive experience that celebrates innovation, interdisciplinary work, and public engagement. **Location:** The new iSTEM Building and the Student Center, Marietta Campus. We kindly ask that you encourage faculty members to submit proposals for interactive displays, or workshop sessions. Submissions may be made [through this form](#). **Deadline for submissions: October 1, 2025**



We are excited to share several new ways the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) is supporting VITAL (Part-Time and Limited Term) faculty this semester. Two highlights include:

- [VITAL Community of Practice](#) - a space to build community and to share best practices for documenting teaching and building teaching portfolios
- [VITAL Teaching Moments](#) - monthly, informal virtual meetings to discuss timely teaching-related topics

Both professional development opportunities provide part-time and limited-term faculty with opportunities to build community and to learn more about effective teaching practices. For a full overview of our offerings, please visit [CETL's website](#).

## GENERAL REMINDERS

For Full Time colleagues, as your work gets published, **please add each new publication to Watermark** so it can be counted towards your research productivity and departmental output.

Please send CFC agenda items to our CFC Interim Representative **Lee Jackson** (serving through December '25) and Faculty Senate items and queries to our Faculty Senator **Thierry Léger**. DFC agenda items should go to DFC Chair **Andrea Scapolo** or to any of the AY 2025/26 WLC DFC members.

For anyone administering Internships in WLC, **all RCHSS internships (course 3398) must be submitted through the Handshake system**. Our department consistently offers a substantial number of internships, and your work is central to that success. I truly appreciate your time and attention to this update as you support students in planning their semester.

In case of illness or emergencies that result in needing to **cancel class, faculty members should contact their Coordinator and copy Marsha, Federica, and Nina. The faculty member should also notify students via d2l and/or email**; if the faculty member is unable to do so, an email will be sent to students from the Department. In addition to reporting absences to their department, faculty members are required to report sick time in OneUSG Connect for any missed classes (unless they are engaging in other professional activities such as attending a conference) and contact HR if they cannot meet their professional obligations for more than five days (see KSU Faculty Handbook).

**Incompletes (I grades)** Radow College has an Incomplete Grade Agreement form that must be completed by the student and the instructor when a grade of I (incomplete) is awarded. The completed form must be submitted to the Department Chair/School Director. The form can be found at: [https://radow.kennesaw.edu/resources/docs/Incomplete\\_Grade\\_Agreement.pdf](https://radow.kennesaw.edu/resources/docs/Incomplete_Grade_Agreement.pdf)

For all faculty who anticipate applying for any **extramural funding** opportunities, please indicate so to the Office of Research by **completing an “Intent to Submit” form** at the link below. This is not a commitment to apply; submitting the form will get into the system. The Office of Research recommends submitting this form **no later than 30 days prior to a**

**submission deadline:** <https://www.kennesaw.edu/research/resources/sponsored-programs-administration/pre-award-submission-planning/communicate-intent-apply.php>

**Classrooms are now assigned directly by the system and Departments no longer have pre-assigned spaces.** Because of this, Marsha and Nina are unable to accommodate requests for different classrooms. We want to be mindful of different abilities and the Registrar's Office now has a special note to be added for these cases. Other than that, please do not send in requests for switching classrooms to Marsha or Nina as the Registrar's Office is no longer accepting these.

For all faculty, note that, due to increased requests for event promotions and a limited staff, the WLRC can create only 1 flyer design for each event. Also, a kind reminder that **the WLRC needs at least 5 business days to prepare flyers and advertise events** due to our student assistants' and staff tight schedules. Please keep this in mind when requesting outreach materials.