

Hand in Glove: *Reaching Through Teaching* and the Georgia Conference on College and University Teaching

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Thirteen years ago the first issue of *Reaching Through Teaching* was published by Kennesaw State's Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning. It was a twelve-page publication intended as a vehicle for Kennesaw State faculty to share teaching ideas with one another. Few off-campus colleagues ever saw a copy. Now professors from all over the University System of Georgia submit their teaching articles for dissemination throughout the state and, increasingly, the nation.

In the meantime, seven years ago, the Georgia Conference on College and University Teaching launched its inaugural meeting. It was enthusiastically supported by colleagues from all sectors of the University System from two-year institutions through research universities. Statewide cooperation has caused the conference to continue to grow in size and quality.

It seemed quite natural when, a few years ago, under the leadership of former CETL director, Dr. Lana Wachniak, *Reaching Through Teaching* began publishing articles based upon Teaching Conference presentations. This practice has become a symbiotic relationship that raises and broadens the influence of *Reaching Through Teaching* and at the same time promotes interest in the conference.

The tradition will continue when, on February 3-4, 2000, the seventh annual conference will meet. This year, for the first time, it will be held in Kennesaw State University's spacious new Continuing Education Center, just across I-75 from the main campus. Spacious

conference rooms, state-of-the-art technology and plenty of close, free parking will make this a much easier and pleasant event to attend. The spring issue of *Reaching through Teaching* is expected to reflect the excellence of the Conference.

To join us, make your reservations by calling KSU Continuing Education at 770-423-6765 or toll free 1-800-869-1151. We look forward to seeing you.

Reaching Through Teaching Welcomes New Staff

This year, Dr. Gail Walker, Associate Professor of English at Kennesaw State University, joins us as Assistant Editor. Gail arrived at Kennesaw in 1976 and has since taught a variety of English courses, including many, many writing courses. She brings precisely the kind of experience needed by this publication. We look forward to working with her.

We also welcome Ms. Brenda Curtis, our new Secretary to the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning. She is also a secretary in the Dean's Office of the Bagwell College of Education. Before coming to her present position, she was a secretary in KSU's Student Life Center. Brenda has extensive background in several word processing programs and in using PageMaker. She is a welcome addition to our staff.