Nichols awarded teaching fellowship

Alan Nichols, associate professor of philosophy at Georgia Highlands College, has been named a Governor's Teaching Fellow. Participants are chosen on the basis of teaching experience, interest in continuing their professional development and their ability to impact their college communities positively. He will travel to Athens for sessions May 13 to 17 and May 20 to 24.

The symposium includes a combination of instructional and faculty development activities and independent study. Nichols believes he will benefit from the fellowship in several ways. "The program provides me with an opportunity to interact with like-minded faculty from across the state, to discuss teaching methodologies both formally and informally, and to re-examine the teaching strategies I use in the classroom," he said.

The Governor's Teaching Fellow Program was established in 1995 by then Gov. Zell Miller, who served as governor of Georgia from 1991 to 1999, to provide expanded development and training opportunities for college-level faculty. The program is jointly sponsored by the Institute of Higher Education and the Center for Teaching and Learning at the University of Georgia. Nichols is the seventh GHC professor to receive the fellowship. This year's fellows comprise 13 faculty members from around the state of Georgia.