

LAKELANDS WEATHER

Today



Sunny
High: 63
Low: 38
Chance of precipitation: 0%

Thursday



Sunny
High: 68
Low: 38
Chance of precipitation: 0%

Friday



Sunny
High: 69
Low: 44
Chance of precipitation: 0%

Saturday



Sunny
High: 73
Low: 50
Chance of precipitation: 0%

Sunday



Sunny
High: 74
Low: 50
Chance of precipitation: 0%

Monday



Sunny
High: 71
Low: 48
Chance of precipitation: 0%

Lake levels (in feet)

Clarks Hill: 325.34
+/- full pool: -4.76
Greenwood: 438.37
+/- full pool: -1.63

Hartwell: 655.14
+/- full pool: -4.86
Keowee: 97.40
+/- full pool: -2.60

Marion: 75.06
+/- full pool: -1.74
Murray: 365.05
+/- full pool: -3.95

Russell: 473.53
+/- full pool: -1.47
Wateree: 96.49
+/- full pool: n/a

Lander students share undergrad research at SAMLA Conference

While Lander University encourages its students to travel far, sometimes educational opportunities are just a couple of hours away. This past weekend, students of the Department of Communication and Languages at Lander attended the South Atlantic Modern Language Association (SAMLA) annual conference to present their research.

The theme for this year's conference, which was hosted in Atlanta, was knowledge. The SAMLA conference focuses on exploration, transmission and production of knowledge in humanities through all mediums. Lander students presented papers on a wide variety of topics, from Shakespeare to monsters to science fiction.

These students, enrolled in Lander's "Research in English" courses, have worked all semester on their projects under the guidance of Dr. Rachel Scoggins, assistant professor of English at Lander. As a professor of courses in undergraduate research, Scoggins aims to help increase student participation in opportunities beyond the classroom, such as conferences like SAMLA.

According to Scoggins, experiences like these "help students to develop a community with one another and to grow and encourage learning in professional spaces. Between students and professors, these opportunities help to create a sense of belonging in a community of learners."

This sense of community is especially important since panelists presented on a wide variety of topics across literature and drama. Given the electric atmosphere after each presentation, the non-stop discussions and the interaction presenters received from their respective audiences, we would say that the benefits of attending such conferences, as mentioned above by Scoggins, were certainly achieved.

On a personal level, Scoggins said she hopes students have received invaluable practice in skills that are essential to the classroom and the workplace. Among these are, "A deeper understanding of research, audience preparation, public speaking and presentation skills, as well as confidence in themselves, their ideas, self-worth and work," said Scoggins.

Looking around at our fellow peers, we can see the growth of our classmates. From the trenches of the research phases to the nervousness of the first run-through to glowing with confidence and eloquence in their speech, we can confidently say Scoggins' students met those expectations. This confidence is not only due to the help from the department's faculty and staff, but also to the brilliance that each student displayed in their own niche research areas.

Among the student presenters at SAMLA this year were the authors of this column. Armani Canty presented "Demystifying Black Women's Stereotypes," and Autumn McDonald presented "The Evolution of Frankenstein's Monster."

Our panel also featured Savannah Butler, a junior chemistry major, and Isabelle Harmon, a junior English major. Butler's paper focused on the renowned Nosferatu and its impact on women in the modern age in her paper, "Nosferatu: The Monster that Never Dies." Meanwhile, Harmon weighed in on the prevalent themes of colonization in science fiction through her presentation titled "Invasion and Colonization in Science



Lander University students and faculty presented at the South Atlantic Modern Language Association annual conference, held Nov. 6-8 in Atlanta. Pictured, from left, are Dr. James Anderson, Dr. Sean Barnette, Jaina Ingram, Autumn McDonald, Alayna Butler, Armani Canty, Isabelle Harmon, Charles "Kikker" Eppey, Savannah Butler and Dr. Rachel Scoggins.

Fiction."

Additionally, the topics in the undergraduate Shakespeare panel featured students well-versed in all things about the famous English playwright. The works studied were from a wide range of plays, including "As You Like It" and "Hamlet."

Alayna Butler, an English, secondary education major from Hodges, connected "The Taming of the Shrew" to her learning experience as an education major at Lander. She focused on pedagogy and introduced new ways to teach Shakespeare to engage students, which she hopes to use in her own classroom one day.

Despite the vast range of topics, each student glowed on their panel, and left their audiences in clear awe.

All in all, we have never seen a group of students so proud of one another as we have on this trip. Each student was so intensely passionate about sharing their learning, and their hard work was reflected in their presentations this past weekend. Thanks to the support of the faculty and staff of Lander's Department of Communication and Languages, we hope to encourage more students to have their ideas heard from coast to coast.

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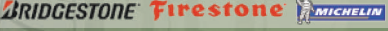


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