

GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY
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2024-2025 Annual Newsletter



About the Center

Inspired by the legacy of English Professor, Poet, and President Emerita, Sister Maria Cordis Richey, The Sister Maria Cordis Richey Center for the Humanities and Creative Arts at Georgian Court University (GCU) serves as a vibrant hub for the humanities and creative arts, elevating their profile throughout the university. It offers undergraduate students support and resources for research, creative projects, and experiential learning opportunities. Additionally, the Center coordinates support for faculty teaching and research, facilitating interdisciplinary collaboration within the humanities and creative arts, as well as with other disciplines.

The Center also engages audiences beyond the university with programming focused on the value of the humanities and creative arts in the 21st century. By doing so, it fosters dialogue across disciplines that enriches the entire community.

Greetings



Dr. Paul Cappucci “

Director of the Richey Center for the Humanities and Creative Arts

Thank you to everyone who supported the Richey Center during the past year. Your generosity enabled us to develop a year of invigorating programming. Whether it was art, history, music, or literature, these events had one thing in common—they brought people together on our historic campus. That's the legacy of the humanities at G.C.U. Thank you for making it possible!

Christine Stevenson “

Assistant Director of the Richey Center for Humanities and Creative Arts

I couldn't be happier about how much progress the Richey Center has made in the last year. The power of the humanities is clear and people are interested in this kind of programming for a reason. I look forward to seeing what creative initiatives will evolve in the future. Thank you to all who have supported us!

Highlights

The Richey Center hosted and co-sponsored **31 Events** during the Fall and Spring semesters that attracted over **380 people** to different venues on campus. Many of these events were interdepartmental collaborations featuring faculty across multiple disciplines.



2025 Event Spotlights



Gilded Age Experience

Featuring : Dr. Mary Chinery (English),
Dr. Joshua Burns (Integrative Health), Dr.
Michael Gross (Biology), and Judith Krall-Russo



A Tribute to Jessica Dragonette

Presented by: Belynnda King (Class of 2026)



Medical Humanities Forum

Featuring: Dr. Pamela Rader (English),
Dr. Joan Harvey (Nursing), Dr. Sachiko Komagata
(Integrative Health), and Dr. Paul Cappucci (English)

2025 Event Spotlights

A Johnny Cash Tribute: “The Man in Black”

Presented by: Dr. Michael Wortley
(Exercise Science), Dr. Joshua Burns
(Integrative Health), and Airi Burns



Dose of Poetry: Visiting Poet

Featuring GCU Alumna:
Alicia Cook

“We need to rejoice in accomplishment, because without it we might not have the strength for our wings to soar to the stars. We need to remember how much we can do, how much we have done...but we also need to remember that there is so much yet to do, so much yet undone. We need to aspire as well as to bless our past accomplishments. The world needs both our accomplishments and our aspirations. We need both wings.”

-Sister Maria Cordis Richey



Experience the legacy of the creative arts at GCU with the Sister Maria Cordis Richey Center YouTube Playlist!



Hear from legendary visiting poets like Marilyn Chin, Tracy K. Smith, Mark Doty, Allen Ginsberg, and Sister Maria Cordis herself!

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