



# TROY TODAY

*A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff*

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## *Ground broken for Bibb Graves renovation*

Troy University on Saturday officially broke ground on the first major renovation of historic Bibb Graves Hall in more than 30 years.

The renovation will add more than 40,000 square feet to the building. The expanded space will include additional classrooms with upgraded technology, computer labs, large, open student lounge areas and an auditorium with more than 250 seats.

The renovation will also include a new wing along the back of the building that will See **RENOVATION**, Page 3



Officially breaking ground on Troy University's renovation and addition to Bibb Graves Hall are (left to right) Alabama Development Office Director Neal Wade; Senior Vice Chancellor for Advancement and External Relations Dr. John Schmidt; Consul of Education Zhou Haibao, Confucius Institute; Sorrell College of Business Interim Dean Dr. Kaye Sheridan; Congressman Bobby Bright; Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr.; Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Dr. Ed Roach; Director and Consul of Education, Dr. Yan Guohua, Consulate General People's Republic of China (Houston, Texas); Troy University Board of Trustees member Charles Nailen; architect Walter McKee; and general contractor Clyde Bear.



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## *New program to aid faculty development*

Troy University has launched a new program to provide professional support and training for its faculty and has appointed a faculty member in the College of Education to direct the effort.

Called the Quality Enhancement Institute, the program will focus on supporting faculty and staff in continuous quality improvement of academic and administrative programs, according to Dr. John Dew, Associate Vice Chancellor of

Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness. Dr. Dew said Dr. Iris Saltiel, associate professor of education on the Phenix City Campus, will serve as the institute's first director.

"The Quality Enhancement Institute is expected to grow to provide a web site with information for faculty on enhancement of teaching methods in TROY's diverse course delivery modes," Dr. Dew said. "Over time, the QEI will expand to include

information on continuous quality improvement for administrative areas and educational support programs."

Dr. Saltiel believes the QEI will work because of its team-work-based approach.

"The QEI will be built on the notion of faculty helping faculty" Dr. Saltiel said. "I like the group process of collectively combining ideas and collaboratively ending up where none of

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## Best buy

GetEducated.com ranks online human services, psychology programs in top 10

Troy University's eCampus has been named a best buy in online education for bachelors degrees in psychology and human services by GetEducated.com, a consumer group that rates and ranks online colleges for cost and credibility.

eCampus was ranked in the Top 10 Best Buys in Online College Degrees for Human Services and Psychology professionals nationwide following a survey of 41 regionally-accredited colleges that offered some 84 online bachelor degrees related to the human service area such as political science, psychology and social science, according to the survey.

While eCampus provides a flexible

learning environment geared to meet the needs of adult learners, Dr. Deb Gearhart, eCampus director, attributed the value of the degree programs offered online to TROY's faculty and staff.

"What makes our online programs so successful is not only the affordability of the courses but the dedication to the students by the staff and faculty teaching the program," said Dr. Gearhart.

Other TROY distance learning business degree programs have made GetEducated's top ranked best-buy lists in the past, including the Top Ranked Best Buy Online MBA and Top 10 Most Affordable Online Bachelor's Degree.

"Troy University's eCampus is a

gem of affordability in these tough economic times," said GetEducated founder Vicky Phillips. "As a public, non-profit institution, TROY should be lauded for its efforts to offer affordable and accessible higher education to Americans nationwide. Often, to receive low tuition at a public university, students must live in-state. TROY offers one low, flat rate for all online learners, regardless of their state of residency, making it a tremendous value for online students living in other states."

The cost for obtaining an online political science, psychology or social science bachelors degree from TROY is about \$17,000 less than the national average, according to Phillips' survey.

### Memorial service for Dr. Hines set for Oct. 5

A memorial service for Dr. Don C. Hines will be held Oct. 5 at 5 p.m. in the Claudia Crosby Theater on the Troy Campus.

Dr. Hines, who had served as the dean of the Sorrell College of Business, passed away at his home on Aug. 26 after a battle with cancer.

The Ripley, Miss. native was appointed dean in 2007, a post he had vacated in 1994 to become president of the University of West Alabama. Dr. Hines was instrumental in starting a rodeo team at both The University of West Alabama (Don C. Hines Rodeo Complex) and Troy University.

The family has requested in lieu of flowers that donations be made to the Don C. Hines College of Business Scholarship Fund. Donations can be mailed to the Troy University Foundation, 1120 US Highway 231, Troy, AL 36082.

### Sheridan named interim dean of Sorrell College of Business

Dr. Kaye Sheridan, director of the School of Accountancy at Troy University since July 2007, has been named interim dean of the Sorrell College of Business.

Dr. Ed Roach, executive vice chancellor and provost, made the

announcement to fill the position left by the death of Dean Don Hines in late August.



Dr. Sheridan

Troy University, and I have full confidence that in her new role, she will continue the excellence which is synonymous with the Sorrell College of Business," Dr. Roach said.

Dr. Sheridan served as head of the

Departments of Accounting and Finance at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga from January 2003 until July 2007. Prior to entering a career in higher education, she practiced accounting for 15 years.

Dr. Sheridan completed the Doctor of Business Administration degree in Accounting at Mississippi State University in 1998. She earned a Master of Tax Accounting degree from the University of Alabama in 1989 and a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Auburn University in 1983.

She has taught at Troy University, the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Mississippi State University, LaGrange College and Mobile University.

For the past 10 years, she has co-authored the "Current Rulings and Cases" chapter in *The National Income Tax Workbook*, which is used by more than 30,000 tax practitioners each year.

## Wiesman named director of Interpreter Training program

Troy University officials have announced the appointment of a director for its new Interpreter Training Program.

A veteran of the sign language interpreting field, Lynne Wiesman has joined the College of Education's faculty as program director. She is the founder of Signs of Development, a professional development organization that provides distance mentoring, workshops and training on all aspects of interpreting.

"In these extremely challenging economic times, sign language interpreting has proven to be a relatively recession-proof industry as interpreters are in increasing demand in business, education, legal, medical and mental health

settings," Wiesman said. "Troy University has answered the call to meet the increasing demands by implementing a bachelors of science in interpreting to educate students in a very challenging yet very rewarding field."



Wiesman

After earning an associates degree from Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf in Big Spring, Texas, Wiesman earned both a bachelors degree in organizational leadership and a master of business administration degree from Maryville University. She is currently pursuing a

doctorate in training and performance improvement. She holds certifications from the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf and holds Court Interpreter Certification from the State of Texas.

She has been central in the effort to develop and administer certification processes for community and educational interpreters, and in developing sustainable mentoring programs in the United States.

"Troy University is pleased to attract an interpreting educator who is nationally and internationally recognized as a leading authority in the field," said Dr. Lance Tatum, dean of the College of Education. "Her experience spans many aspects of the profession."

## Renovation

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house the University's Center for International Business and Economic Development (CIBED) and the Confucius Institute.

TROY Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. called Bibb Graves Hall TROY's signature building and one of the University's most enduring symbols.

"Bibb Graves Hall is symbolic of our vision for Troy University—a reverence for our rich history even during an era of change," Dr. Hawkins said. "Bibb Graves Hall is a place where the traditional and the transformational will intersect. It will house our College of Business, which has produced outstanding graduates for more than 50 years. It will also house two of our more innovative initiatives, the Confucius Institute and the CIBED."

The renovation was funded in part by \$8 million in bond money secured by Gov. Bob Riley, Dr. Hawkins said. He also thanked the numerous private donors who con-

tributed to the project.

The ceremony included remarks from Neal Wade, Director of the Alabama Development Office, who said the CIBED would make important contributions to economic development in Alabama.

"I think this center is going to do a great job of introducing Alabama's economy to countries we need to do business in," Wade said. "It will also lead the way in training the next generation of economic developers for this state."

Dr. Yan Guohua, Director and Consul of Education at the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Houston, Texas, said TROY's Confucius Institute—the only one in Alabama—will provide new opportunities to study Chinese language and Culture.

Also speaking at the event were Dr. John Schmidt, Senior Vice Chancellor for Advancement and External Relations, and Kaye Sheridan, interim dean of the Sorrell College of Business.

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us would have been had we worked alone."

Dr. Saltiel will work with Dr. Mac Adkins, staff member for Institutional Research, Planning, and Effectiveness, to develop a survey for faculty to provide their perspective about their developmental needs.

Dr. Lance Tatum, Dean of the College of Education, praised Dr. Saltiel for taking on this new duty.

"The faculty and staff of the College of Education is proud of Dr. Saltiel's involvement in the Quality Enhancement Institute and I am sure she will do an outstanding job," Dr. Tatum said. "It's appropriate that someone who has devoted her career to training teachers would be called upon to lead this initiative."

Dr. Saltiel, who lives in Midland, GA, joined the Troy University faculty in 1998. She holds the Doctorate in Education, Administration and Supervision from Fordham University and a master of adult education from Rutgers University.

## 'TROY for Troops' coins begin to reach military personnel

The first "TROY for Troops" commemorative coins are making their way into the hands of members of the country's armed forces.

To date, nearly 50 coins, the newest venture in the University's ongoing "TROY for Troops" campaign, have been sent to members of the military serving in harm's way, according to Barbara Patterson, director of student involvement.

The commemorative coin, which is being sold by the Student Government Association, was developed by Brian Embry, a former SGA senator and an Iraqi war veteran. Profits from the sale of the coins are used to buy and ship coins to service men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, Patterson said. And, the coins are beginning to have an impact.



In an email sent to Chancellor

and Mrs. Jack Hawkins, Jr., CW 2 Eusebio Torres, a UH-60L, Black Hawk Pilot with the 82nd Airborne Division in Afghanistan, expressed his appreciation for the University's support.

"It was a big surprise to receive the coin and letter," he said. "Every letter and every package we receive out here means so much. The troops here, to include myself, get very homesick. When mail comes in, troops smile from ear to ear. It's a constant reminder that the support from home is always there. So, on behalf of myself, my wife Alexis Torres, and the United States Army, thank you for all of your support."

Orders for the coin, which features the University's "TROY for Troops" logo on the front and a Troy University logo on the back, are now being taken. Cost of the coin is \$10 plus \$3 shipping and handling.

To order the limited-supply coin, send a check made payable to the Troy University SGA along with a completed order form available at the "TROY for Troops" link at [www.troy.edu](http://www.troy.edu) to Trojan Center 215, Troy, AL 36082. Donations to assist in the "TROY for Troops" program are also being accepted.



**Chancellor honored for 20 years of service** – Dr. Doug Hawkins, president pro-tem of the Troy University Board of Trustees, presents a 20-year service pin to Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr., during a ceremony at the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on the Troy Campus on Monday. Dr. Doug Hawkins credited the Chancellor, who took over the head post at TROY in 1989, with helping to take the "bushel off of the light" of Troy University. "Today the light of Troy University shines brightly world wide," Doug Hawkins said. "So many of the key successes of this University have been brought about by this administration, and we are grateful for the vision and leadership Chancellor Hawkins has provided over the past 20 years."

## Vickrey participates in mock state constitutional convention

Dr. Jim Vickrey, professor of speech communication on the Montgomery Campus, is one of the signatories on the new Alabama Constitution of 2009, unveiled on Aug. 27 in Constitution Village, Huntsville, where the State's first constitution was written and made public in 1819.

Dr. Vickrey played four roles in "Mock Convention" to produce the final document. He served as one of 105 selected delegates who came together to debate reform of the 1901 Constitution. He also served as chair-

man of Work Group 1, responsible for producing a first draft of revisions in the Preamble, Article 1 (Alabama's Bill of Rights), and Article 2 (the Distribution of Power) and as a member of the Steering Committee that developed procedures and related rules for the Mock Convention.

Dr. Vickrey was also appointed to the Board of Directors of the Alabama Citizens for Constitutional Reform (ACCR) Foundation, the educational and fund-raising body for the project.

# McKinley Awards

Margaret Paradiso, Anna Gooden take honors for August, September

**M**argaret Paradiso, evaluator in undergraduate student services at TROY's Augusta, GA Site, and Anna Gooden, a helpdesk technician in the University's Broadcast and Digital Network Department, received the Vergil Parks McKinley Award for August and September respectively.

Paradiso, who has been a member of the Troy University staff since 2003, received the award during a ceremony on Sept. 9. Troy Campus. Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., Chancellor, presented the award to Paradiso, who was nominated by DaOsha Pack, site coordinator for undergraduate student services.

Gooden, a full-time member of the Troy University staff since 2006, received the award during a ceremony on Monday from Dr. Hawkins. Gooden was nominated by John Brunson, chief engineer and coordinator of videoconferencing.

The McKinley Award is the highest honor that Troy University gives to a non-faculty staff member. It is presented monthly to an employee who has demonstrated outstanding attitude, innovation and work ethic. The award was established by former Texaco CEO John McKinley in honor of his father, Vergil Parks McKinley, who was a Troy University professor during the early 20th century and was key to the development of the University's athletic program. Winners of this award receive an engraved clock and a \$350 stipend.

In a letter of nomination, Pack praised Paradiso for the passion she has for her job.



**Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr., presents the University's Vergil Parks McKinley Award for August to Margaret Paradiso during a ceremony in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on the Troy Campus on Sept. 9. Paradiso, who serves as an evaluator for undergraduate student services at the University's Augusta Site, was nominated by DaOsha Pack, site coordinator for undergraduate student services.**

"She always goes above and beyond the call of duty; many times working late to make sure a task is completed or to help a student who is unable to get here during office hours," Pack said. "She is also an adjunct history instructor and the students absolutely love her. She is trustworthy and a joy to be around. She is essential to this department, and I think the McKinley Award is a great way to reinforce how much she and her efforts truly are appreciated."

Paradiso said she was honored to receive the award.

"This award is very special to me and I am honored to receive it," Paradiso said. "I couldn't have achieved this without the people I work with."

Brunson labeled Gooden as an "indispensable" employee.

"Anna consistently supports videoconferencing at both an administrative and technical level University wide," Brunson said. "Her skillful efforts favorably represent Troy University globally. She executes her responsibilities with excellence and professionalism."

Gooden said she was honored to receive the award.

"I am very surprised to receive this award," Gooden said. "I don't really feel like I do anything other than what my job requires, but I am very appreciative of this honor."



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## Activities & achievements

**Dr. Kathleen Touchstone**, assistant professor of economics at the Montgomery Campus, has had her paper, "Reproductivity, Capital Theory, and Objectivist Ethics," accepted for publication in "Humanomics: The International Journal of Systems and Ethics," Volume 26, Number 4, 2010.

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**Dr. William Heisler**, professor of human resource management in the Atlantic Region, organized and chaired a professional development workshop on "Enhancing Student Learning through Service-Learning Opportunities" at the Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management.

Dr. Heisler also served as session chair for a refereed paper session on "Organization and Management Learning: Applications of Theories." The meeting was held Aug. 8-11 in Chicago.

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**Dr. Emrah Orhun**, professor of computer science at the Montgomery Campus presented a paper entitled "Ambient Computing Education" at the Colloquium on International Engineering Education held at San Diego State University, CA, on May 20.

Dr. Orhun presented a paper entitled "The American Perspective on m-learning" at the m-Government 2009 Conference held in Ankara, Turkey, May 28-29.

He also had a project report entitled "International Cooperation in Ambient Computing Education" published in the July 2009 issue of e-Learning and Education (eleed) Journal.

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**Dr. Xutong Niu**, assistant professor of geomatics in the Department of Math, Physics, Computer Science and Geomatics on the Troy Campus, recently had his article, "Impact of Imaging Geometry on 3D Geopositioning Accuracy of Stereo Ikonos Imagery," published in Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote Sensing (September, 2009), the flagship publication of the American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing.

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**Dr. Hui-Ting Yang**, lecturer in the John M. Long School of Music, has been invited by the Czech-American Summer Music Institute to tour the Czech Republic in the summer of 2010.

Dr. Yang will be performing several piano concerts including a prestigious music festival in Cesky Krumlov and a concert at the Antonin Dvorak Museum in Prague. Dr. Yang will be performing piano repertoire of Ravel, Liszt, Dvorak, Barber and Kubik.

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**Faculty present paper in Greece** – Drs. Andrew Cox, Kathryn Ness and Robert Carlson of the Department of Counseling and Psychology Department at Troy University's Phenix City Campus presented a professional paper entitled "Utilizing Outcome Assessment in the Management of Depression in the Workplace" at the 2009 World Congress of the World Federation for Mental Health held in Athens, Greece, on Sept. 5. Mental health professionals from around the globe attended this meeting.

A paper by **Dr. Dennis Self** and **Dr. Mike Schraeder**, of the Sorrell College of Business on the Montgomery Campus, titled, "Potential Benefits of Engaging Primary Stakeholders in Developing a Vision," has been accepted for publication in a future issue of Strategic Direction.

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**Dr. Vitaly Voloshin**, professor of mathematics, recently presented his two textbooks *Introduction to Graph Theory* and *Introduction to Graph and Hypergraph Theory* at the research seminar of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at Auburn University.

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**Dr. Connie Collins**, adjunct instructor at Troy University's Orlando Site and principal of Crooms Academy of Information Technology (AoIT) in Sanford, FL, has been named the Florida Association of Secondary School Principals (FASSP) "Principal of the Year."

Representing the State of Florida, Dr. Collins will now compete at the national level for the Met Life/NASSP National Principal of the Year 2010 for High School. This award program annually recognizes outstanding school leaders who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students.

Dr. Collins is an instructor for TROY's Master of Science in Education program at the Orlando Site.

## 'Fall Friendraiser'

Troy University Public Radio seeks listener support during Oct. 2-9 fundraising effort

Troy University Public Radio's "Fall Friendraiser" is being conducted Oct. 2-9 to help support the programming offered by the network.

"The Fall Friendraiser event is held to gain new friends of public radio and acknowledge their tax-deductible financial support," said Buddy Johnson, director of the University's Radio and Television Department. "As a commercial-free, nonprofit radio network, Troy University Public Radio depends on contributions from listeners, businesses and organizational friends to meet the cost of purchasing the radio programs carried on its twenty-four-hour schedule. Guests from communities across the coverage area will be on the air in the Troy and Montgomery studios, to recruit new members and build financial support."

The network offers world, national and regional news, arts and cultural programming on 89.9 FM Montgomery/Troy, 88.7 FM Dothan, 91.7 FM Columbus/Phenix City and HD Channel 1. Hybrid Digital service, available free to listeners with HD radios, also

includes HD Channel 2 Classical Music 24 and HD Channel 3 BBC World News. All of the Troy University Public Radio stations and HD channels offer listeners a commercial-free radio experience.

This year, a "Symphony Salute" during Friendraiser Week will bring the music of several outstanding symphony orchestras to the airwaves – the Columbus Symphony, the Mobile Symphony and the Tallahassee Symphony. Symphony CDs will be available as pledge premiums for listeners, along with CDs from Hotlanta Dixieland Jazz, international pianists Seymour Lipkin and Ivan Ilic and flutist Linda Chatterton.

Listeners can contribute to Troy University Public Radio by calling 1-800-800-6616 or visit the website at [www.troy.edu](http://www.troy.edu) and use "Quick Links" to select "Public Radio." All contributions are tax deductible. Contributions may also be sent by mail at Troy University Public Radio, Wallace Hall, Troy University, Troy, Alabama 36082.



**Reward Callers** – Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr., congratulates winners of the Reward Caller Awards for August (above) and September (left). August winners, from left to right, are: Randy Williams of Auxiliary Services; Rhonda Taylor of the School of Music; Connie Stephens of student services on the Phenix City Campus; and Michael Slay of financial aid. September winners, from left to right, are: Paula Carpenter of eCampus and Meredith Welch of Development. September winners not pictured are Buffie Edwards of Student Support Services and Liz Cartwright of Student Services in the Western Region.

### *Fundraising seminar set for Sept. 30 at Dothan Campus*

The Continuing Education Center at Troy University's Dothan Campus will host a seminar on fundraising for non-profit organizations on Sept. 30.

The seminar will help professionals, staff and volunteers at non-profits improve their fundraising efforts through the use of marketing strategies, community events and direct mail. Participants will learn how to boost their organizations' income and community awareness by learning about raising money from individuals, foundations and corporations.

The seminar will be conducted by Cynthia Green, development officer for the Wiregrass Rehabilitation Center, Inc. It will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

To register, call (334) 983-0005.

# Homecoming 2009

'Dreams of the Past, Visions of the Future' theme for Oct. 24 celebration

Troy University will celebrate its Homecoming on Oct. 24 under the theme "Dreams of the Past, Visions of the Future...A Legacy of Champions."

This year's Homecoming celebration comes as the University marks 100 years of football, which adds even more excitement to the event, said Faith Ward, director of alumni affairs.

"Homecoming is always a special time for Troy University, but this year's activities take on even greater meaning as we celebrate 100 years of football," Ward said. "We hope that our alumni and friends will take this opportunity to return to campus, enjoy the Homecoming activities and reflect on the storied tradition of Trojan football."

Activities will get under way on Oct. 24 at 10 a.m. with the annual Homecoming parade in downtown Troy. The annual parade, hosted by the Pike County Chamber of Commerce, is currently seeking entries.

"We expect a great turnout this year with a variety of entries," said Jenniffer Barner, Chamber president. "Businesses, school and civic organizations are encouraged to participate in this year's parade."

Groups interested in participating in the parade must fill out an application, Barner said. Applications can be picked up at the Pike County Chamber of



The Sound of the South marching band performs during the 2008 Homecoming Parade. TROY's 2009 Homecoming celebration is set for Oct. 24.

Commerce (located ¼ mile south of the Lowe's on Highway 231 South). The deadline for entries is October 2, 2009. For more information, contact the Chamber at 566-2294.

Following the parade, various tailgating activities will begin at 11 a.m. The Clipson Reunion and alumni chapters will hold tailgating activities on the grounds of the Alumni House, located at the corner of George Wallace Drive and Highland Avenue.

"Trojan Walk" is scheduled for 12:15 p.m., beginning on University Avenue

in front of Trojan Arena and winding through Tailgate Terrace to Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium.

Homecoming pre-game festivities will get under way at 2 p.m. in the stadium and kickoff for the Homecoming game against North Texas is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Halftime activities will include the crowning of the Homecoming Queen and King, the presentation of the 2009 Alumni of the Year awards and performances by the Alumni Band and TROY's "Sound of the South" marching band.

## Artwork exploring African-American culture comes to Rosa Parks Museum

Troy University's Rosa Parks Museum is hosting an exhibit of work by artist Alfred Conteh through Nov. 20.

Working in a variety of mediums including oil on canvas and wood, mixed media assemblages and metal sculpture, Conteh's art explores the history and images of African-American culture in the south. Themes in Conteh's work include the Civil War, slavery and rural landscapes.

Conteh describes his art as an appeal to the viewer's emotions.

"I pose societal questions to the viewer and rely on them to formulate their own opinion and answers about the work," Conteh said. "When I am asked for my interpretation of a piece, I tell them that their perspective is just as valid as mine."

Conteh currently maintains a private studio/gallery in Jonesboro, Ga. He is a

native of Warner Robins, Ga., where he graduated from Peach County High School in 1993.

He earned a Bachelors of Fine Arts from Hampton University in 1997.

The exhibit hall at the Rosa Parks Museum is free and open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday

For more information about the exhibit, call (334) 241-8701.