Dear STEM Colleagues:

It is time to make plans to join the Fourth Annual UGA STEM Institute on Teaching and Learning. The event will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at the Classic Center in Athens. As is customary for this event, stimulating conversations, interesting presentations, and valuable networking opportunities are combined with good food! Below are the important details.

This one-day institute will cover a range of topics related to STEM education. This year, presentations align with the theme of Student Success in STEM – We’re All in It Together! and cover a variety of topics of interest to those who support students in STEM fields of study.

We are very pleased to open the day with a slate of exceptional speakers who will share STEM perspectives from three viewpoints – national, state, and local. They include:

- **Lee Zia** – Deputy Division Director, National Science Foundation
- **Sheila Jones** – Sr. Executive Director for Policy and Innovation, University System of Georgia
- **Philip Lanoue** – Superintendent, Clarke County School District
- **Gwynne Darden** – Assistant Vice President for Facilities Planning, University of Georgia

There will be two additional sessions in the afternoon, each with three presentations, for a total of six opportunities to choose from. The day will wrap up with a group activity designed to tap the expertise of our participants as well as highlight important information learned during the Institute.

The conference is FREE, but pre-registration is required. Please use the registration form to get your name on our list. On the day of the Institute, the registration table will be open at 8:00 accompanied by a continental breakfast. The Institute will begin at 9:00 a.m. and run until 3:15 p.m. with a lunch provided. Individual sessions will be announced on our Office of STEM Education website in a couple of weeks (www.ose.edu). **Deadline for registration is March 20.**

If you have colleagues involved with STEM education, please do share this opportunity with them. We are distributing information via several lists but may not reach all interested individuals. Participation by college faculty, graduate students, postdocs, P-16 teachers, and others involved in STEM education is encouraged.

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Thank you,

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The Office of STEM Education