

### Novelist Melanie Sumner to speak on Monday, November 13



Melanie Sumner

Novelist Melanie Sumner will deliver a reading and will talk about the art of writing fiction on Monday, November 13, at 7:30 p.m. as the final Fine Arts and Lecture Series event for fall.

Author of *The School of Beauty and Charm* and *Polite Society*, Sumner is a native of Rome, Georgia, and teaches fiction writing at Shorter and Berry Colleges.

Her short stories have appeared in *The New Yorker* and *DoubleTake* and several have been anthologized in *New Stories from the South* and *Best of the South*. She was recently named a regional winner in Granta's Best Young American Novelists competition.

### American Chestnut dedicated in honor of Mary Belle Price



On October 30, Marshal Case, President and CEO of The American Chestnut Foundation (TACF), presented native Daltonian Mary Belle Price with a plaque honoring her for her commitment to the Foundation and to the mission of reforestation of the American Chestnut tree. During the ceremony, Price was nominated as an Honorary Director for the Foundation, a position also held by President Jimmy Carter.



American Chestnut



### November Birthdays

- 2 Sylvia King
- 3 Scott Bailey  
Cathy Jackson  
Lana Sweenie
- 4 Jack Reynolds
- 5 Scottie Martin  
Max Pierce  
Catherine Smart
- 10 Don Davis  
Michael Jordan  
Joe Keener
- 11 Mike D'Itri
- 12 Melody Chakales  
Teresa James
- 13 Lydia Postell
- 14 Dianne Cox  
Robin Roe
- 17 Terri Myers  
Deby West
- 18 Kathy Carroll
- 19 David Cochran
- 20 Janeen Harper
- 22 Alan Gayton  
Mary Hood
- 24 Phyllis Conn
- 25 Carol Burton
- 26 Pam Partain
- 27 John Lughart
- 28 James Adams
- 29 Judy Black
- 30 Sherry Breitweiser



### Birthday Spotlight

**Michael Jordan**

Associate Professor of Drafting

#### What do you like best about your job?

Seeing new students go through the program and then find a job that they like to do. As students, I have had parents and their

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### Campus Watch

**Dr. Robin Cleeland**, LCSW, Assistant Professor of Social Work, presented a paper entitled "Understanding Disparities in Health Care: Non Medical Factors Influencing Physicians' Clinical Decision-Making for the Uninsured" at the Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors Annual Conference held in Los Angeles on October 27. Dr. Cleeland also presented at the Georgia Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers Annual Conference in Peachtree City on October 20. Her presentation was entitled: "How Doctors Decide: What Every Social Worker Should Know."



Cleeland

**Dr. Christy Price**, Associate Professor of Psychology, presented "Signs of Life in the Classroom: Teaching Techniques that Motivate" at the North Georgia College and State University Faculty Retreat on September 23. She also was a presenter at the Best Practices in Teaching Across the Psychology Curriculum Conference in Atlanta on October 14 where she talked about having "A Seat at the Table for Everyone: Exercises in Valuing Diversity." And she presented "Rules of Engagement: Involving Students in the Learning Process" at the Middle Georgia College and State University Faculty Retreat in Milledgeville on October 27.



Price

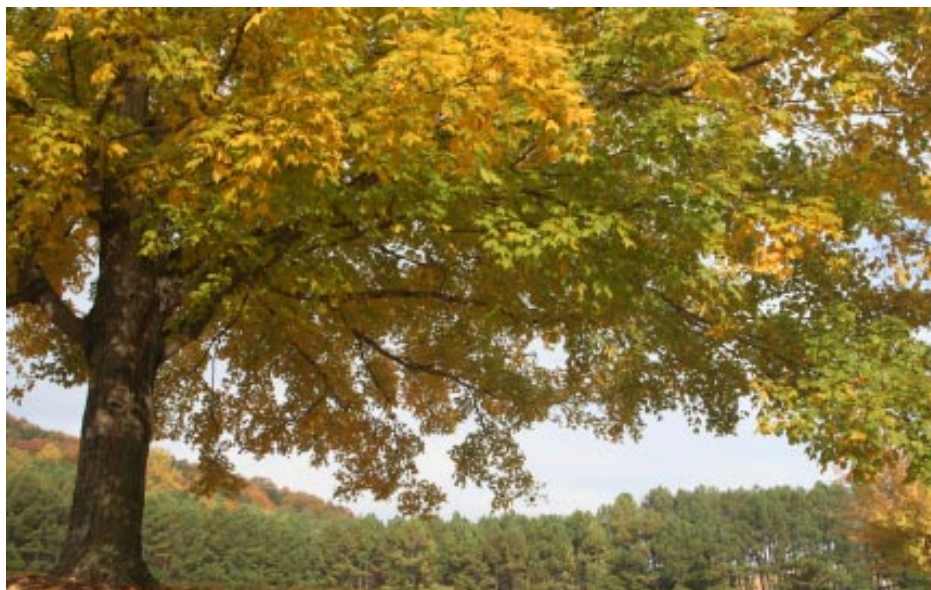
**Dr. Jack Waskey**, Associate Professor of Social Science, recently had the following entries published in the *Encyclopedia of the American Revolutionary War*: "Currency Act (1764)" and "East India Company." He has also had several entries published in the new *Encyclopedia of Chinese-American Relations*. Those include: "American China Policy Association," "Anglo-American Mission to China (1943)," "Xianguang Dong (1887-1971)," "General Conference of Protestant Missionaries," "Ghanhua Qiao (1913-1983)," "Trade Act of 1974," "Trade Act of 1988," and "Gongchao Ye (1904-1981)."



Waskey

### The Monthly Tattler

In lieu of reading *The Monthly Tattler*, Dr. Burran asks that you take a few moments to go out and enjoy the beauty of the campus. *The Monthly Tattler* will return in December.



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### Transitions

Welcome to:

Manuel Morgan  
Plant Operations

A Fond Farewell to:

Amanda Bennett  
Academic Advising  
Center

Andrea Everett  
Continuing Education

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*Simply . . .*



*beautiful.*

**Michael Jordan**  
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children, from PhDs to people who don't even have a GED.

**What may people on campus not know about you?**

This has been my first and only teaching position. I graduated May 8 of 1978 and started work here on June 1, 1978.

**What are your hobbies?**

Photography and motorcycle riding. And I'm the President of the Dalton High School Band Club.

**What is your favorite local dining spot?**

Chef Lin.

**Whom do you call family?**

My wife Amanda, and children Robert, Tim, and Katie, plus my mother and sister, who live in Lexington, Kentucky.

**Favorite vacation and why?**

Going to Mammoth Cave. Our family went there when I was kid, and I later took my wife and then my children.

**Most embarrassing moment?**

Walking with a pan full of oil I had just drained from my car when I stepped on the wet grass. I fell flat on my back and the oil covered me. After sitting on my back for a moment I hopped up, and as soon as I did, I hit the now oily grass and went flat on my back for the second time. I did not make that mistake again; I

crawled to the driveway before I tried to stand again.

**If you were stranded on a desert island, and could take only one item, what would it be?** The Bible.

**What words of wisdom would you give to students these days?**  
"Can't never did anything!"

**Favorite movie of all times?**  
*The Hunt for Red October.*

**If you were not working here, what would you be doing?**  
Something with computers.

**What will you do when you retire?**  
I will ride my bike into the sunset.