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### **TWO GTCC ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS SELECTED FOR NATIONAL WORKSHOP**

JAMESTOWN – Melissa Maley of High Point and Amanda Rivers of Climax, both associate professors at Guilford Technical Community College, will participate in a National Endowment for the Humanities workshop May 17-22 in Fremont, OH.

Both were selected to attend a workshop on “Progress and Poverty: The Gilded Age in American Politics and Literature, 1877-1901.” The workshop, which will be directed by Steven L. Culbertson, will be held at the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center.

Maley teaches religion and Rivers teaches English.

This marks the second time that Maley and Rivers have participated in a National Endowment workshop. Last summer, they went to Concord, MA, for a study that focused on Transcendentalism and its impact on America in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, Rivers said.

“Last year was just amazing,” Maley said. “We learned so much about Transcendentalists like Emerson, Thoreau and Fueller and were able to actually visit their homes, Walden Pond, and the sites of some of the Utopian societies of that period,” Maley said.

Maley and Rivers are among 300 teachers selected to participate in six Landmarks of American History and Culture workshops this summer. Other workshops subjects are Transcendentalism in Concord, MA; John Adams in Boston and Braintree; the role of the American Lyceum in public culture; the Civil Rights Movement; and Cleveland’s place in American migration history.

All participants will receive a stipend to help cover their travel, study and living expenses.

Maley, a graduate of San Ramon Valley High School in Danville, CA, has a degree in religious studies from San Diego State University and a master’s degree in religion and society from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA.

Rivers graduated from Southeast Guilford High School, Greensboro; and from Appalachian State University where she earned undergraduate and master’s degrees in English.

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