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### **GTCC'S CAROL SCHMID TO ATTEND SEMINAR IN JORDAN UNDER FULBRIGHT-HAYS GRANT**

JAMESTOWN – Dr. Carol Schmid, a sociology professor at Guilford Technical Community College, is among 14 participants selected to attend a Fulbright-Hays Seminar in Jordan and Oman for more than a month this summer.

Schmid said she has been given permission to join the seminar a few days late because she is scheduled to speak during an international conference in Lausanne, Switzerland, which is being held June 18-20 at the University of Lausanne.

She will speak at the conference, which was organized by the Study Network on Higher Education in partnership with the university, on "Inequalities in Higher Education: Access and Success of Community College Students in the US."

She will join the seminar group in Muscat, Oman, and will return to the United States on July 27.

The Fulbright-Hays seminar provides an opportunity to do a case study of this diverse region, she said. A Fulbright-Hays grant provides most of the funding for the trip, Schmid said.

Participants are postsecondary educators, administrators and media resource specialists who have responsibility for curriculum and instruction in social sciences, humanities, foreign languages and area studies.

The mission is designed to provide greater understanding of a place and its people.

Each participant will spend at least one day with a family to learn first-hand about aspects of everyday life and culture and exchange cultural views and experiences. They also will attend social and professional events that enable interaction with Jordanian and Omani colleagues.

Schmid also participated in a conference last summer at Ben Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheeba, Israel. She presented a paper at that conference, speaking on "Higher Education and Equality of Opportunity: Cross National Perspectives." That conference featured academics and researchers in higher education from 20 countries.

Schmid not only has degrees in sociology but also is a licensed attorney.

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