Outstanding Early Career Faculty Awards – Dr. Heidi Scherer (Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice)

The recipient of this award has presented documented strength in all areas and clearly integrates teaching, research and service. During their tenure at Kennesaw State University, they have actively engaged in high-impact practices such as student internships and extensive undergraduate research.

The recipient, Dr. Heidi Scherer, has initiated experiences that involve collaboration on research projects with undergraduate students in many significant forums. She has worked actively to engage in innovative, instructional techniques and technologies that are incorporated in her courses, most notably, successful integration of online teaching of several courses. She has actively participated in many peer-reviewed journal articles that are published or in press, as well as four published book chapters in edited volumes. Dr. Scherer has published research that examines victimization among other at-risk populations and is passionate and successful in raising awareness of this underserved group. Within her department, she has provided significant service related to the assessment of the undergraduate criminal justice program and department. She has also provided significant service to her department during the SACS five-year retrospective report. Dr. Scherer was responsible for analyzing and presenting longitudinal evidence of program quality and achievements in meeting student-learning outcomes.