

**Charles Hudson & Joyce Rockwood Hudson Indigenous Georgia
Classroom Grant**

One \$500 grant will be awarded annually to an educator of any grade level (elementary, middle, and high school) who seeks support in exploring and teaching about the diverse, evolving, and enduring histories and cultures of the people who lived in Georgia before 1492 and their descendants in Creek, Cherokee, and Seminole tribes.

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Charles M. Hudson, Jr.

Charles Hudson (1932–2013) was Professor emeritus of Anthropology and History at the University of Georgia. Born and raised on a farm in Kentucky, he found his life's purpose in Anthropology and became the foremost scholar of the Indigenous Southeast. He wrote 16 books, notably the landmark *The Southeastern Indians* (1976), and *Black Drink*, the real story about yaupon holly tea. He initiated a collaboration with students using early documents and archaeology to create a political map of the Southeast in the sixteenth century, culminating in *Knights of Spain, Warriors of the Sun: Hernando de Soto and the South's Ancient Chiefdoms*. Charlie taught at UGA for 35 years. He inspired, energized, and opened up new worlds for students. His Introduction to Anthropology course was visionary, and whatever your major, you admired him and wanted another class from him.

Joyce Rockwood Hudson

Joyce Rockwood Hudson was born in 1947 and began life in the Chicago area. In 1952 her family moved to South Georgia. She enrolled at the University of Georgia in 1965. In 1968, Joyce married Charles Hudson, and in 1969 graduated cum laude, majoring in Anthropology. She is a prolific writer, and has created prize-winning novels about Native Americans in the Southeast: *Long Man's Song*, *To Spoil the Sun*, and *Apalachee*, a ground-breaking tale about Hinachuba Lucia, a Native American wise woman caught in the rapidly changing world of the early colonial times. She wrote *Looking for de Soto*, (informally, "Travels with Charley") about their road trip following the 1540–1542 route the Spanish explorer took through the South. Currently, Joyce is on the faculty of the Haden Institute where she teaches in the Dream Leader Training Program.



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Jackie Saindon

Jackie Saindon grew up in New York City, and completed her MA in Anthropology at Hunter College. She moved to Athens in 1979 and earned an Ed. D. in Adult Education at UGA. Her interests are in Anthropology, studying past people through time and over space. She became interested in Georgia prehistory and the Indigenous peoples of Georgia. She published papers and a handbook on teaching archaeology in the K-12 setting and taught summer workshops for teachers. She served for eight years on the Clarke County School District Board of Education. She teaches a literacy class, “Everyday Readers”, at the Athens-Clarke County Library for adults who never learned to read or want to improve their reading.

Steve Kowalewski

Like Popeye, Steve Kowalewski was born at a very young age. Nothing has changed. He mostly disliked school authority, the system, but went anyway because that’s where the other kids were. He came to Athens in 1978 to be a researcher and teacher of Archaeology and Anthropology at UGA, and felt pretty much the same about that system. He has done field work in Georgia, the Southwest, and especially Oaxaca, Mexico. For him, the greatest reward has been to be part of discovering things we didn’t know but other people had known a long time ago. Pass it on.