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Pictured above is Professor Jeff Wallace

Southern State Community College Professor Jeff Wallace has been invited to present at the Appalachian/Carpathian International Mountain Conference in Romania October 15-18, 2024.

A current resident of Cincinnati, Wallace has served as a faculty member at Southern State since 2009 teaching general studies and English courses. "Teaching at Southern State is my dream job," notes Wallace. "My goal has always been to help people, specifically people from my area and culture, and Southern State is the perfect place to do that," he says.

Wallace first learned of the international conference from the Appalachian Studies Association (ASA), which he is a member of. The ASA, formed in 1977 and headquartered at Marshall University in West Virginia, works to promote and engage dialogue, research, scholarship, education, creative expression, and action among a diverse and inclusive group of scholars, educators, practitioners, grassroots activists, students, individuals, groups and institutions. It is through this association that Wallace's submission was recognized and selected.

During the conference, a variety of topics will be explored including the impact of coal and gold mining on mountain communities, cultural preservation, folklore, critical representations of mountain cultures in literature and arts, creative writing, literary readings, eco-criticism, creative place-making, sustainable

storytelling," he adds.

Conference-goers will consider and discuss how historical events and cultural developments influenced the creation and transmission of folk tales over time. They will compare themes, motifs, characters, narrative structures, and cultural contexts. The contributions of Wallace's work will enrich these discussions and increase the knowledge of all participants.

Southern State's Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, Dr. Erika Goodwin commends Wallace for his work. "Professor Wallace has a passion for Appalachian culture and history. His expertise in this area makes him an excellent selection for this international conference. I congratulate Professor Wallace on this impressive level of scholarship. I ce f se.6 (r.)1 /Span AMCID /Span AMCID 7 DC (-4.2s)-4.2 8 (c2.3art)-3ic7.26h)2.3e)TJ0 Tc 0