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Jennifer Newman Named Assistant Equestrian Coach

ATHENS ----- Jennifer Newman, a veteran instructor and rider in the equine industry for the past seven years, was named today as an assistant coach for the Georgia Equestrian program, head coach Meghan Boenig announced.

In her new capacity, Newman will concentrate her coaching in the English discipline of riding. She has a wealth of experience in that area, having worked the past two years with noted rider Scott Hofstetter at the Copley Place farm in Ocala, Fla. She served Copley Place as its Barn Manager, overseeing the entire operation of this highly successful horse farm. Ocala and the surrounding Marion County are considered one of the world's most fertile grounds for the equine business.

"Jen has an exceptional background of teaching and training and I'm very confident that she will be a great asset to our program as we move forward," Boenig said. "She has a terrific personality and a great enthusiasm for instruction. Plus, she knows the ins and outs of this region extremely well. I'm very excited about what possibilities hold for her and our staff."

Newman had two previous stints at other horse farms before joining Copley Place: Foxwood Farms in Pinellas Park, Fla. (2002-03) and Woodhall Farm in Aldie, Va., from 1999 until 2002. She was also a riding instructor during the six-month vacation season at the Club Med resort in Sonora Bay, Mexico in 1998.

The Georgia assistant's post will be Newman's initial entry into coaching on the collegiate level. "I'm very excited to be joining an organization that has already proven to be very successful," she said. "I've always been an instructor in riding, but coaching in a college program will be very new to me. I'm looking forward to the challenge and I hope that I can maintain the high standards that have been established at Georgia before me."

A native of the Washington, D.C., area, Newman is a 1997 graduate of George Mason University in Fairfax, Va., earning a B.S. degree in Psychology.