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News and Events

Distinguished Lecture - Michael Beschloss

On the heels of one of the most exciting Presidential elections in U.S. history, Governors State University will feature presidential historian and best-selling author Michael Beschloss as part of its Distinguished Lecture Series. Beschloss will present a lecture on Friday, June 5, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in Sherman Hall on the GSU campus. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Michael Beschloss, formerly of Flossmoor, Illinois, is the nation’s premier presidential historian. He is the author of eight books including Presidential Courage: Brave Leaders and How They Changed America and The Conquerors: Roosevelt, Truman, and the Destruction of Hitler’s Germany, 1941-1945. NBC recently appointed him NBC News’ Presidential Historian, the first such position at any major network.

Beschloss believes that great U.S. presidents exhibit “presidential courage” or the willingness to take potentially career-ending risks, which aren’t immediately admired. Through a discussion of past presidents and a comparison to today’s political climate, he often provides an astute look into the future. He is also known for sharing never-before-told stories of presidents from an insightful and humorous perspective.

On Saturday, June 6, Beschloss will be awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the university at the graduation ceremony. Commencement will be held at 11 a.m., at the Tinley Park Convention Center.

Seating is limited. To RSVP, call 708.534.4497.

FSI Teaches the Teachers

Educator Johnson, Program Coordinator for the Illinois Online Network, will open the Fifth Annual Faculty Summer Institute, on Tuesday, May 26, with a presentation. The Future of eLearning in Illinois looks at trends and developments in elearning across the changing environment of higher education in Illinois.

Carie Lee Page, from EDUCAUSE Learning Initiative Program, will deliver the keynote address, Building a blueprint for NetGen students, on Wednesday, May 27. Her presentation looks at changing student characteristics using EDUCAUSE research and other national data.

The Faculty Summer Institute begins each day at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast and includes two days of interesting and engaging presentations and workshops and lunch. The Institute is open to all GSU faculty, adjunct faculty, and teaching staff.

To register, visit the FSI website.
Bike Tour of Sculpture Park

Enjoy a completely different view of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. Bike the paved pathways of the park and enjoy a guided tour of many of the 26 pieces of renowned artwork – from your bicycle seat!

The bike tour is on Saturday, May 30, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Riders will meet outside, behind the Hall of Governors. There is no charge. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. All riders must wear helmets. There will be some riding on public roads.

Pre-registration is not required. For more information, email or call the NMSP at ext 4486.

It Adds Up

This week, the auditing firm of Borschnack, Pelletier & Co. returned to campus to begin our FY 2009 audits. The audit team will work in room D1430 until the end of the calendar year. The audit team is lead by Paul Pelletier. He is assisted by Bob Sikma, Linda Jones, Robb Knisley, and Kristin Stojcevski.

If the auditors approach you requesting information or asking questions, faculty and staff are asked to respond appropriately. Although this may take time away from daily work, everyone’s cooperation is needed to complete the audits in a timely fashion.

For more information, contact, Karen Kissel, GSU audit liaison, at ext. 4054.

Protect Your Identity

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the U.S. It involves the theft of personal information used to take over credit accounts, open new ones, take out loans, rent an apartment, or commit other crimes.

As part of the Student Life series on financial literacy, Citibank will host an identity theft seminar on May 28, from 3 to 4 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. It is free and open to the public.

Contact Chay Wilson c-wilson@govst.edu at ext. 7653 for more information.

Parking Lot Renovations

The parking lot contractor will complete work on Parking Lots B and C on Thursday and Friday, May 21 and 22, weather permitting.

To complete the work, approximately half of B and C lots will be cordoned off at 4 a.m. on Thursday, and will remain closed until 3:30 p.m. The other half will be open for use. On Friday, the remaining work will be completed by 3:30 p.m.

For more information, call Facilities at ext. 4515.
**Sparkling Windows**

The window washers recently began cleaning the windows on campus. They should be ready to clean the inside of the windows of the Faculty Office Center by Tuesday, May 26, weather permitting.

In order to clean the inside windows, there must be a cleared path through the office to the window, as well as a cleared windowsill. If there is not clear access to the window, the window washers will not enter the office. The GSU supervisor and sub-foreman will oversee the crew while interior work is executed.

For more information, call Facilities at ext. 4515.

**Be a Star...**

The Southland Area Theatre Ensemble (SLATE) at Governors State University will hold auditions for its summer production of *Into the Woods*.

Open auditions for adults will be held on June 1 and 2, from 5:30 to 10 p.m., in Engbretson Hall, at Governors State University. Auditions for children, ages 8 through 12, will be held on May 31, from 2 to 4 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

Auditions are scheduled by appointment only, which can be made by leaving a message on the audition hotline at 708.235.2244. Individuals wishing to audition should visit the SLATE website to download the audition form and view character descriptions and casting requirements.

**Weight Loss Builds Momentum**

Congratulations to GSU’s Weight Watchers group, who successfully lost over 200 pounds this year. The Let’s Get Fit Program is rolling out its new Momentum Plan to build on the success. Confidential weigh ins will be available throughout the program.

The next session runs from June 2 through September 23. Participants pay just three payments of $62 via payroll deduction or check. For more information, contact Julia Jamison at ext. 7468.

**Touring Michigan**

While the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park (NMSP) boasts of one of the most remarkable groups of artwork in our region, other sites in the Midwest also offer significant displays of contemporary sculpture. The NMSP invites you to explore these showcases of artwork during a weekend sculpture tour to Michigan on September 12 and 13.

The trip includes a study guide of the sites to be visited prepared by Dr. Nina Corazzo, holder of the Walter E. Bauer Chair of History at Valparaiso University. She will lead a tour of the collection in the Grand Rapids Art Museum. Participants will also see a bronze pour demonstration at FireArts, the sculpture workshop established in South Bend, Indiana, by artist Tuck Langland.
Through special arrangement, a special pre-opening tour of the Frederick Meijer Sculpture Gardens will be lead by Joseph Becherer, Director of Sculpture and the Lena Meijer Professor of History at Aquinas College. The weekend trip concludes with a docent lead tour of the Krasl Art Center in St. Joseph, Michigan.

Overnight accommodations at the Grand Amway Hotel in Grand Rapids include a cocktail reception and a presentation by Geoffrey Bates, Director and Curator of the NNMSP.

The cost of the trip is only $265 until June 12 and $279 after. This fee covers bus transportation, breakfast and box lunch on Saturday, complimentary hors d’oeuvres at the cocktail reception, and all entry fees. A $100 deposit is required, which is refundable through August 1.

For more information or to register, visit the website, call ext. 4486, or email.

**ScholarShip – Chief Instruction**


“Accessing ongoing educational opportunities is part of our commitment to excellence within the department,” said Boyd. “It is important for the safely and security of the campus that we access continued staff training in new technologies and methods in public safety.”

The program offers a comprehensive and challenging professional development opportunity for police managers and executives to aid in the effective leadership of departments of public safety. Program participants receive instruction on modern police management systems and practices, strategic approaches to patrol and investigations, human resource issues, organizational communication, and executive responsibilities. To complete the program, students must also conduct scholarly research on a contemporary issue in law enforcement and prepare an integrated literature review.

Chief Boyd, of Park Forest, is a 31-year veteran of law enforcement at Governors State University. She is the first female Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety. She also received an award for “breaking the glass ceiling” at the National Association of Women Law Enforcement Executives in 2008.

**Alumni News – Greg Clark**

Greg Clark has been sharing his love for history for more than 30 years. The retired social studies teacher traveled to Iwo Jima in 2005 for the 60th Anniversary of the battle. This trip has been featured on the History Channel program *Mail Call*.

Clark continues to research this battle, speaking to veterans who served in Iwo Jima as well as other historians who specialize in the Pacific Theater of WWII. He regularly shares his research with civic and veterans’ organizations.

Clark taught junior high social studies for Orland School District 135 for more than three decades. He served in the United States Marine Corps Reserves, VMF 611, 4th Marine Division Air wing, from 1967 to 1973.

He received his Master’s Degree in Education Administration in 1989.