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**News and Events**

**Farm Fresh at GSU**

GSU’s first-ever outdoor Farmers Market kicked off today, June 3, on the south end of Parking Lot D with fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables, freshly baked bread, honey, and other healthy products. Hours of the farmers market are 1 to 6 p.m., rain or shine, on Thursdays through September.

The farmers market is a project of GSU’s SPIRIT Committee, which is looking for ways to increase participation among GSU community members, and in the outside community. Other committee proposals include a community picnic, golf league and tournament, community orchestra, and movies on campus.

**Photographer to present at GSU**

Photographic artist Larry Kanfer is known for striking images of Midwestern scenes. As part of the Distinguished Lecture Series at Governors State University, he will discuss his new book “Barns of Illinois” on Tuesday, June 8, at 5:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. A reception and book signing will follow at 7 p.m., in E-Lounge.

This presentation will include the images and stories behind the barns and families featured in the book. Presenting with Kanfer will be his wife and co-author Alaina Kanfer. Alaina Kanfer is a social scientist who contributed the text that accompanies the photographs in the book.

The event is free, open to the public, and sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences and the Intellectual Life Committee. For more information, call ext. 6986.
Dr. Rhee Recognized for Humanitarian Efforts

Dr. Sang-O Rhee, Professor of Health Administration, last month received the 2010 Humanitarian Service Award from Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White. The award was presented to Dr. Rhee at the May 20 Asian Pacific American Heritage Month reception at the James Thompson Center in Chicago.

The Humanitarian Service Award recognizes Dr. Rhee’s contributions to the Asian American community and for his commitment to the state of Illinois. Secretary of State White cited Dr. Rhee’s major role in health administration education at GSU, his pioneering international service for healthcare management technology transfer, and his unselfish dedication to and advancement of Korean heritage education for second generation Korean Americans and other Americans.

Lessons in Art and Life

Peter Schjeldahl, chief art critic for The New Yorker, will present a guest lecture on art on Friday, June 11, at 3:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. His understanding of modern art comes from years as an art critic. Using his keen insight and clear eloquence, he will invite the audience into the world of art.

This lecture is free and open to the public.

On Saturday, June 12, Schjeldahl will be the honorary degree recipient at Governors State University’s 2010 Spring Commencement.

Gay Pride Month

Student Life, the Diversity Committee, and FSI are sponsoring Gay Pride Month at GSU. Events will take place throughout June.

Gay Pride ribbons are available at the GSU Welcome Center and in the Cafeteria.

On June 14, a Lunch and Learn is scheduled between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. in Engbretson Hall. It will be presented by PFlag Metro Chicago, an organization of parents, families, and friends of lesbians and gays that offers support, education, and advocacy.

A LGBTQ Pride Panel Discussion will take place June 15 at 5 p.m. in Engbretson Hall. Panelists include Dr. Raven James, Shannon Lauridsen, Dr. Cheryl Mejta, Tom Vizzard III, Dr. Jason Zingsheim, and Dr. Jim Howley, who will serve as moderator.

Gay Pride Months events are free and open to the public. For additional information, contact Sheree Sanderson at ext. 4552.
Pierre Can Hula

GSU’s Penguin is enjoying his travels. On a recent tour of Hawaii, Pierre enjoyed the waterfalls, balmy weather, and sun-drenched days. This photo was submitted by Kathy Gustafson of COE.

To learn how you, too, can take Pierre on a special outing, tour, or vacation this summer and submit a picture, visit the GSU Take Pierre on Vacation Contest website.

Examining Effective Law Enforcement

Dr. James “Chip” Coldren, Criminal Justice Program Chair, has been tapped to help law enforcement agencies across the nation gather and interpret accurate data on program effectiveness.

Dr. Coldren was recently named Project Director for Training and Technical Assistance for the National Smart Policing Initiative sponsored by the U.S. Justice Department’s Bureau of Justice. The goal of the Smart Policing Initiative is to build evidence-based, data-driven law enforcement practices that are efficient, effective, and economical. The Bureau of Justice Statistics selected CNA, a non-profit research organization that provides public sector organizations with the tools needed to tackle complex problems and technical assistance associated with the initiative, as well as leading the training.

Dr. Coldren will work with the CNA team to assist the 10 currently funded Smart Policing sites in identifying efficient, effective, and economical crime reduction strategies, and in conducting sound evaluations of their efforts. Linking each program to an effective research partner will enable accurate evaluation of the program’s effectiveness. The research will also help identify weaknesses to existing programs.

Dr. Coldren was selected for this position because of his history of research partnerships with law enforcement agencies. As chair of the Criminal Justice Program at GSU, Dr. Coldren has expanded the program to include extensive study and research in restorative justice practices. The recently established master’s program in criminal justice at GSU focuses on applied problem solving and communities.

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