News and Events

**African American History Month 2012**
The celebration of African American History Month includes discussions, presentations, and a film series, which are all free and open to the public.

The celebration includes *An Evening Honoring African American Researchers* on February 16, from 4 to 7 p.m. Research will be presented and a discussion will follow.

The African American Read-In will be held on February 20, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. Readers from all ethnic backgrounds celebrate literacy by reading excerpts from works by African American authors. Similar events are held across the nation at the same time creating an event with more than one million readers.

The Black History Month Film Series begins on February 21, at 5 p.m. with *Tim Wise on White Privilege, Racism, White Denial, and Costs of Inequality*. This 57-minute film introduces the social construction of racial identities and the concept of white privilege. A discussion follows the film.

*Race: The Floating Signifier* will be screened on February 22, at 5 p.m. Filmmaker Stuart Hall argues against the biological interpretation of racial differences. A discussion follows the film.

The last film in the series, *Money for Nothing: Behind the Business of Pop Music*, will be shown on February 23, at 5 p.m. The film explores how popular music is produced and marketed while offering a critique of the current state of popular music. A discussion follows the screening.

These events are sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, Student Academic and Support Services, and the Intellectual Life Committee.

**Table Tennis Tournaments at GSU**
It is time to follow the bouncing ball of collegiate level table tennis competition to GSU. The university will host two major regional tournaments this February. The 10 member GSU team hopes to do well at each tournament to advance to the next level of completion.

The National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA) Upper Midwest Divisional Spring
Tournament takes place at GSU on Saturday and Sunday, February 11 and 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Teams from DePaul University, Northwestern University, Purdue University, University of Illinois-Chicago, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and GSU will compete in singles and team matches over the two-day event.

The competition will determine which two teams advance to the NCTTA Midwest Regional Tournament, scheduled two weeks later. GSU will also host this tournament on Saturday and Sunday, February 25 and 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Division champions and four top teams (for a total of eight teams) will compete for the regional title. Teams in the regional competition represent the Kansas Division, Lower Midwest Division, Minnesota Division, and Upper Midwest Division.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

**Discuss Making a Difference**
Join a discussion on the meaning, impact, and methods of making a difference. *Civic Engagement and You* will be held on February 9, from 2 to 4 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

The importance and value of community service to both the individual who volunteers and the society that benefits from it will be discussed. This discussion is hosted by Students in Service and held in collaboration with the Illinois Campus Compact, which is a coalition of college and universities, including GSU, that work together to promote the civic development of students as active members of the community.

This workshop is free and open to the public.

**Stop Kiss Auditions**
Auditions for the GSU production of *Stop Kiss* by Diana Son will be held on Monday, February 6, at 7:30 p.m., in room E2522; Tuesday, February 7, at 7:30 p.m., in room E1550; and Wednesday, February 8, at 7:30 p.m., in room E2522.

*Stop Kiss*, a moving story of friendship and love, will be produced and performed by GSU students. Performance dates are April 11, 12, and 13.

Students should prepare a one-minute modern monologue and attend one day of auditions. No monologues should be from *Stop Kiss*. All parts will be cast from the auditions. There are also nonperforming (behind the scenes) opportunities available.

For more information, contact director Lauren White. This production is made possible by a grant from the Intellectual Life Committee.
The Color Purple Comes to GSU

A discussion of *The Color Purple* takes place Tuesday, February 7, from 11:30 to 1 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Panelists include Rashidah Muhammad, professor of English and secondary education; Elizabeth Johnson, assistant professor of history; Elizabeth Todd-Breland, assistant professor of social science; and Byron Waller, associate professor of counseling. The discussion is sponsored by the GSU Intellectual Life Committee.

If you attend the discussion, you’ll be eligible to win a ticket to the stage production of *The Color Purple*, to be presented Wednesday, February 8, at 7:30 p.m., in the GSU Center for Performing Arts.

Follow this [link](#) on the Library website for additional information on *The Color Purple*.

You can watch a [video](#) of Provost Terry Allison discussing the book, the play, and the February 7 event.

To order tickets for the play, contact the Center for Performing Arts box office at 708.235.2222 or [www.centertickets.net](http://www.centertickets.net).

For more information about the discussion, and to RSVP, contact Lydia Morrow Ruetten at 708.534.4116.

CHHS Dean Candidate Presentation – Joyce Griffin-Sobel

Dr. Joyce Griffin-Sobel, candidate for the position of Dean of CHHS, will give a public presentation on Monday, February 6, from 1 to 2 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Students, staff, and faculty are invited to the public presentation.

You can read Dr. Griffin-Sobel's [resume](#).

Alcoholics Anonymous at GSU

Students, faculty, and staff members are invited to attend closed meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) at GSU on Thursdays, from 6 to 7:15 p.m., in Room A2150. Meetings begin tonight.

For more information, contact Johnsie McAuley-Davis in Student Life at 708.235.7653 or 773-331-3760.

Scholarship Spotlight – Yonna Alexander

Yonna Alexander of Chicago received the Donald and Helen Morrison Endowed Scholarship in Business. She is a graduate student in the College of Business and Public Administration and is pursuing a master’s degree in Business.

Yonna is an intuitive and imaginative problem solver and wishes
to apply the knowledge obtained at GSU to independently manage production and manufacturing abroad for global firms.