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News and Events

Holiday Adjustment in Summer Hours (07-02-12)

Due to next Wednesday’s Fourth of July holiday, all employees following the summer four-day work week should plan to work 7.5-hour days on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

If you have any questions about the holiday week summer schedule, please contact Tony Tymkow at ext. 4108.

Great America Student Tickets

This summer, GSU will again offer students discounted tickets to Great America. Tickets may be purchased from the Cashier’s Office for $25 per ticket. GSU’s Great America days are July 20, 21, and August 4 and 5. Tickets purchased through GSU may only be used on those dates.

Chess Club

GSU is looking for students who are interested in joining the Chess Club. If you enjoy playing chess and the excitement of competition, sign up by e-mailing Sheree Sanderson.

Summer Meditation on Thursdays

Take a break from the day’s stress at GSU’s summer meditation sessions, taking place every Thursday at 2:30 p.m., in D34150. Sessions are free and open to everyone.

Meditation continues through the rest of the summer term.

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Tickets are $9 each for individuals and $7 for groups of 20 or more. For tickets call the CPA box office at (708) 235-2222 or visit www.centertickets.net.

Scholarship Spotlight – Colette Jordan

Colette Jordan of Lisle received the Mary L. Fronczak Memorial Scholarship. She is an undergraduate student in the College of Education working toward a bachelor’s degree in psychology. She would like to become a family services counselor.

Having received a life-saving organ donation, Colette also wishes to continue as an organ donation advocate for Donate Life Illinois.

Enlightened, Creative Instruction - Online and In Person (06-25-12)

President Elaine P. Maimon’s column, Online Courses are Becoming an Important Higher Education Learning Component, was published in The Northwest Indiana Times on June 17.

Dr. Maimon is a member of The Northwest Indiana Times Editorial Advisory Board.

Read Dr. Maimon’s column.

In the Land of Sky Blue Waters
Pierre’s summer of fun has gotten off to a great start with trips to Paris, California and Australia. And he is still on the move.

Last week Pierre found time to relax in Wisconsin’s Northwoods with Jamie Viebach and her family. Jamie is a graduate assistant in Environmental Biology. Pierre enjoyed boating and visiting some otter friends at Minocqua Wildlife Park.

For information on how you can pick up your own Pierre the Penguin to take on a trip near or far, and how to enter the Take Pierre on Vacation 2012 photo contest, visit Pierre’s webpage.

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**Gospel Fest Cancelled**

Chicago Southland Gospel Fest 2012, which was to have taken place at the GSU Center for Performing Arts this weekend, has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled for a later date.

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**Plagiarism and Paraphrasing**

The GSU Writing Center is offering a workshop on Plagiarism and Paraphrasing on Wednesday, June 27, from 3 to 4 p.m., in the Library, room D2401A. The workshop is free. All students are welcome to attend.

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**Faculty-Staff Picnic 2012**

It is time to picnic with friends and colleagues at GSU. This year’s Faculty-Staff Summer Picnic will be on Friday, August 10, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The picnic is free for all faculty and staff. Food will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and games are planned throughout the day.

The picnic is sponsored by the Civil Service Senate, the Provost’s Office, and the GSU Spirit Committee.

You must RSVP by July 15. [Click here](#) to RSVP.

Volunteers are needed to make the picnic a success. To sign up as a volunteer, contact Gina Ragland-Owolabi at ext. 7559.

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**Play Ball!**

Enjoy an evening at the ballpark and a baseball game played by the future stars of the major
GSU’s tour group at the Great Wall

leagues. The Civil Service Senate is selling tickets to the Joliet Slammers vs. the Windy City Thunderbolts game on Friday, July 20. The first pitch is at 7:05 p.m., at Silver Cross Stadium, 1 Mayor Art Schultz Drive, Joliet.

Tickets are only $10 each and must be purchased by July 11. For more information or to buy tickets contact Andrea Dalpolo at 708.534.4582.

Walk Along the Lakefront (06-21-12)

Join the Alumni Association’s team of walkers on Saturday, June 23, at the Greater Chicago Food Depository hunger walk along the Chicago lakefront. The GSU team are walking to benefit the Rich Township Food Pantry.

There’s no cost to participate. Rich Township will provide bus transportation to and from Chicago. Buses leave at 7 a.m. from the Rich Township office in Richton Park and will return around 1 p.m. For each walker who participates, the pantry will receive $12 from the food depository.

If you’d like to participate, contact Cheri Garey at ext. 7892 to reserve your spot. Don’t forget to wear your GSU garb.

GSU Students Explore China’s Business and Culture

GSU students and faculty experienced China’s rapidly expanding economy during a recent two-week trip that included tours of Chinese corporations, a visit with business students, and participation in an international trade show in Shanghai.

GSU’s entourage consisted of 16 undergraduate and graduate students, two CBPA faculty members, one CBPA advisory board member, and two family members. Most student participants were enrolled in a special topics course, Business and the Culture of China, taught by Management Professor Jun Zhao.

“Our students got to talk to people in China about how their businesses work,” said Dr. Zhao, who organized the tour. “That’s different from reading about the Chinese economy in a book or magazine cover story.”

After arriving in China, students and faculty had a full agenda. In Beijing, they visited the U.S. Embassy and the National Institute of Clean and Low Carbon Energy. They toured Chiatai Qingchunbao Pharmaceutical Co. and Wanxiang Group in Hangzhou, and American Medical Center and C&U Group in Shanghai.

The group also traveled to
Zhejiang Gongshang University in Hangzhou, meeting with MBA students and listening to presentations by a business professor and a local entrepreneur.

In Shanghai, GSU’s group attended the Transport and Logistics Trade Show, a biennial event drawing more than 450 businesses from around the world. Students worked alongside eight Illinois businesses, helping them promote their products and services. “It was a great way for our students to learn how international corporations operate,” Dr. Zhao said.

One GSU student made such a good impression at the Transport and Logistics expo that she was offered a job by the company she worked for at the trade show. She expects to begin the job in December, Dr. Zhao said.

The trip also included sightseeing and cultural tours. Group members visited the Great Wall, Forbidden City and Ming Tomb in Beijing; the Terra Cotta Warrior Museum and Great Mosque in Xi’an; and other famous attractions.

Dr. Zhao thanked Provost Terry Allison and CBPA Dean Ellen Foster Curtis for their support of the trip. She said the Illinois Office of Trade and Investment and GSU’s International Trade Center were instrumental in developing contacts in China and organizing trip activities. Financial support by the GSU Foundation, Indiana University CIBER, and GSU Student Life, as well as assistance from the Business Office and Registrar’s Office, were also greatly appreciated.

Art on Campus – Sixteen Pieces

Art at GSU is not restricted to the Visual Arts Gallery walls and the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. Exhibit spaces at GSU have been expanded to include public spaces so everyone can enjoy the artwork of GSU students.

Currently Sixteen Pieces, an exhibit of paintings by Claudia Craemer, can be found in the Atrium Gallery located in the D Main Entrance, and the Big Walls Gallery located in the E Lounge corridor.

The exhibit runs through July 31. An artist’s reception will be held on Saturday, June 23, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the E Lounge. Everyone is welcome.

Fly Your Kite at NMSP

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Admission is free and NMSP docents will be on hand for guidance and to give sculpture park tours. Kids, Kolors & Kites is part of the Summer of Sculpture 2012 at NMSP.

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Aj’a Johnson of Chicago received the Donald W. Hansen Memorial Endowed Scholarship. She is an undergraduate student in the College of Health and Human Services, working toward a degree in communications disorders with a minor in social work.

In the future, Aj’a plans to pursue a masters’ degree.

Underwater, in Napa with Pierre (06-21-12)

Summer does not officially begin until Wednesday but Pierre, GSU’s favorite penguin, is already traveling to the four corners of the globe.
Robbie O'Shea of CHHS took Pierre on an underwater excursion at Australia’s fabulous Great Barrier Reef. Pierre was right at home in the southern Pacific waters.

Pierre accompanied Carollyn Hamilton of DLMD on a winery tour in California’s Napa Valley. GSU’s penguin always looks forward to meeting fantastic creatures on the road, including this friendly dragon.

Help Pierre expand his horizons. Bring him along when you take your vacation this summer and send your photos to GSU View. Drop by the Office of Marketing and Communication (C1310) to pick up your very own Pierre, and include him in your vacation plans.

Your pictures could lead to fabulous prizes in our Take Pierre on Vacation Photo Contest.

Come to the Classic

Join the Alumni Association at Tuesday’s Crosstown Classic game between the White Sox and Cubs at U.S. Cellular Field.

Cheer on your favorite Chicago ball club at the Cell. Seating is in Section 111 in the lower boxes. You’ll also be treated to an all-you-can-eat buffet dinner at the Patio dining area. The buffet includes BBQ ribs, Cajun chicken, fried chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, side salads, wine, and Miller and Pepsi beverages.

The buffet begins at 5:40 p.m., with the first pitch scheduled for 7:10 p.m.

Tickets are $120 per person. To purchase tickets, call Cheri Garey at ext. 7892 or stop by the Alumni Office at D34200.

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A short business meeting will take place at 11 a.m. in the Cafeteria Annex.

All SUAA members are invited. To RSVP, contact Lynne Hostetter at 708.534.8043.

Get Cool with Some Ice Cream

June is Dairy Month and you can celebrate it in style at the Civil Service Senate’s Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, June 20, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Hall of Governors.

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You’ll learn how to create and enjoy a delicious smoothie with quality, fresh ingredients. The immune-boosting foods workshop is the first of a
four-part series on transforming your life through nutrition. The programs are sponsored by Student Life and the Recreation and Fitness Center.

The workshop costs $2 for students, $5 for Recreation and Fitness Center members, and $10 for non-members. Seating is limited and pre-registration is required at the Recreation and Fitness Center, A1106.

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**GSU Oral History Project**

The Governors State University Oral History Project, sponsored by the GSU Library, is inviting all members of the university community to share memories and tales of GSU for everyone to hear. Stories will be recorded on the growth, impact, and life of GSU.

The staff of the library will conduct the interviews, which will be filmed, edited, and housed in the GSU Vault for public access. Participants will be required to sign a release.

Contact Carol Machura and schedule an interview time – And don’t let retirement stop you. We will be sure to schedule an interview with all
who are retiring before they embark on their next great adventure.

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Workshop Explores Sexual Intimacy

Explore one of life’s most complex and personal issues during Sexual Intimacy for Individuals and Couples, Thursday, June 21, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the Hall of Honors at Governors State University. This workshop is ideal for both individuals and couples.

With humor and understanding, Dr. David Schnarch will discuss that it means to be sexually normal, have normal problems with intimacy and sex, and how to love on life’s terms. The presentation is sponsored by GSU’s Division of Psychology and Counseling.

Dr. Schnarch, a world-renowned sex and marital therapist, and international best-selling author, will offer ground-breaking knowledge and time-proven solutions to turn problems into profound desire, deeper intimacy, sexual passion, and personal growth. His revolutionary approach to sexual desire and sexual desire problems is based on 30 years of clinical experience.

Dr. Schnarch is a licensed clinical psychologist and author of numerous books and articles on intimacy, sexuality, and relationships. His books include Passionate Marriage: Sex, Love, and Intimacy in Emotionally Committed Relationships, Resurrecting Sex: Resolving Sexual Problems and Rejuvenating Your Relationship, and Intimacy and Desire: Awaken the Passion in your Relationship.

Admission to the presentation is $20 for single persons and $35 for
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**BSW Information Session at Triton**

GSU will host three information sessions for the Bachelor of Social Work program offered at Triton College on Tuesday, June 19; Tuesday, July 10; and Tuesday, July 31. All sessions take place from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The information sessions will take place in the University Center located in Building A, Room 105 in the lower level of the library. Triton College is located at 2000 Fifth Avenue, River Grove.

The GSU Social Work program at Triton College is a part-time program leading to a bachelor’s degree. To be eligible for the program, prospective students must have completed an associate degree or earned a minimum of 60 credits from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. Students need not have attended Triton or live in the Triton Community College district to be eligible. Additional information about the GSU Social Work degree program can be found at www.govst.edu/chhs/bsw.

For more information, call Julie Anderson-Muniz at 708.534.4086.

**The Perfect Travel Companion (06-07-12)**

Pierre, GSU’s favorite penguin, is wing-deep in travel brochures as he plans his summer. London for the Olympics? A quick trip to Antarctica to visit aunts and uncles? Pilgrimages to modern-day monuments at Carhenge in Alliance, Nebraska, or the world’s biggest ball of twine (by one person) in Darwin, Minnesota? So many choices. The list goes on and on.

You can help Pierre answer his vacation questions by bringing him along when you hit the road this summer. Drop by the Office of Marketing and Communication (C1310) to pick up your very own Pierre, and include him in your vacation photographs. Send your photos to GSU View. You could win fabulous prizes in our Take Pierre on Vacation Photo Contest.
Earlier this spring, Pierre got a head start on his travels with a pre-contest trip to Paris with Tom Houlihan of Marketing and Communications.

Pierre reminds us that he takes up practically no room, glides through security checkpoints, and is the lowest-maintenance travel companion you’ll ever have. So there is no excuse for not taking him along.

**Joyful Sounds at GSU Center**

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**Counseling Workshops Target Intimacy Issues**

GSU is offering two workshops for counseling professionals on issues of sex and intimacy. The workshops are sponsored by GSU’s Division of Counseling and Psychology.

*Sex in the Sand: Play Therapy Techniques with Couples* takes place Thursday, June 21, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

*New Perspectives on Desire* will be held Friday, June 22, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in E-Lounge.

Both workshops will provide insight into how counseling can help their clients better understand sexual intimacy, and how it affects their lives. *Sex in the Sand: Play Therapy Techniques with Couples* will be presented by Dr. Catherine Ford Sori, GSU Associate Professor of Marriage and Family Counseling; marriage and family counseling therapists Deborah Watson and Sheryl Schnur; and Nicole M Randick who specializes in art therapy. Workshop participants will learn about the rationale and benefits of play, the importance of movement and touch in relationships, recent research on creative therapies, and how to utilize play in...
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Dr. David Schnarch

Bollywood Masala Fitness

“Masala” means “spicy” in Hindi, but it can also be a ticket to fitness this summer at GSU. You can burn calories and get fit with Bollywood Masala Fitness, an exhilarating cardio workout sponsored by Student Life and the Recreation and Fitness Center.

Sessions are Monday from 3 to 4 p.m. and Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. through June 27. Program costs are $10 for students, $25 for Recreation and Fitness Center member, and $30 for non-members. For more information, call 708.235.7362.

Let’s Get Healthy

Learn how to get fit and healthy during recreation, fitness, and nutrition demonstrations today in the Hall of Governors between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Demonstrations will show the health benefits of dance, weight training, cardio workouts, and good nutrition.

The free program is sponsored by Student Life and the Recreation and Fitness Center. Refreshments will be served. Bring along a food item to donate to GSU’s Student Food Pantry.

Portfolio Program

Students and prospective students can assess their prior learning, learn how it can be applied to a college portfolio, and how it may lead to college credit at a seminar hosted by the Interdisciplinary Studies Program and the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Prior Learning Portfolio Seminar takes place Saturday, June 23,
from 10 a.m. to noon, in room D1496.

The seminar will help students identify learning that may be equivalent to college-level work. Participants will learn how to identify comparable college courses and document their prior learning. They will also learn how to compile a portfolio with all the required elements for GSU review and possible college credit.

There is a $50 registration fee for the seminar, which covers the cost of materials and refreshments. To register, e-mail idss@govst.edu or contact Tiffani Malvin at 708.534.4092.

**Ways of Making Juried Exhibit**

The Visual Arts Gallery continues its “Ways of Making” series with a National Juried Exhibition. The exhibit is now open and continues through Saturday, June 23 with a closing reception from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on that date. Remarks and awards will be at 6 p.m.

Jeff Stevenson, Director of the Visual Art Gallery, organized the national juried competition “Ways of Making” to further explore a theme that has connected a series of exhibitions in the campus gallery at Governors State University. The exhibition series focuses on art making media taught in the art program and includes work on paper, photography, painting, sculpture and digital media. The national juried show “Ways of Making” includes work that emphasizes materials and techniques as they pertain to subject and content.

The distinguished jurors were presented with nearly 130 entries. Twenty-nine works were selected including two and three dimensional work, videos, installations, and nearly every medium imaginable. Jurors for this exhibit are Aaron Ott, curator of the Elmhurst Art Museum; and Jason Foumberg, art section editor and columnist of Newcity, freelance writer and critic, and faculty in the Department of Prints and Drawings, The Art Institute of Chicago.

The Visual Arts Gallery is open Mondays from 5 to 9 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 1 to 9 p.m.; Wednesdays, from 1 to 5 p.m.; and by appointment.

For more information, call 708.534.4021 or visit www.govst.edu/gallery.

**Starting a Business?**

CenterPoint at GSU is sponsoring Starting a Business in Illinois workshops this month for Chicago Southland residents.

The free workshops focus on personal, financial, and legal aspects of starting a business. Participants will learn what steps to take and what resources are available to assist new business owners succeed in today’s challenging economic climate.

Workshops will be presented:
• On Wednesday, June 13, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Richton Park Community Center, 4455 Sauk Trail, Richton Park.
• On Monday, June 18, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Old Plank Trail Bank, 20901 S. LaGrange Road, Frankfort.
• On Wednesday, June 20, from 9 to 11 a.m., at Kallsen Center in Tinley Park Village Hall, 16250 S. Oak Park Avenue, Tinley Park.
• On Thursday, June 28, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. p.m. at Suburban Bank and Trust, 12400 Archer Avenue, Lemont.

Interested individuals can contact CenterPoint at (708) 534-4927.

**DrOT Info Session**

The Occupational Therapy Department will host an information session on the Doctor of Occupational Therapy (DrOT) degree program on Saturday, June 30, from noon to 2 p.m., in room G127.

The session is designed to help certified and licensed occupational therapists consider doctoral education as an integral step in their professional development. Current GSU DrOT students and recent graduates will discuss their experiences in the program, answer questions, and share strategies for excelling in the program.

To RSVP, call 708.534.7293. For more information, contact Dr. Melanie Ellexson.

**Scholarship Spotlight – Sara Ionescu**

Sara Ionescu of Berwyn received the Marie Gray Bertz Memorial Endowed Scholarship. She is an undergraduate student in the College of Health and Human Services in the communications disorders program.

Sara’s goal is to become a speech language pathologist.

**Board of Trustees Executive Committee – June 1(06-04-12)**

The Executive Committee of GSU’s Board of Trustees Friday approved a 3.5 percent salary increase for all non-negotiated administrative, professional, and civil service employees on the university payroll. The pay increase takes effect July 1.

The Board of Trustees has entered into collective bargaining agreements, effective until 2013, with five of GSU’s six unions. Almost all employees covered under the collective bargaining agreements will receive a 3.5 salary increase effective either July 1 or August 16.

President Maimon explained that it has been the board’s practice over the last decade to award salary increases to non-negotiated employees that are consistent with those awarded to employees covered by collective bargaining agreements.

Members of the president’s executive leadership team are excluded.
from the salary increase approved Friday. Team members include high-ranking members of the administration. At the president's discretion, members of the executive leadership team may be awarded merit, market, and equity based salary increases in the aggregate amount of 3.5 percent of the total salary pool for all incumbents employed in these positions.

In other business Friday, the Executive Committee approved tenure, and promotion to the rank of associate professor, for 11 current faculty members. Tenure and the promotions become effective August 8.

Newly-tenured professors are:
- Kim Boland-Prom, Department of Social Work, CHHS
- Rupert Evans, Department of Health Administration, CHHS
- Sandra Gandy, Division of Education, COE
- Lorri Glass, Department of Social Work, CHHS
- E. Jean Johnson, Division of Psychology and Counseling, COE
- Sang Hoon Lee, Division of Liberal Arts, CAS
- Joseph Matula, Division of Education, COE
- Brian McKenna, Division of Accounting, Finance, and Economics and Management Information Systems, CBPA
- Patricia Robey, Division of Psychology and Counseling, COE
- Albert Tuskenis, Division of Psychology and Counseling, COE
- Dingbang Xu, Division of Science, CAS

Trustees also awarded tenure with the rank of full professor to Dr. Andrae Marak, effective upon his employment on July. He is the incoming chair of the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences in CAS.

The Executive Committee approved a preliminary operating budget for the 2013 fiscal year. GSU’s Planning and Budget Advisory Council is currently developing budget recommendations. PBAC conducted public hearings last week and President Maimon will make final decisions on FY13 allocations soon.

The preliminary budget is based on conservative estimates of revenues and expenditures. Appropriate adjustments will be made to the preliminary budget when final appropriations are known and when the current budget allocation process is completed. At its October meeting, the Board of Trustees will receive the final proposed FY13 operating budget for consideration and approval.

Trustees approved changes in tenure for 23 faculty, who will move from existing academic divisions to newly-formed divisions.

The faculty are currently in the Division of Liberal Arts or the Division of Digital Learning and Media Design. Eleven faculty will move to the new Division of Communication, Visual, and Performing Arts. Twelve faculty will move to the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences. The changes become effective July 1.

In other business, the Executive Committee:
- Awarded a construction contract for the re-roofing of D Building to Elens & Maichin Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc., of Joliet. The approximate roof area in the project is 42,000 square feet.
- Approved a two-year contract for consulting and training services with Ellucian, Inc., of Fairfax, Virginia, which was formerly known as Datatel. GSU has been implementing a Datatel enterprise resource
planning (ERP) system for the past two years. Ellucian was formed when Datatel merged with SunGard Higher Education. The contract will cover continuing deployment and implementation services, system software upgrades, and training.

- Approved commercial advertising contracts with Comcast Spotlight, of Kankakee, and CBS Radio of Chicago. The Comcast contract will cover GSU advertising campaigns on cable television in FY13. The CBS Radio contract will cover radio and streaming advertising on several of the company’s stations.