Dr. Gebeyehu Ejigu, GSU’s Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff, has been selected for a Fulbright Specialists project in China at South China Normal University during the Fall 2012 semester, according to the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

Dr. Ejigu will present lectures and workshops designed to cover the structure, governance, financing, organization and management of the United States educational system at all levels -- K-12 and postsecondary institutions at the two-and four-year levels, both public and private.

“I am delighted that the Fulbright Program has recognized Dr. Ejigu’s numerous contributions to higher education with the award of this highly competitive grant,” said GSU President Elaine P. Maimon. “Students, faculty members, and staff at South China Normal University will benefit from the wisdom Dr. Ejigu has attained from decades of creative achievements at U. S. universities. He will also strengthen Governors State University’s alliance with South China Normal and with other Chinese universities.

“As a scholar, Dr. Ejigu will also learn a great deal from his hosts—insights that will strengthen GSU’s commitment to prepare students for success in a global society. All of us at GSU are thrilled that the Fulbright Program has recognized Dr. Ejigu’s contributions and capabilities.”

Dr. Ejigu has been GSU’s Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff since 2007. As the chief financial and administrative officer and treasurer for the Board of Trustees, he is responsible for four major functional areas of the university including administration and finance, enrollment management and marketing, information technology, and human resources.

Dr. Ejigu is one of over 400 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad this year through the Fulbright Specialists Program.

Patrick J. Ormsby Named to GSU Board of Trustees

Patrick J. Ormsby, a longtime business and community leader in the Chicago Southland, has been appointed to the GSU Board of Trustees. Illinois Governor Pat Quinn named Ormsby, of Olympia Fields, to the Board on August 20; his term expires in 2017.
The Board of Trustees is responsible for the governance of GSU, with statutory powers and duties to operate, manage, control, and maintain the university.

Ormsby’s appointment must be confirmed by the Illinois Senate and, until then, is considered temporary. However, Ormsby has all the rights and privileges of a university trustee during the interim period.

“We’re quite pleased,” said Board of Trustees Chair Jack Beaupre. “This is someone with a long record of involvement with Governors State, and strong support for its programs, and we are really pleased to have him on the board. We know he is familiar with the university’s mission and goals, and will keep Governors State headed in the right direction.”

GSU President Elaine P. Maimon praised Ormsby’s appointment.

“Pat Ormsby has been a part of the GSU family for many years, both as a member and president of the Foundation Board and as an ardent supporter of GSU,” Dr. Maimon said. “His deep community roots mean that he understands the unique role that GSU plays in the region. Pat’s commitment to excellence in education and his awareness of the issues facing higher education today make him an excellent choice. We thank Governor Quinn for appointing a superior person to our Board of Trustees.”

Ormsby is president of Bimba Manufacturing Company, with corporate headquarters in Monee and facilities in Rockford, Chicago and Plymouth, Minnesota. Ormsby started at Bimba in 1980 after a career in both public and private accounting. He earned a B.S. degree in accounting from Regis University in Denver and is a Certified Public Accountant.

Ormsby is currently president of the GSU Foundation, the university’s primary fundraising and gift-receiving division.

**GSU Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month**

National Hispanic Heritage Month – from September 15 to October 15 – will be observed at GSU with a number of events and activities.

Events sponsored by the Association of Latin American Students (ALAS) include a September 18 tamale sale; a movie and discussion at 5 p.m. on October 3 in Engbretson Hall with Dr. Maristela Zell; and a Latin Celebration on October 12 in the Hall of Governors.

Next Tuesday’s tamale fundraiser is from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Hall of Governors. Lunch plates will be sold for $5 and include two tamales, rice, and a beverage. Individual tamales will also be sold. Through today, you can pre-order tamales at [www.govst.edu/alastamale](http://www.govst.edu/alastamale). The pick-up is next Tuesday and a there is a minimum order of at least a dozen tamales.

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson, and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988.

The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition,
Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30 day period.

2012-2013 Catalog Now Online
The 2012-2013 GSU Catalog is now available online at www.govst.edu/catalog.

Let’s Talk Transfer
The Provost’s Office is sponsoring a workshop, Let’s Talk Transfer, on Tuesday, September 18, from 1:30 to 3 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

Dr. Janet Marling, executive director of the National Institute for the Study of Transfer Students (NISTS), is keynote speaker. NISTS brings together university and community college researchers and practitioners to focus on research and best practices in serving transfer students. Dr. Marling will share her latest research into best practices for transfer students, both at community college and after they transfer to a university.

Calling All Portal and Colleague Users
The first meeting of the Colleague Users Group (CUG) is on Wednesday, September 19 at 2 p.m. in Room D34115.

CUG will provide a monthly forum for GSU community members to share and discuss their experiences using the system. All are welcome to join the group.

Please come to share your experiences, comments, questions and to learn more about the system. The forum includes a short presentation, Licensing: What does it mean to me?

Contact the Colleague Project Office with any questions about the meeting.

Love Your Inner Child
Student Life and the Wellness Club will sponsor Love Your Inner Child on Thursday, September 20, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Student Commons Annex (A2134).

This workshop focuses on working with your inner child to improve your quality of life. It is the third installment in the Pursuit of Healthiness series.

The program is free for students and $5 for non-students. For more information, call 708.534.4556 or visit the Recreation and Fitness Center (A1106).

A Great Day at the Golf Course
With picture perfect weather, good companionship, and healthy competition, last Sunday’s Third Annual Dave Drechsel Golf Outing was well-attended and enjoyed by all.

Winning golfers at this year’s event were:
• Overall Winner GSU Golf League 2012 Season - Pete Mizera
• All-female Team – Tracey Drechsel, Patty Drechsel, Julia Durante, Jenny Emerson
• All-male Team Winners – Alvin Wagner, Jim Tierman, Marvin Holman
• Mixed Team Winners -- Dave Yandel, Karen Kissel, Matt Brokenshire, and Jane Siefker
• Closest to the Pin Women – Nancy John
• Closest to the Pin Men – Sam Balark
• Longest Drive Men – Mike Harley
• Longest Drive Women – Patty Drechsel

The golf outing was established in memory of Dave Drechsel, who was Human Relations benefits manager and a longtime member of the GSU summer golf league.

**Softball Players Needed**
The GSU Recreation and Fitness Center is looking for faculty and staff interested in joining a softball team that will play our GSU students. The Softball Club meets on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m., weather permitting, through October 11 at the baseball field across the street from West Lot 1.

If you are interested in being a part of the faculty and staff softball team, please confirm your attendance with Dean Jennings at the Recreation and Fitness Center.

For additional information, contact the Recreation and Fitness Center at 708.534.4556.

**Library and Writing Center Workshops for Fall 2012**
During the Fall term, the GSU Library and Writing Center will provide a series of workshops and corresponding study group sessions to help students plan and write their research papers. These workshops will deal with finding a topic, using library databases, documenting references in APA style, managing citations with RefWorks, paraphrasing, avoiding plagiarism, and methods to improve writing.

All sessions will meet in the Library on Wednesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. View the complete schedule on the Library Workshop web page.

**2012-2013 Forensics Team Forming**
GSU’s Forensics Team will hold its first meeting of the academic year on Tuesday, September 25 at 1 p.m. in the Student Lounge in Building A.

The forensics team provides an opportunity for students to improve their public speaking, research, and presentation skills. Students are invited to participate in oral arguments and debates and to compete, if desired, against other universities in Illinois. Tournament participation is not mandatory, but is encouraged. Oral interpretation includes drama, poetry, informative and persuasive speaking, and communication analysis.
Nominations Due for Honorary Doctorate Degree Program

Nominations for GSU’s honorary doctoral degree program are due by September 20.

Provost Terry Allison, chair of the Honorary Degree Committee, is urging members of the GSU community to submit nominations for inclusion on the roster of candidates for an honorary doctoral degree, to be awarded at Commencement.

The nominations process is simple - just forward a name with an accompanying recommendation statement and justification for the nomination. Nominations should include a brief biographical statement for each nominee, who will be chosen in accordance with GSU’s mission and values.

Nominations should be sent to Dr. Allison or Myisha Meeks.

Student is Awarded Argonne Research Appointment

Kenneth Blank, an undergraduate biology major, was awarded an appointment for the Fall 2012 Student Research Participation Program at Argonne National Laboratory. This competitive program enables students to become actively involved in ongoing research, have access to state-of-the-art equipment and instruments, and interact with senior researchers. The program also provides a weekly stipend and housing allowance.

Kenneth first learned about these research opportunities through the Argonne Post-Doctoral Guest Lecture program founded by Argonne Post-Doctoral Programs Director Dr. Kristene Henne and GSU Chemistry Professor Walter Henne. Dr. Kristene Henne is also a member of GSU’s CAS advisory board. During the past two years, Argonne scientists have given five guest lectures at GSU in several chemistry courses.