**News and Events**

### Celebrate with GSU (11-29-12)

President Elaine P. Maimon and the Governors State University Board of Trustees invite faculty and staff to a reception celebrating the joyous holiday season.

The reception takes place Friday, December 7, from noon to 2 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Please RSVP to Penny Perdue at 708.534.6364.

### Intersession Courses Debut at GSU Next Week

Make good use of the break between semesters by enrolling in one of eight Intersession courses offered at GSU.

The university's first-ever Intersession program offers three-hour art, business, public administration, and psychology courses in a compressed, five-week time period. Many of the classes are online.

Intersession courses and numbers are:

- **ACCT-6100-INTS1** Foundations of Accounting and Finance (start date 12/10)
- **ART-3301-INTS1** Photographic Foundations (start date 12/6)
- **ART-3311-INTS1** Introduction to Printmaking (start date 12/5)
- **ENTR-3100-INTS1** Principles of Entrepreneurship (start date 12/3)
- **MGMT-6700-INTS1** Foundations of Managerial Statistics (start date 12/10)
- **PADM-8000-01** Emergency Management (start date 12/10)
- **PSYC-3605-INTS1** Love: What Everyone Needs to Know (start date 12/5)
- **PSYC-3605-INTS2** Love: What Everyone Needs to Know (start date 12/5)
- **PSYC-3606-INTS1** Sex: What Everyone Needs to Know (start date 12/5)
- **PSYC-3606-INTS2** Sex: What Everyone Needs to Know (start date 12/5)

The art classes and Emergency Management meet on campus. All the other courses are being offered online. PADM-8000 appears on the class schedule as a fall course; the other courses are listed as spring classes.

You can register here for Intersession courses.

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**Holiday Ghosts Headed to CPA – December 1**

A *Christmas Carol* is coming to the GSU Center for Performing Arts for one performance only on Saturday, December 1, at 11 a.m.

As presented by Theatreworks USA, *A Christmas Carol* is a musical retelling of Charles Dickens’ unforgettable story of Ebenezer Scrooge, a mean-spirited miser who believes the holiday season can be summed up in one word – “humbug.” After being visited by three Christmas ghosts, Scrooge is a changed man and vows to dedicate his life to the welfare of others. *A Christmas Carol* is ideal entertainment for the entire family, capturing both the humorous and touching moments of Dickens’ tale with witty dialogue and fresh new songs.

Tickets for *A Christmas Carol* are $12 to $17. To purchase tickets, or for further information, contact the GSU Center box office at www.centertickets.net or (708) 235-2222.

The show is approximately one hour in length. Prior to the performance, Lynne Clayton will share holiday tales and tunes to complement *A Christmas Carol*. Her stories and songs will begin at 10 a.m.

**World Aids Day Observed Today**

Information and discussion are the themes of GSU’s World AIDS Day program, on Thursday, November 29. Learn the real facts and get honest answers at this daylong event.

- Film Screening - *Philadelphia* - 9 to 11:30 a.m., Engbretson Hall
- Film Screening *Endgame: AIDS in Black America* - noon to 2:30 p.m., Engbretson Hall
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**Performance Spotlight on Students - Tonight**

Students in Writing as Performance, one of the courses in the new Theater and Performance Studies program at GSU, will perform their works at *Performance Spotlight*, tonight, at 8 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Performances include: *Haunting on Jarvis*, written and directed by Lynne Clayton, performed...
by Shawna Schmitt

*The End of Innocence*, written and directed by Melissa Hall, performed by Michael Sabo

*Windows of Life*, written and performed by Tamike Hurley

*The Elephant in the Room*, written by Deirdre Webb, performed by Melissa Hall

*Carentan*, written by Michael Sabo, performed by Deirdre Webb

*How Cinnamon Saved a Kingdom*, written and performed by Lynne Clayton

### Student Celebration – November 30

The Student Senate invites all GSU students to the Annual Holiday Celebration on November 30, from 6 to 10 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

The celebration includes music, food, entertainment, and prizes. Singer Audrey Cher LaBranche, winner of the GSU’s Got Talent competition, will share her spectacular vocal talents, and comedian Calvin Evans will provide plenty of laughs.

Students can bring one guest; no children are allowed at the event. Participants are urged to wear dress attire and bring non-perishable items for the GSU Food Pantry.

An after-party will be held at the University Golf Club, 23520 Crawford Avenue, University Park. University Park. There is a $3 cover charge for the after-party.

For information, contact studentsenate@govst.edu.

### Holiday Choral Performance – December 1

Just in time to share the spirit of the season, the GSU Choral Performance Class is presenting a free Holiday Concert on Saturday, December 1, at 3 p.m., in Sherman Recital Hall.

This concert has old favorites, new standards, and sing-alongs; including songs of Hanukkah, music from South America, and jazz versions of traditional carols with accompanist Joyce Beer.

“We are singing a variety of music that is sure to get everyone into the spirit,” says choir conductor Stacy Eckert. “Our program has favorites like ‘The Little Drummer Boy,’ and ‘Peace on Earth’ as well as fun songs like ‘A Charlie Brown Christmas,’ and ‘The Grinch.’ And we love it when the audience joins in and sings with us. This is a free, fun, family event.”

### ECE Students Share Experiences

Dr. Jeannine Klomes, GSU professor of education, knows that sharing academic experiences can be an effective teaching method. Each semester, to help her lab students prepare for their upcoming student
teaching experience, Klomes invites current student teachers to share a potluck breakfast with students enrolled in lab.

The purpose of this gathering is to provide those preparing to student teach with feedback and information from those currently engaged in the 15 week field experience. At the breakfast, ECE majors network with the current ECE student teachers. As they enjoy coffee and snacks, they share stories and advice. Discussions range from how best to prepare for working with a classroom of children seven hours a day, five days a week, to stories about the most stressful verses rewarding moments.

This annual social is beneficial for the students and Dr. Klomes. The lab students learn from new supportive peers, the student teachers confirm their performance progress, and Dr. Klomes gains insight about how to improve EC course instruction.

“Gearing up for student teaching can be very intimidating because students are required to effectively integrate a wealth of college class material into the professional knowledge, skills, and disposition expected of beginning teachers, thus having an opportunity to talk with those succeeding in this process is wonderful,” states Dr. Klomes.

Students graduating with a bachelor's or master’s in Early Childhood Education (ECE) with Illinois teacher certification are qualified to teach children from birth through third grade in the private or public ISBE school system.

**Veterans Writing Groups**

Veterans are invited to join a new Veterans Writing Group, where they will discover the craft of narrative writing in a small, supportive group environment.

Groups will meet for six-week workshops beginning in January to learn new skills and share camaraderie with other vets.

“Narrative writing helps veterans bridge the cultural divide between their military and civilian life,” explains Robin Thompson, University Lecturer and Coordinator of the program. “Their stories are important and may one day become a valuable family heirloom or community resource – everyone benefits.”

There is no charge for participation in the Veterans Writing Group. To register, contact Robin Thompson at 708.534.4581.

**Diversifying Faculty in Illinois—Application Process is Open**

Applications are being accepted for Diversifying Faculty in Illinois program, a statewide initiative designed to increase the number of minority full-time tenure track faculty and staff at Illinois’ two- and four-year, public and private colleges and universities. Applicants must be admitted to a master’s or doctoral program at a participating institution at the time of application. If admitted to the program, they
must enroll as a full-time student as defined by the institution.

Both new and renewal applicants must contact Sheree Sanderson, Interim Assistant Dean of Students, regarding their intent to apply or receive additional information. New applicants must obtain a special access code to complete their online eligibility check. Priority consideration will be given to applications in STEM areas, particularly mathematics and science.

Deadline for DFI applications for the 2013-2014 academic year is February 18, 2013, at 4 p.m.

Students interested in applying can attend an information session on December 10, at 2:30 p.m., in A2134.

More information about DFI is available at http://www.ibhe.state.il.us/DFI/default.htm. For additional information contact Sheree Sanderson.

**Experience Performance**

Two new and exciting classes at GSU will take students out of the books and onto the stage next semester. *Performing Culture and Identity* and *Chicagoland Theatre* are open to both undergraduate and graduate students as well as degree and non-degree seeking students.

Students in *Chicagoland Theatre* will experience the great theater produced throughout the Chicago region. They will attend productions at GSU University Center for Performing Arts and at theaters in Chicago. Productions will feature a variety of performance styles and themes. This course literally raises the curtain on theatre production and performance. The class meets on Thursdays, from 7:30 to 10:20 p.m.

In *Performing Culture and Identity*, students will investigate diverse perspectives of culture and identity through the theories and practices of performance. Participants must be willing to tap into their creativity, curiosity, and willingness to perform. The class meets on Mondays, from 4:30 to 7:20 p.m.

“Both of these courses take experiential learning to the next level,” said Dr. Patrick Santoro, Assistant Professor of Theatre and Performance Studies, “Theatre is not a passive experience. At GSU, we are encouraging our students to get involved and learn from the many facets and meanings of the performing arts.”

Registration for classes continues through January 26. The Spring 2013 semester begins January 22. For more information, contact Dr. Patrick Santoro at 708.235.2842.

**A Time Sheet Reminder**

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**GSU Featured in 11/26/12 Chicago Tribune article (11-26-12)**

The Chicago Tribune today focused on GSU’s transition to a university with a four-year undergraduate program.

You can read the Tribune article.

**General Education Courses Open New Horizons**

In her Sunday column in the Northwest Indiana Times, President Elaine P. Maimon addressed the importance of general education courses.

"It is imperative for students to use the freshman year to excel in required general education courses," Dr. Maimon writes. "These liberal arts courses provide the foundation for college majors - and for life. They also offer opportunities for exploring careers - some that students never even knew existed."

You can read Dr. Maimon’s column.

**Gay Straight Alliance – November 28**

Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) will meet on Wednesday, November 28, at 3 p.m., in E2590. The Gay Straight Alliance's mission is to create a safe place for LGBTQ people and their allies to build friendships, and develop a GSA presence on campus.

Meetings are held weekly during the semester. The GSA plans meetings and fundraisers. Everyone is welcome to participate in an organization dedicated to the belief that everyone should be free to express their sexual identity and gender without discrimination.

**Attend World AIDS Day Events – November 29**

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All events are free and open to the public. The Academic Resource Center sponsors World AIDS Day events at GSU.

**Holiday Cheer – November 30**

The Student Senate and Student Life are sponsoring a holiday celebration for all GSU students on November 30, from 6 to 10 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Students are invited to enjoy great music and food, have the chance to win wonderful prizes, and enjoy performances by Audrey Cher LaBranche, winner of the GSU’s Got Talent contest, and comedian Calvin Evans.

Students are asked to bring non-perishable food items to donate to the GSU Food Pantry, and are reminded that they much be present to win prizes.

The festivities continue at an after party at the University Golf Club, 23520 Crawford Avenue, University Park. There is a $3 cover charge for the after party.

For more information, contact studentsenate@govst.edu.

**Trustee Eileen Durkin’s Agency Wins Two Workplace Awards**

Community Counseling Centers of Chicago (C4) recently received an unprecedented two prestigious awards recognizing human resource innovation and employee satisfaction: the National Best and Brightest Companies to Work For and The Chicago Tribune Top 100 Workplaces.

GSU Trustee Eileen Durkin is president and CEO of C4. The awards mark the third such honor earned by C4 in a single year. This summer, C4 was named one of Chicago’s 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For by the National Association for Business Resources (NABR), which announced its national award this month.

“It is an extraordinary honor to win three workplace awards in a single year,” Durkin said. “We are thrilled to be recognized as having some of the highest quality human resource initiatives
Eileen Durkin in the country. C4 has a long history of providing its consumers with exceptional care. It’s wonderful to be recognized as an exceptional place to work as well.”

C4 currently employs a staff of 275, which includes both mental health professionals and administrative personnel. The agency provides mental health and substance use services to more than 10,000 adults and children annually at five sites. Founded in 1972, C4 is the state’s largest provider of crisis services for children.

C4 was among 254 companies vying for the Chicago Tribune Top Workplace Awards, which were announced at a November 12 reception hosted by the Chicago Tribune. Winners were determined solely by employee feedback gathered by WorkplaceDynamics, LLP, a leading research firm on organizational health and employee engagement.

The Best and Brightest Award winners are based on evaluations by an independent research firm that measures employee satisfaction in key categories, including employee compensation and benefits, opportunities for enrichment and development, recruitment practices, communication and shared vision, diversity and inclusion, and work-life balance.

**Student Trip to Presidential Inauguration Planned**

Student Life has organized an experiential educational learning opportunity for 38 students to attend the Presidential Inauguration and MLK Memorial. This will be an opportunity to experience our government in action, and be a part of the historical landscape.

GSU’s entourage will travel by luxury coach bus to the inauguration and stay at the Ramada Plaza in Hagerstown, about 45 minutes from Washington, D.C. The bus will depart at 6 a.m. from GSU on Sunday, January 20. President Obama’s inauguration and parade will be held January 21. The bus will depart for GSU on Tuesday, January 22, returning to campus that evening.

Drs. Elizabeth Johnson and Phyllis West will accompany students on the trip. Students attending will be required to submit an essay and participate in civic reflection discussions about this phenomenal experience based on the criteria that Drs. Johnson and West establish. The writings will be presented as part of Black History Month presentations.

The cost per student is $200 for the two night stay, and $65 for the bus, for a total round trip cost of $265. Meals are not included.

There are only 38 available seats and hotel rooms. Reservations will be secured on a first come, first served basis, A $135 deposit must be submitted to secure a reservation.

Interested students can attend an information session on Tuesday, November 27, at 3 p.m., in A2134.

For additional information, contact Johnsie McAuley or Sheree Sanderson.

**And Now, the Winners**
Here’s our recipe for a summer of fun.

You start with all the hopes and dreams that go into planning a great vacation. Then, when it’s time to go, you add in one extremely portable penguin.

Pierre the Penguin, once again, was the perfect travel companion as GSU students, faculty, and staff visited the four corners of the world this summer. Pierre’s travel itinerary included the Brazilian rainforest, the Great Barrier Reef in Australia, ancient ruins in Turkey, and visits to Paris, London, and Jerusalem. Being an aquatic animal, he was always glad to be in – or next to – a large body of water.

GSU View is grateful to everyone who sent in photos for the 2012 Take Pierre on Vacation Photo Contest. We were gratified to find a much higher percentage of student entries than we saw in the last contest two years ago.

We’ve been asked if photos of Pierre can be submitted to GSU View for trips this winter, or any other times when there’s no contest. Our answer is a resounding yes. We’re always glad to get pictures of Pierre. Pick up your own Pierre the Penguin in C1312. See Tom Houlihan or Lindsay Gladstone.

On to the winners:

First place – Jackie Ryon, Occupational Therapy student. Jackie took Pierre along on a motorcycle trip through the Great Smoky Mountains. We were bowled over by the picture of Biker Pierre – that’s a side of him we’ve never seen before – and were very impressed by the picture of him on a boat that is just his size. Jackie reported Pierre “got his wild thing on” while riding The Tail of the Dragon-Deals Gap, an 11-month stretch of highway with 318 turns. As first place winner, Jackie will receive two tickets to the Penguin Encounter at Shedd Aquarium, and one GSU folding chair with carrying bag.

Second place – Samantha Szkola, Master of Social Work student. Samantha took a prize-winning photo of Pierre perfectly framed by a crown atop Wellington Arch in London’s Hyde Park. The crown was part of the U.K.’s celebration of Queen Elizabeth II’s Jubilee Year. We’re pretty sure Pierre is the only penguin to be crowned in London during the Jubilee. Samantha described how she took the picture. “I just steadily held Pierre up there,” she said. “It took several tries for a clear picture.” Samantha wins a GSU folding chair and a copy of the book, “Pierre the Penguin,” about a distant relative at the San Francisco Science Center.

Third place – Diane Gohde, University Lecturer. She submitted this picture of Pierre with a cardinal being tested for West Nile Virus. Diane and Tina
Whitney, her colleague on the biology faculty, helped collect data for the West Nile Virus Research Project in Oak Lawn. They mist-netted birds, banded them, and checked their overall condition. This is, of course, not a vacation picture but it’s an outstanding photo and shows Pierre making good use of his time – and helping his fellow birds. Diane will receive a GSU folding chair.

Honorable mention – Kristy Goodwin, of the Admission Office, submitted a charming photo of Pierre “sandbathing” on Santa Monica Beach in California. Jamie Viebach, a graduate assistant in Environmental Biology, submitted a picture of Pierre on a lake in Wisconsin’s North Woods – it’s a photo that makes you go “ahhh.” Kristy and Jamie will receive GSU pennants signed by Pierre the Penguin.

Once again, thanks to everyone who submitted photos. To us, you are all winners.

**Celebrate Giving at GSU – November 27**

The Office of Development cordially invites all GSU employees to enjoy pizza, beverages, and fellowship in recognition of Giving Tuesday on Tuesday, November 27. Giving Tuesday is a movement to create a national day of giving. It is a response to Black Friday and Cyber Monday, two days in the holiday season that are explicitly centered on consumption.

“We welcome this opportunity to thank those who have participated in the Campus Community Campaign and encourage those who have not to join in the excitement of this year’s theme -- MAGIC, Making A Greater Individual Commitment,” said Jackie Small, director of the annual campaign.

The event will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the upper lobby of the Center for Performing Arts. Pizza will be provided by Chicago Dough Company and beverages are from Chicago Brewery and Grill. The Office of Development will draw tickets to win prizes which include theater tickets and a HP PHOTOSMART 7510 printer. Winners must be present to receive prizes.

Drawing tickets and contribution forms are available from Campus Community Campaign volunteers. This year’s campaign volunteers are: Clarissa Anagnos, Family Development Center; Margaret Brady, CHHS; Colleen Buche, Department of Public Safety; Lisa Carra, Student Life; John Cook, COE; Lynn Dimaggio, Library; Mona Douglas, COE; Adrienne Gray, CBPA; Patricia Guy, Center for Performing Arts; Rhonda Jackson, CAS; Elizabeth Johnson, CAS; Sheryl Jones Harper, Business Office; Bettie Lewis, Office of Procurement; Victoria Lloyd, Digital Learning and Media Design; Rashidah Muhammad, CAS; Laura Owens, Civil Service President; Robert Sinclair, CBPA; Pam Stipanich, CHHS; Patricia Thompson, CAS; Michael Trendell, CBPA; and Ayita Woods, Human Resources.

This year’s campaign ends on November 30.
For additional information, contact Jackie Small at ext. 2188 or Will Davis at ext. 7494.

**Intellectual Life Grants 2013 Awarded**

Intellectual Life grants for Spring 2013 were awarded recently. Recipients are:
- 2013 Women’s History Month Celebration - Crystal Blount
- Africana/ Hip-Hop Dance with Riley - Elizabeth Johnson
- “Art Gathering: The Collector” - closing reception and panel discussion - Jeff Stevenson
- Cracking the Code: Race and Relationships in the 21st Century (film viewing and discussion) - Elizabeth Johnson
- GS2U (Giving Support 2 U) Workshop Series - Bonnie Gregg, LaTonya Holmes, and Tina Hughes-Burke
- Hope Constitutes Change: A Restorative Approach for Students Faced with a Criminal background - Terry Banies, Darryl Cooke, Patricia Miller, and Lorri Glass
- Media Studies and Social Work connect through experience: A cross discipline transmedia collaboration - Deborah James and Maristella Zell
- Speaker on Veterans and Suicide Prevention - Ann Manning-Nagel
- Veterans Writing Group - Robin Thompson
- Veterans Writing Group Reception and Reading - Robin Thompson

**Literacy Zone 2013**

The Literacy Zone is an 11-week, one-to-one program that pairs students experiencing reading problems with teachers who have the skills to help them. Students meet on the GSU campus with certified, experienced teachers enrolled in the Master of Arts Reading Program at GSU.

Enrollment is limited and based on the number of tutors available. Students will be accepted in the order in which the completed application and registration fee are received. There is a $70 registration fee. Snacks are provided at each session. Transportation is not provided.

For more information, contact Dr. Cathy Toll at 708.534.4122.

**Dining Services Survey**

The office of Auxiliary Services and University Housing needs your assistance. Please take a few minutes to answer a short survey regarding dining services at the GSU café. Your responses will be used to assist the university in enhancing the dining program at GSU.

The survey will be available online from through Friday, December 7. To access the survey, please click: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2QPHQDL

Thank you for your time, input, and completing the survey.
**Timely Timesheets**

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**$30,000 Stipend – Learn More – December 4**

Learn how to earn elementary or secondary (biology, chemistry, or mathematics) teacher certification and secure a teaching position through GSU’s Alternative Certification Program. Information sessions will be held on Tuesday, December 4, at 7 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

The Alternative Teacher Certification program offers a way to earn a teaching certificate and embark on a new, rewarding career in education. The Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) leads to a Masters of Art in Teaching (MAT) in Urban Teacher Education in elementary or secondary (biology, chemistry, or mathematics). TQP provides an opportunity to co-teach for a year with a certified teacher, a $30,000 stipend, and a 25 percent reduction in tuition. TQP is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

This program is open to college graduates with a bachelor’s degree. The application deadline for the Alternative Certification program, beginning Spring 2013, is December 15, 2012.

For more information, call 708.534.4399 or visit [www.govst.edu/altcert](http://www.govst.edu/altcert).

**Civil Service Day – December 5**

It is time to enjoy the fun, music, and camaraderie of the 29th Annual Civil Service Day. This year’s show, The GSU Community Revue and Variety Show 2012, begins at 10 a.m., in Sherman Hall. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the show.

The Civil Service Day banquet lunch will be served immediately after the show. All Civil Service employees are invited to attend the banquet. Please RSVP no later than Friday, November 30 to Kelly Robinson at ext. 3997.

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**Time Sheets Timeliness**

Beginning this month, it is imperative that employee time sheets are submitted before the end of the month, and for all future pay periods, Gail Bradshaw, Associate Vice President for Human Resources and Diversity, announced.

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**And the Winner is...**


The apotheosis of awards – at least as far as GSU View is concerned – is coming next Monday, when the long-awaited winners of this year’s Take Pierre on Vacation Contest will be announced.

Our plucky penguin racked up tens of thousands of miles this summer, visiting ancient ruins, mountains, oceans, beaches, great cities, and some locations much closer to home. Many of you shared your vacation photos of Pierre with GSU View, a source of never-ending delight to us. We believe Pierre allows us to share happy moments in our lives, and brings us a little closer together.

So circle the date – November 26. Make plans for elegant post-award announcement soirees. Start popping the corn, and get ready to find out who took the winning photos, and will be taking home fabulous prizes for their extraordinary efforts.
**E & F Building Disconnect – November 21**

A scheduled outage affecting all computer systems and Cisco office phones in the E and F buildings will take Wednesday, November 21. Outages are planned in E building from 6 to 10 a.m. and in F building from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Please make arrangements to shut down office computers in these locations prior to the outage. Remote access into office computers from off-campus will NOT be available during or after power outage until the computers are manually restarted.

For more information, contact the ITS Helpdesk at 708.534.4357.

**Registration 2013 Continues**


Registrants are reminded that the new course renumbering system is now in use. The renumbering will not affect student study plans or delay degree completion. A cross reference list, showing a comparison of the old and new course numbers is available at www.govst.edu/renumber.

To register, students should visit the GSU registration website. Students are urged to contact their advisors with questions.

**Scholarly News from Baden-Baden**

Dr. Winfried K. Rudloff, retired GSU faculty and IIAS Distinguished Professor of Internet-Based Global Education, attended InterSymp'2012, the 24th International Conference on Systems Research, Informatics and Cybernetics, and the 32nd Annual Meeting of the International Institute for Advanced Studies in Systems Research and Cybernetics, in Baden-Baden, Germany.

During the Opening Plenary Session, he presented a keynote address on *Minds and Memories of Men and Machines II: How will High-Tech Influence our Lives.*

At The Symposium on Cybernetic, Logic, Mathematics, Informatics, and Artificial Intelligence, he delivered a second keynote address on *The Mind-Body Problem from the Viewpoint of Computer Science, Cognitive Science, Philosophy, and Modern Biophysics.*

His third keynote address was a contribution to the Symposium on Computer Science, AI, Systems Research, and Engineering Cybernetics on *Use of Multimedia and Information Technologies in the Hybrid Classroom I.*

Professor Rudloff organized and chaired a Special Focus Symposium on Global Education, Managerial Cybernetics, Risk Analysis, and Risk Management in combination with a Workshop on Global Education and
the Technological Frontiers VI where he discussed *Global Education and Technological Frontiers VIII* as an introduction to the symposium.

At the conference, Professor Rudloff was inducted into the International Academy of Arts, Sciences and Engineering for his “outstanding scholarly work and his significant life-long contribution to the advancement of Computer Science and Global Education.”

Congratulations, Dr. Rudloff.

**2012 Health and Human Services Career and Internship Fair – November 28**

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring the 2012 Health and Human Services Career and Internship Fair on Wednesday, November 28, from 2 to 5 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts lobby.

The career fair is open to current students, GSU alumni, and members of the community seeking employment in these fields. There is no charge for job seekers. Participants are advised to dress professionally and bring plenty of resumes.

Representatives from both public and private institutions, organizations, and businesses interested in meeting job candidates are also welcome.

For more information, call 708.235.3974 or email career@govst.edu.

**Spotlight on Performance – November 29**

Students in Writing as Performance, one of the courses in the new Theater and Performance Studies program at GSU, will perform their works at Performance Spotlight, on November 29, at 8 p.m. in Engbretson Hall. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Governors State University’s Graduate Program in Reading is sponsoring The Literacy Zone, a reading tutorial program for students in grades six through twelve, on Tuesdays, from January 29 through April 23, 2013, from 4:45 to 6:15 p.m.

**Cancer Awareness Silent Auction 2012**

After months of planning and preparing, all of the hard work for the Silent Auction has paid off. Vanessa Newby and her team raised $1,736.50 from bidding on items and donations for ribbons and pins.

The team would like to thank everyone who donated items for the auction as well as the many generous people who bid on the items and made donations. “We could not have done this without all of your help and support!” said Newby.

All proceeds were donated to Faye’s Light. Faye’s Light is a local cancer organization providing quality of life services to those currently undergoing treatment for cancer. Faye’s Light is a 501 (c) 3, not-for-profit organization, located in East Hazel Crest.

**World AIDS Day – November 29**
Information and discussion are the themes of GSU’s World AIDS Day program, on Thursday, November 29. Learn the real facts and get honest answers at this day-long event.

- Film Screening – *Philadelphia* - 9 to 11:30 a.m., Engbretson Hall
- Film Screening *Endgame: AIDS in Black America* - noon to 2:30 p.m., Engbretson Hall
- Workshop: Psychological Impact of AIDS/HIV - noon to 12:45 p.m., CPA Lobby
- Workshop: Sexually Transmitted Infections and Protection Negotiation - 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Cafeteria Annex
- World AIDS Day Awareness Fair - 1 to 4 p.m., Hall of Governors
- Free, Confidential AIDS Testing - 1 to 3 p.m., ARC
- Workshop: Safe Sex - 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. CPA Lobby
- Workshop: History of AIDS/HIV - 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., Cafeteria Annex
- Workshop: Living with AIDS/HIV - 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Engbretson Hall
- Panel Discussion: The Impact of AIDS/HIV - 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Engbretson Hall

All events are free and open to the public. The Academic Resource Center sponsors World AIDS Day events at GSU.

**Student Holiday Celebration – November 30**

The Student Senate invites all GSU students to the Annual Holiday Celebration on November 30, from 6 to 10 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

The celebration includes music, food, entertainment, and prizes. Singer Audrey Cher LaBranche, winner of the GSU’s Got Talent competition, will share her spectacular vocal talents, and comedian Calvin Evans will provide plenty of laughs.

Students can bring one guest; no children are allowed at the event. Participants are urged to wear dress attire and bring non-perishable items for the GSU Food Pantry.

An after-party will be held at the University Golf Club, 23520 Crawford Avenue, University Park. University Park. There is a $3 cover charge for the after-party.

For information, contact studentsenate@govst.edu.

**Free Holiday Concert at GSU – December 1**

Just in time to share the spirit of the season, the GSU Choral Performance Class is presenting a free Holiday Concert on December 1, at 3 p.m., in Sherman Recital Hall.

This concert has old favorites, new standards, and sing-alongs; including songs of Hanukkah, music from South America, and jazz versions of traditional carols with accompanist Joyce Beer.

“We are singing a variety of music that is sure to get everyone into the spirit,” says choir conductor Stacy Eckert. “Our program has favorites like ‘The Little Drummer Boy,’ and ‘Peace on Earth’ as well as
fun songs like 'A Charlie Brown Christmas,' and 'The Grinch.' And we love it when the audience joins in and sings with us. This is a free, fun, family event.”

**MOT Information, Please – December 13**

The Department of Occupational Therapy will host an Information Session for individuals interested in learning more about Master of Occupational Therapy degree program on Thursday, December 13, 2012, from 5 to 6 p.m. in G127 in the Faculty Office Center (FOC), located at the far eastern edge of the campus.

Attendees are encouraged to bring unofficial copies of transcripts.

For more information, contact Patricia Kalvelage at pkalvelage@govst.edu, or 708.534.7294. Additional information may be found at www.govst.edu/chhs/dot/mot/.

**SWSO Clothing Drive**

Help the Social Work Student Organization support families in need by donating clothing and personal care items through November 29. SWSO will distribute items to Respond Now and the South Suburban Family Shelter, Inc.

Personal care items, such as soap, shampoo, deodorants, and toothpaste, will help Respond Now continue its mission to provide emergency services to families in crisis. Clothing and cell phone donations will aid South Suburban Family Shelter, Inc. in serving women and children who are survivors of domestic violence.

Drop-off locations are D Building - main entrance, D Building - first floor elevators, E Building - Sherman Hall entrance, G Building, and Student Life.

**Lt. Governor Simon Visits GSU (11-15-12)**

Affordability, retention, and college completion – all key components of GSU’s commitment to students – took the spotlight Tuesday during Lt. Governor Sheila Simon’s visit to the university.

During her two-and-a-half hour visit, Simon met with students, faculty, staff, and administrators. She called on federal, state, and higher education officials to work together to keep college affordable so thousands of Illinois students can earn the credentials needed for good-paying jobs.

Lt. Gov. Simon, Dr. Maimon “In order to retain and attract high-wage and high-skills jobs in Illinois, we will need 60 percent of our working-age population to hold college credentials by 2025,” Simon said. “We cannot expect students to complete college if they cannot afford college. I urge our state, federal and higher education leaders to work together to ensure college is not only accessible to the privileged,
President Elaine P. Maimon thanked Simon for her efforts to make college education affordable and accessible in Illinois. Simon is considered Governor Pat Quinn’s point person on education reform.

“I admire Lt. Governor Simon’s commitment to making a college education affordable and accessible,” Dr. Maimon said. “Her visit to GSU gave us an opportunity to showcase what we are doing, specifically the Dual Degree Program and our plans for first-year students. The Lieutenant Governor is passionate about student success, and we are, too.”

Simon is visiting all 12 public universities in Illinois this fall to hold College Affordability Summits with students, faculty and administrators. Simon has outlined three ways stakeholders can work together to make college affordable – consumer protections, targeted assistance, and tax credits for tuition payments.

According to a College Board trends report published last month, costs at public and private universities nationwide increased more than 4 percent this school year, while the cost of community college increased more than 5 percent since last school year. Compounding the burden, federal student aid declined for the first time in three years.

GSU officials pointed out that Governors State has the most affordable tuition of any public university in Illinois. The Dual Degree Program, a national model for college completion, offers a proven path to seamless, successful transfer from community college to university. GSU has long been a leader in working with non-traditional students to help them achieve their education goals.

Dr. Maimon said she supports Lt. Governor Simon’s initiatives to encourage more students to graduate with high quality degrees and cited the GSU Promise program as an example of working towards accomplishing that goal.

“We have established an endowment to support the GSU Promise, offering low-income students in the Dual Degree Program the opportunity to complete both the associate and bachelor’s degrees debt-free,” Dr. Maimon said.

### Be Timely with Timesheets

Beginning this month, it is imperative that employee timesheets are submitted before the end of the month, and for all future pay periods, Gail Bradshaw, Associate Vice President for Human Resources and Diversity, announced this week.

During the past month, Human Resources and Payroll staffs have been working to input all the data in Colleague that is necessary for the automated leave plan feature to go live effective January, 2013.

This feature will allow faculty and staff to see a summary of earned accrued leave on pay advices and also allows GSU employees to review the details of their earned accrued leave by specific type, including vacation leave, non-compensable sick leave, compensable sick leave, cumulative and non-cumulative sick leave, and personal leave. This information will be recorded on the Leave Plan Summary page.
In order for this to happen, November timesheets for all employees must be completed and submitted to the Payroll Unit no later than November 30. Leave accrual reporting for employees whose timesheets are not submitted by November 30 will not have an accurate leave accrual record in January when the Leave Plans go live in Colleague.

**Holiday Reception – December 7**

President Elaine P. Maimon and the Governor State University Board of Trustees invite faculty and staff to a reception celebrating the joyous holiday season.

The reception takes place Friday, December 7, from noon to 2 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Please RSVP at 708.534.6364.

**‘Speaking in Tongues’ at CPA Saturday**

Governors State University Center for Performing Arts opens its groundbreaking 2012-2013 One More Night series with a significant theater event – playwright Shepsu Aakhu’s *Speaking in Tongues: The Chronicles of Babel*. The play is coming to GSU Center for one performance only, on Saturday, November 17, at 8 p.m.

*Speaking in Tongues*, presented by MPAACT Productions, is the powerful story of an extended family living in Chicago’s now-demolished Washington Park housing project. Aakhu based his play on many hours of oral history recollections that he gathered from family members.

Critics applauded the play when it was first performed at Chicago’s Greenhouse Theatre Center. “This is a brilliant play to which I give my highest recommendation,” wrote Chicago Theater Beat. “The details that Aakhu brings out in the family's memories resonate with truths both humorous and poignant... the seven-member cast is excellent,” said the Chicago Tribune.

General admission tickets for *Speaking in Tongues: The Chronicles of Babel* are $30, but only $10 for GSU students and $20 for faculty and staff. To purchase tickets, or for further information, contact the GSU Center box office at www.centertickets.net or (708) 235-2222.

*Speaking in Tongues* is the first of four One More Night productions in GSU Center’s 2012-2013 season. One More Night is funded for a second year by a generous grant from The Chicago Community Trust.

**DDP Orientation Points Toward Success**

Thirty-five Dual Degree Program students last week learned how GSU is providing the tools for a seamless, successful transfer between community college and university. The students are currently attending one of nine community college systems partnering with GSU in the nationally-recognized Dual Degree Program.
During the orientation session, students met with advisors and faculty members, received information on financial aid and the GSU Promise, and got advice on choosing the right courses prior to transfer. They toured the campus and posed for a group photo on a fine fall day.

**Gobble Gobble Today**

Celebrate the holiday early with a complete Thanksgiving meal today at the GSU Café. Enjoy turkey breast and stuffing, mashed potatoes, and all the fixings for lunch or dinner.

FSI would like to wish everyone a well-deserved Thanksgiving break. Happy Thanksgiving!

**Thank You from the Friends**

During this season of Thanksgiving, the Friends of the GSU Library would like to thank all who helped make the Fall Book Sale a big success. More than 75 percent of the books were sold. The proceeds will support the work of the Friends of the GSU Library.

“We very much appreciate the support of the GSU community,” said Ann Marie Manning-Nagel, President of the Friends of the GSU Library. “The Friends are planning to host a variety of events on campus in the coming year including an author lecture, panel discussion, and the Spring Book Sale.”

The Friends of the GSU Library is always seeking new members. Visit the [Friends of the GSU Library](#) website.

**Research in Four Minutes or Less – November 16**

The Rapid Fire Research event is back for another year of clever, quick, visual “snapshots” of new and interesting faculty research at GSU. During this event, professors present their research – both completed and in progress – in four-minute, timed presentations.

All faculty are invited to attend and hear from colleagues about their research. Rapid Fire Research will be held on Friday, November 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in E-Lounge. Lunch will be served.

**Veterans Club Hosts Skating Party – November 17**

Before you enjoy all that turkey, stuffing, and pumpkin pie, have fun roller skating with the GSU Veterans Club. The social event and fund raiser will be held on November 17, from 5 to 8 p.m., at the Tinley Park Roller Rink, 17658 Oak Park Avenue, Tinley Park. Admission is only $10 and proceeds will be used to support programs assisting members of the armed forces.

For more information, contact Eric Williams at 708.439.1999.

**A Cake and a Pie, Oh My – November 20**

Get your baking done for Thanksgiving at the Civil Service Senate Pat-
Put Your Talent to Good Use

Can you sing, dance, or juggle? If so, the Civil Service Senate wants you.

The Senate will host the GSU Community Revue and Variety Show 2012 at Civil Service Day festivities on Wednesday, December 5. The event starts at 10 a.m., with the Revue starting at 10:45 a.m. The performances should not exceed five minutes. However, longer performances may be allowed if time permits.

GSU faculty, staff, and students can participate in the show.

Please contact Lynne Clayton at 708.534.3075 by November 21, to reserve your spot in the show.

Performance Spotlight – November 29

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Don’t Toss – Recycle!

Empty glass bottles can now be recycled at GSU. Those glass empties can now join the paper, cardboard, and empty aluminum and steel cans in the blue recycling containers located around campus.

In addition to the blue containers, battery collection tubes are also busy collecting all dead batteries. They are located in the ITS Building, the FDC, A wing first floor game area, C wing adjacent to the west exit and Human Resources offices, G building, vending machine area, and first floor F wing by the offices. Used batteries may also be dropped off at the FDM office, B1230.

Currently, no light bulbs or ballasts are recycled.

Now is the time to get into the practice of recycling in preparation for the annual RecycleMania contest which will begin in February.

Health Professions Career and Internship Fair at GSU – November 28

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring the 2012 Health and
Human Services Career and Internship Fair on Wednesday, November 28, from 2 to 5 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts lobby on the GSU campus.

Prospective employers in the fields of physical and occupational therapy, nursing, social work, and non-profit social services will meet with job and internship candidates.

The career fair is open to current students, GSU alumni, and members of the community seeking employment in these fields. There is no charge for job seekers. Participants are advised to dress professionally and bring plenty of resumes.

Representatives from both public and private institutions, organizations, and businesses interested in meeting job candidates are also welcome.

For more information, call 708.235.3974 or email career@govst.edu.

**CN Railroad Gift Will Support Innovative MBA Program (11-12-12)**

GSU announced a named classroom following the receipt of a substantial gift from CN Railroad. GSU officials received the first installment of the $100,000 gift in a ceremony last week.

CN’s gift will be used to equip a classroom for the university’s Supply Chain Management MBA program offered by the College of Business and Public Administration. Eight $2,500 fellowships for Supply Chain Management students will also be funded through the gift. CN’s support of the university will be noted on a plaque in the classroom.

GSU President Elaine P. Maimon thanked CN Railroad and said she expects other corporations to forge similar partnerships by naming classrooms and supporting educational programs preparing students for today’s global economy.

“Corporations and universities are natural partners,” Maimon said. “We provide education for a 21st century workforce and also perform research that is extremely useful to modern industries. GSU is the only public university in a large area between Bloomington and the south side of Chicago, and this region is known as a national center for transportation and logistics. GSU helps CN and other companies by training employees who are ready for the challenges of the modern work environment.”

Jim Kvedaras, CN’s Director of U.S. Government Affairs, said it was an “absolute pleasure” to assist GSU and its Supply Chain Management program. “We need strong people to work for us,” he said. “It makes a great deal of sense to work with the university so that we’ll be able to hire qualified workers. We look upon this as an investment in our own future, and one that helps us develop future leaders in our industry.”

Kvedaras pointed out that he received his undergraduate degree from GSU and looks forward to helping students receive a quality education from the university.

**A Message From Pierre**
The following letter was slipped under GSU View’s office door, and we are printing it in its entirety:

Dear Friends,

For starters, I’d like to thank all of you who brought me along on your vacation trips this summer. Once again, I got to travel near and far, and see the marvels of the wide world unfold before me. Quite an honor for any penguin.

Some of you may have been wondering about the ultimate outcome of this year’s Take Pierre on Vacation Contest, sponsored by GSU View. I can assure you that my colleagues at GSU View have not forgotten about the contest, or the fabulous prizes that were promised throughout the summer.

They are good folks – especially for non-flippered bi-peds – and have given their assurances that the contest will be concluded by the Monday after Thanksgiving, and prizes will be distributed by month’s end.

So stay tuned. Thanks for your patience and best wishes for the holiday season ahead.

Pierre

Activities Highlight Global Opportunities

Global Entrepreneurship and International Education Week 2012 is a week of valuable information, enlightening conversations, and opportunities to expand your horizons.

The week begins Tuesday with a presentation by the Association of Latin American Students (ALAS) concerning Aztec culture and life at 1 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. At 2 p.m., also in Engbretson, a video on international trade will be screened and a discussion will follow. Enjoy a rousing game of soccer as ALAS sponsors a soccer tournament at 4 p.m., in the GSU gym.

Events on Wednesday, November 13 include the Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp, from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts. The day-long event is presented by the Illinois SBDC.

Delicious tamales will be sold in the Hall of Governors, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The day concludes with the Indian Dance Extravaganza at 4 p.m., also in the Hall of Governors. Henna tattooing will be available.

Join a discussion on Black Latinos sponsored by ALAS, on Thursday, November 14, at 2 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. Jonathon Lee (OIS) and Kathleen Gaber (Masuda Funai) will lead a discussion of immigration status at GSU and after graduation, from 3 to 4 p.m., also in Engbretson Hall.

The final day of the event, Friday, November 15, includes a discussion led by members of ALAS on the Indigenous Groups in Modern Day Mexico, at 10 a.m., in Engbretson Hall. At 4:30 p.m., GSU students host a panel discussion on Exploring the World, in the Student
These events are free and open to the public. Activities are sponsored by the Office of International Services, Illinois SBDC/International Trade Center, Student Life, GSU Global Affairs Committee, and ALAS.

**Deadline for Ethics Training Rapidly Approaching**

Ethically speaking, time is running out.

GSU employees need to complete state-mandated Ethics Training for 2012 no later than 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14. Faculty and staff are reminded that annual completion of Ethics Training is an important requirement of employment in Illinois.

For any last-minute questions, contact Tony Tymkow, University Ethics Training Administrator.

**Examining the African American Experience in Chicago - November 13**

GSU will present *Aspects of the African American Experience: Chicago since the Civil Rights Era*, a panel discussion, on Tuesday, November 13, at 5 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. The discussion is free and open to the public.

GSU Professor David Hamilton Golland will moderate the discussion, being presented in conjunction with the upcoming performance of *Speaking in Tongues: The Chronicles of Babel*, in the GSU Center for Performing Arts on Saturday, November 17, at 8 p.m.

*Speaking in Tongues* playwright Shepsu Aakhu and actor Michael Sanders will participate in the November 13 discussion. The panel also includes three GSU students. Dorothy Adebayo will speak on *Challenges, Struggles, and Triumphs: My Life from the Delta to the Southside*. Kristina Kloc will address *Delta Blues in the Big City: Music and the African American Community since the Civil Rights Era*. Michelle Nettles will speak on *Respect: Black-on-Black Violence in Southside Chicago*.

The panel discussion is sponsored by the GSU Center for Performing Arts and Office of Student Life. *Speaking in Tongues*, a presentation of Chicago’s MPAACT Productions, is part of GSU Center’s “One More Night” series, which brings the best in Chicago-area theater to local audiences. “One More Night” is funded by a generous grant from The Chicago Community Trust.

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**Shoppers’ Paradise On the Way – November 15**

By our count, there are just 44 shopping days until Santa’s official arrival. So the Civil Service Senate’s Annual Fall Vendor Fair couldn’t come at a better time.
The shoppers’ paradise will feature arts and crafts, perfect gifts, and unique creations on Thursday, November 15, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The event is free and open to the public.

**Join the Fight against Hunger, Homelessness**

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, November 10 to 18, is co-sponsored by National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness.

Student Life is sponsoring a special food drive, which involves all of the GSU student clubs and organizations competing to take a stand against hunger. During the food drive, members of the GSU community are also asked to take a stand against hunger by bringing in non-perishable foods and placing them in the food bins located in the Hall of Governors, A-wing, E-wing, and on the third floor of D-Wing. All donations will support the GSU Food Pantry.

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week events include:
- Hunger and Homelessness Poster Presentation
  November 12, Hall of Governors
- Hunger and Homeless Documentary and Discussion
  Facilitated by Dr. Phyllis West
  November 14, 5 p.m., TBD
- GSU Food Pantry Grand Re-opening
  November 15, 3 to 6 p.m., Student Commons

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A few spots for presenters are still available. To participate as a presenter or to attend, contact Raven James.

**Planning Teams Convene for Black and Women’s History Months**

The first planning team meetings for Black History Month and Women’s History Month are Thursday, November 15, at 11 a.m., and Friday, November 16 at 2 p.m. Planning team members can choose which meeting they wish to attend. Both meetings take place in the Student Commons Annex (A2134).

Students are invited to attend either meeting to share their ideas. For more information, contact Vanessa Newby at 708.534.4551.
Call FDM to Move Furniture

In the interest of personal safety as well as preservation of GSU property, FDM would like to remind the GSU community that moving furniture, equipment, or other permanent objects by persons other than FDM staff is strictly prohibited. Doing so may subject the college, unit, or sponsoring organization to a grievance charge with monetary consequences. Only items with rollers/casters may be moved within a classroom or office.

For assistance, call 708.534.4515.

Learn About Mindfulness and Psychotherapy - November 16

Beginning in the Summer 2013 term, GSU’s College of Education and College of Health and Human Services will offer a two-year (18 credit hours) certificate program in Mindfulness and Psychotherapy.

Learn more about this new program at an Open House on Friday, November 16, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the E-Lounge. You will have the opportunity to meet program faculty, learn about the program structure and goals, as well as review the admissions process and eligibility requirements. Light refreshments will be served.

Pie and Cake Auction – November 20

Get your baking done for Thanksgiving at the Civil Service Senate Pat-a-Cake Pie and Cake Silent Auction on November 20, in the Hall of Governors. Bidding for the delicious creations begins at 11 a.m. and ends promptly at 1:30 p.m. All pies and cakes must be paid for and picked up by 2 p.m. Proceeds support the Educational Assistance Fund at GSU.

Donations and volunteers are also needed. Contact Andrea Dalpolo at ext. 4582.

Compliance is Key

Today’s technology offers many ways to promote university events. Internal e-mail blasts are a convenient way to share your message with a large group of students, faculty, and staff. In order to assure that e-blasts are accessible by all members of the GSU community, the university’s Web Oversight Committee has developed guidelines pursuant to ADA regulations.

Download the Internal E-Blast Procedure.

Please note that all internal e-blasts must have the approval of a department/division supervisor before distribution. For additional information or assistance with the new procedure, contact Lindsay Gladstone in the Office of Marketing and Communications.

Nikki Giovanni Enchants (11-08-12)

From the intimate poetry reading in
Giovanni’s visit to GSU on Wednesday began with her attendance at the One Book One University discussion of her work Quilting the Black Eyed Pea. Students took turns interpreting her poetry and explaining the significance of her words.

Participating faculty members included Dr. Christopher White, Dr. Elizabeth Johnson, and Dr. Rashidah Muhammad.

After a warm welcome from President Elaine Maimon and glowing introduction by Dr. Muhammad, Giovanni offered her wisdom, insight, and wit – always with a light touch – on issues facing us today; often reflecting on their roots in history. She read several of her poems and encouraged the audience to seek greater openness and understanding. She frequently drew on her own life story to illustrate the need to avoid complacency.

Preceding her on stage was the gospel choir Von Matthews and Proclaim. The evening was emceed by Dr. Cyrus M. Ellis and sponsored by the Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education, Division of Psychology and Counseling, College of Education, College of Arts and Sciences, Intellectual Life, Illinois Counseling Association, and Chi Sigma Iota.

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### Family Fun and Prairie Reclamation – November 11

It is a perfect time of the year to spend some time outdoors doing something good for the earth that does not involve raking leaves or cleaning gutters. The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park is seeking willing volunteers to help Reclaim the Prairie!, on November 11.

This event is perfect for everyone, old and young, as we expand our prairie flora. No experience is necessary. If you can pick a flower, rub it between your fingers, and scatter the seed, you can do this.

The activity begins at 1 p.m. in the University's Cafeteria Annex with a short introduction on how and why of prairie restoration by GSU Superintendent of Grounds Kevin Barto. Participants will then fan out in a specified area of the sculpture part to harvest, then sow prairie seed.

Once seeding is completed, light refreshments of hot cider and pumpkin squares will be served. Join us for an afternoon of fun with a purpose. Reservations are requested for this free activity. RSVP to 708.534.3084.

### GSU Table Tennis on Road to Championship

The GSU Table Tennis team is hoping for a “three-peat” this year as it begins to compete for the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association 2012 Upper Mid-West Divisional Championship. The first tournament is Saturday, November 10, at Northwestern University.

Let’s wish our GSU Table Tennis team the best of luck - and even better serves, strikes, and returns.

### The Art of Giving – November 9

Students in Dr. Jane Hudak’s Graduate Art Seminar class are not only practicing artists; they are also perfecting the Art of Giving. The students are contributing their artwork to a charity auction to be held Friday, November 9, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the front entrance atrium gallery.

The students’ artwork will remain on display in the atrium until...
November 28. All the funds raised from the sale of the artwork will benefit the GSU Promise, South Side Community Art Center, Animal Welfare League, Women at Risk International, Under His Wings, and Early Learning Partnership of Northwest Indiana.

Students donating artwork are Mark Fiske, Jack Gildroy, Dave Gribbins, Milissa Gumbs, Karen Jania, Rick Lapidus, Thomas Luehring, and C. Martin.

**Be Ethical**

There is no time to delay. GSU employees need to complete state-mandated Ethics Training for 2012 no later than 7 p.m. on November 14. Faculty and staff are reminded that annual completion of Ethics Training is an important requirement of employment in Illinois.

Complete the training and proudly print out your Ethics Training certificate.

**Panel Discusses African American Experience in Chicago – November 13**

GSU will present “Aspects of the African American Experience: Chicago since the Civil Rights Era,” a panel discussion, on Tuesday, November 13, at 5 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. The discussion is free and open to the public.

GSU Professor David Hamilton Golland will moderate the discussion, being presented in conjunction with the upcoming performance of “Speaking in Tongues: The Chronicles of Babel,” in the GSU Center for Performing Arts on Saturday, November 17.

“Speaking in Tongues” playwright Shepsu Aakhu and actor Michael Sanders will participate in the November 13 discussion. The panel also includes three GSU students. Dorothy Adebayo will speak on “Challenges, Struggles, and Triumphs: My Life from the Delta to the Southside.” Kristina Kloc will address “Delta Blues in the Big City: Music and the African American Community since the Civil Rights Era.” Michelle Nettles will speak on “Respect: Black-on-Black Violence in Southside Chicago.”

The panel discussion is sponsored by the GSU Center for Performing Arts and Office of Student Life.

“Speaking in Tongues,” a presentation of Chicago’s MPAACT Productions, is part of GSU Center’s “One More Night” series, which brings the best in Chicago-area theater to local audiences. “One More Night” is funded by a generous grant from The Chicago Community Trust.

General admission tickets for “Speaking in Tongues: The Chronicles of Babel” are $30, but only $10 for GSU students and $20 for faculty and staff. To purchase tickets, or for further information, contact the GSU Center box office at [www.centertickets.net](http://www.centertickets.net) or (708) 235-2222.
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Hunger Awareness and Action

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Chemistry Faculty Tours New Facilities

The chemistry faculty - Drs. Walter Henne, Joong-Won Shin, Shelly Kumar, and Karen D’Arcy, and Stephen Kent, university lecturer - recently toured the E and F Wing reconstruction site. Ron Bachus, Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator, led the tour. Jennifer Morehead of OSPR and Dr. Mary Carrington of Biology also toured the construction site.

Faculty members were eager to see the office layout, have the opportunity to select offices appropriate for the program coordinator and faculty advisor, and envision the new lab facilities. Dr. Henne selected an office close to the new biochemistry lab. Dr. Joong-Won Shin, a new professor, viewed the new teaching and research labs for the first time.
As the new office space and labs are readied over the next few months, the Science and Health Science Faculty will prepare for the move by reducing their “footprint” in their existing offices and labs. Thanks to E and F transition team, more confidential document disposal boxes are available and an additional trailer is ready to be loaded with obsolete and surplus equipment destined for the State of Illinois auctions in Springfield.

The December/January break between terms will be a busy time for faculty and staff as they identify equipment that will be moved into the new labs and items that are headed for disposal. FDM has already begun removing surplus lab benches from the F-Wing.

**Pre-Thanksgiving Skating Party – November 17**

Before you enjoy all that turkey, stuffing, and pumpkin pie, have fun roller skating with the GSU Veterans Club. The social event and fund raiser will be held on November 17, from 5 to 8 p.m., at the Tinley Park Roller Rink, 17658 Oak Park Avenue, Tinley Park. Admission is only $10 and proceeds will be used to support programs assisting members of the armed forces.

For more information, contact Eric Williams at 708.439.1999.

**Students Receive Mathematics Teaching Scholarships**

Timothy Conrath and Donald Sachnoff, students in the Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics Teacher Education program, are recipients of the Mathematics Student Teaching Scholarship. The $1,000 scholarship is awarded to qualified students who are enrolled in student teaching and have earned a B or higher average in all mathematics and statistics classes.

**Football at GSU!**

The Chicago Bears are shaping up as a team that never gives up and consistently finds ways to come out victorious.

You can take advantage of Bears fever at two upcoming events, both sponsored by the GSU Recreation and Fitness Center.

At the Monday Night Bears Bash, on November 19, at 7:30 p.m., in the Game Lounge, you can cheer your team to victory as the Bears play the San Francisco 49ers. Food, games, and prizes are on the evening’s agenda as the Bears move closer to the playoffs.

On November 28 and 29, you can take the helm as quarterback during the Go Mad With Madden Tournament. Competition takes place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Game Lounge. You must register to participate and the competition is open only to current GSU students with a current university ID. To register, contact Jason Zelek.
Health and Human Services Careers – November 28

The Office of Career is sponsoring the 2012 Health and Human Services Career and Internship Fair on Wednesday, November 28, from 2 to 5 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts lobby.

Prospective employers in the fields of physical and occupational therapy, nursing, social work, and non-profit social services will meet with job and internship candidates.

The career fair is open to current students, GSU alumni, and members of the community seeking employment in these fields. There is no charge for job seekers. Participants are advised to dress professionally and bring plenty of resumes. Representatives from both public and private institutions, organizations, and businesses interested in meeting job candidates are also welcome.

For more information, call 708.235.3974 or email career@govst.edu.

Get the Spirit at Holiday Concert – December 1

Just in time to share the spirit of the season, the Governors State University Choral Performance Class is presenting a free Holiday Concert on December 1, at 2 p.m., in Sherman Recital Hall.

This concert has old favorites, new standards, and sing-alongs; including songs of Hanukkah, music from South America, and jazz versions of traditional carols with accompanist Joyce Beer.

“We are singing a variety of music that is sure to get everyone into the spirit,” says choir conductor Stacy Eckert. “Our program has favorites like ‘The Little Drummer Boy,’ and ‘Peace on Earth,’ as well as fun songs like ‘A Charlie Brown Christmas,’ and ‘The Grinch.’ And we love it when the audience joins in and sings with us. This is a free, fun, family event.”

Civil Service Revue Looking for Talent

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GSU faculty, staff, and students can participate in the show.

Please contact Lynne Clayton at 708.534.3075 by November 21, to reserve your spot in the show.

GSU Takes National Spotlight in AAC&U News (11-05-12)

The November edition of AAC&U News features an in-depth look at
GSU in “Governors State Strives for Civic Engagement Across the Curriculum, Across Generations,” the lead article in the monthly publication.

President Elaine P. Maimon said the publication is distributed to 34,000 readers across the country. She thanked GSU staff members who agreed to be interviewed for the story. “This article is yet another instance of GSU's growing reputation nationally,” Dr. Maimon said.

You can read the story in AAC&U News.

Chicago Live! at GSU is Major Success

In hosting Chicago Live!, Governors State University affirmed its position as an vital public square where important issues are freely discussed, strengthening the community’s social fabric.

Chicago Live!, presented at GSU’s Center for Performing Arts on Thursday, November 1, was a cornucopia of comedy, music, and interviews on topics ranging from beer and the blues to election endorsements and the plight of the black middle class. An audience of more than 400 gave an enthusiastic thumbs-up to the live stage show, a production of the Chicago Tribune in partnership with The Second City comedy troupe and WGN-AM Radio.

Rick Kogan, the host of Chicago Live!, thanked GSU President Maimon in a note following the performance. "What a delight to meet and get to know you a bit," Kogan said. "I cannot tell you how much I admire what you are doing for the ‘secret’ university. I met too many nice people to be able to remember all of their names so might you thank all you see for a great evening.”

The recorded version of Chicago Live! was broadcast on WGN-AM last Saturday. Videos from the show are posted at http://www.chicagotribune.com/about/chicagolive/.

It was the first time Chicago Live! was presented outside the city limits and the show was an unqualified success, with Second City improv artists providing very funny vignettes between interviews.
Undergraduate student Audrey Cher, winner of the “GSU’s Got Talent” competition, gave a soaring rendition of her original song “Love You,” with stellar music also coming from hip-hop singer Psalm One and harmonica virtuoso Sugar Blue and his band.

Interviews were a major feature of Chicago Live! at GSU. President Maimon described some of the exciting developments at GSU, including the coming of the university’s first freshman class and student housing in 2014. Kogan and Editorial Page Editor Bruce Dold discussed the Tribune’s endorsement of President Barack Obama – which garnered a loud round of applause from the audience. Music critic Howard Reich interviewed Sugar Blue and Tribune travel and beer writer Josh Noel talked about craft brews with Barnaby Struve, vice president of Three Floyds Brewing Co. in Munster, IN. Kogan discussed the election and issues in the African-American community with Tribune columnist Dawn Turner Trice and Cliff Kelley, former Chicago alderman and current WVON-AM talk show host.

GSU was picked for Chicago Live! largely through the efforts of President Maimon and Tribune Associate Editor Joyce Winnecke, said James Janega, manager of Trib Nation, the newspaper unit overseeing the show.

Janega said Dr. Maimon and Winnecke share a common vision about the role in the community of important institutions like newspapers and universities. “They share the sense that both the Tribune and GSU each act as a town square,” he said. “That’s a common thread for both of us.” Winnecke is a member of the President’s Advisory Board at GSU.

**Reducing the Risk of Meningitis**

Governors State University, consistent with the American College Health Association (ACHA) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices (CDC-ACIP), recommends that students consider vaccination to reduce their risk for potentially fatal meningococcal disease.

For additional information, please refer to the index of ACHA and other resources at [http://www.acha.org/Topics/meningitis.cfm](http://www.acha.org/Topics/meningitis.cfm), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at [http://www.cdc.gov/meningococcal/about/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/meningococcal/about/index.html). For personal assistance regarding all immunizations for yourself or a member of your family please see your health care provider.

This announcement is intended to promote public health awareness and practices, and is in compliance with the Illinois Meningitis Information Law (110 ILCS 690/35-120).

**Don’t Let the Pipes Freeze**

Faculty and staff using G-Wing are reminded that the building’s mechanical system is prone to frozen pipes. It is imperative that all operable windows in G-Wing are closed at the end of each day, and especially over the weekends.

Anyone teaching in a G-Wing classroom needs to close the windows at the end of each class session. The same applies to conference room users.
FDM appreciates your assistance in avoiding the catastrophic water damage that can result from a frozen pipe.

**Veterans Day Commemorated – November 8**

Over the years, Veterans Day has evolved from a day marking the sacrifice of those who fought in World War I into a day to remember and honor all men and women who served in the many wars since the “war to end all wars.”

GSU will join in honoring veterans and remembering their sacrifice on November 8. *Profiles in Courage; Veterans Perspectives of War and Restoration*, is from 10 a.m. to noon, in Engbretson Hall.

The presentation is sponsored by the Office of the Coordinator for Veteran and Military Personnel and the GSU chapter of Student Veterans of America.

The event is free and everyone is welcome.

**The Three Divas Coming to CPA Sunday**

Hell hath no fury like a Diva scorned. And Three Divas? Well, that’s a recipe for a great afternoon of operatic fireworks as The Three Divas bring their spectacular vocal talents to Governors State University Center for Performing Arts on Sunday, November 11, at 4 p.m.

Desiree Hassler, Pamela Williams, and Joanne Jennett will present a program worthy of their name, with each trying to outdo the next. It’ll be a fight to the finish and you’ll have a ringside seat. Soaring melodies, vocal acrobatics, barnburner favorites, and a diva-dose of humor make for a great afternoon of operatic singing.

The Three Divas is the latest offering in GSU Center’s popular “Opera Up Close” series, which provides a unique musical experience for audience members. Instead of experiencing the music from the perspective of the auditorium, patrons at “Opera Up Close” are seated onstage for an unforgettable vantage point as superb artists perform some of the world's most beautiful music.

Refreshments, including delicious Viennese-style desserts, are also available during the show.

Tickets for The Three Divas are $35. To purchase tickets or for further information contact the GSU Center box office at [www.centertickets.net](http://www.centertickets.net) or 708.235.2222. The box office is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and two hours prior to performances.

**Ethics Training Deadline Nears**

Not that we are nagging, but have you completed your Ethics Training yet?
Tony Tymkow, University Ethics Training Administrator, reminds all university employees to be sure to complete the mandatory State of Illinois employee training requirement by close of business on November 18. Complete it soon and get us off your back.

**Alt Cert Information Session on November 13**

Learn how to earn elementary or secondary (biology, chemistry, or mathematics) teacher certification and secure a teaching position through GSU’s Alternative Certification Program. Information sessions will be held on Tuesday, November 13, at 7 p.m., in E-Lounge.

GSU’s Alternative Teacher Certification program offers a way to earn a teaching certificate and embark on a new, rewarding career in education. The Teacher Quality Partnership (TQP) leads to a Masters of Art in Teaching (MAT) in Urban Teacher Education in elementary or secondary (biology, chemistry, or mathematics). TQP provides an opportunity to co-teach for a year with a certified teacher, a $30,000 stipend, and a 25 percent reduction in tuition. TQP is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Since it began more than 13 years ago, the program had helped more than 300 participants change careers to become some of the most well-trained, supported, and effective educators in the south suburbs and Chicago.

This program is open to college graduates with a bachelor’s degree. The application deadline is November 15 for the Alternative Certification program beginning in Spring 2013. For more information, call 708.534.4399 or visit www.govst.edu/altcert.

**Chicago Live! Coming to CPA Tonight (11-01-12)**

It’s not too late to order tickets for tonight’s exciting Chicago Live! presentation at GSU’s Center for Performing Arts. The live stage show, a production of the Chicago Tribune, will be recorded for broadcast in the CPA at 7 p.m.

Host Rick Kogan, a veteran Chicago Tribune reporter, will lead audiences on a unique tour of the city, engaging with local newsmakers and uncovering fascinating stories and characters. He will introduce undergraduate Audrey LaBranche, the winner of last week’s GSU’s Got Talent competition; she will perform an original song, Love You, that she wrote two years ago. Kogan will also discuss recent successes at GSU with President Elaine P. Maimon.

Second City, the legendary improv comedy troupe, is one of the Chicago Live! headline acts. Other performers and guests include Grammy Award-winning blues musician Sugar Blue; WVON radio host and former Chicago alderman Cliff Kelley; rapper and humanitarian Psalm One; Barnaby Struve, vice president of Three Floyds Brewing Company; and, from the Tribune, editorial page editor Bruce Dold, columnist Dawn Turner Trice, and travel and beer writer Josh Noel.

Thursday’s show is the first time that Chicago Live! has been presented outside Chicago. The show will be broadcast on WGN-AM at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 3.
Tickets for *Chicago Live!* are $20 and can be purchased at the Center for Performing Arts box office at 708.235.2222.

### Counseling in the Himalayas

Dr. Shannon Dermer and GSU doctoral student Deborah Watson are bringing their counseling skills to a higher plateau. Dr. Dermer, associate professor and chair of the Division of Psychology and Counseling, and Watson, who is working on a doctorate in Counselor Education and Supervision, are in Bhutan, a small Asian country nestled between India and China with an average elevation of 8,000 feet.

Dr. Dermer and Watson will be in Bhutan for two-and-a-half weeks. They are part of a group working with the Thunder Dragon Institute, an organization that was established through the National Board of Certified Counselors. “We are here to do clinical and administrative work related to counseling and the advancement of counseling in Bhutan,” Dr. Dermer said.

Watson is using the experience in Bhutan as part of her doctoral internship. She is working with students and parents at a local high school.

Dr. Dermer is working with an organization called RENEW, which advocates for the prevention of domestic violence and offers intervention services and shelter.

### "[title of show]" at CPA this Weekend

Laughter is definitely on the agenda when GSU’s Center for Performing Arts presents an acclaimed musical comedy, *[title of show]*, for two performances, at 8 p.m., on Saturday, November 3, and 4 p.m., on Sunday, November 4.

*[title of show]* is a production of the Southland Area Theatre Ensemble (SLATE). Audience members will be seated on stage for this cabaret-style production.

The play is a post-modern homage to backstage musicals like *A Chorus Line* and *Kiss Me Kate*. Two struggling writers, Hunter and Jeff, decide to create a completely original musical starring themselves and their talented lady friends, Susan and Heidi. Their musical, also called *[title of show]*, gets into the New York Musical Theatre Festival, and becomes a hit. By play’s end, it’s headed for Broadway.

*[title of show]* received a Tony Award nomination for Best Book of a Musical in 2009.
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SURS Hosts Retirement Seminar

The State Universities Retirement System (SURS) will present a retirement seminar for Tier 1 members (who were hired before January 1, 2011) on Monday, November 5, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

Film Festival to Screen GSU Grad’s Documentary

Mercedes Kane, a Governors State MFA graduate, will present her documentary, "Today We Saw the Face of God," at the Illinois International Film Festival (IIFF) in December. Kane, a 2009 MFA graduate, has been invited to seven film festivals. The documentary is about a medical mission team in Haiti that experienced the devastating earthquake in 2010. "Today We Saw the Face of God," had its world premiere at Commffest Community Film Festival in Toronto on September 22, where Kane received the MADA Humanitarian Award.

Mercedes Kane

The local premiere will be at IIFF, at the Viaduct Theater in Chicago, on Saturday, December 1, at 6 p.m. There will be another screening on Sunday, December 2, with the time to be determined. The theater is located at 3111 N. Western Avenue. Follow this link for more information on the documentary and screenings - http://todaywesawthefaceofgod.com/

Students Make Solid Case at APICS Competition

Three CBPA students participated in the fourth annual Student Business Case Competition sponsored by the Chicago Chapter of the Association for Operations Management (APICS). The competition took place October 23 at APICS headquarters in Chicago.

Participating in the competition were undergraduates Laura Burke and Donna Thompson (undergraduate students), and MBA student Adekunmi Keleko. They were coached by Dr. John Simon, Associate Professor of Operations Management.

The students were given a case about a company looking to expand its operations, and were required to provide a written paper as well as make a presentation to the APICS members. Three other area universities -- IIT, Loyola, and Northeastern Illinois – also participated in the competition.

GSU’s students were well-prepared and gave a solid presentation. The competition was also an opportunity to meet with other students and APICS members. The three GSU students will receive certificates of participation from APICS-Chicago. The GSU APICS Club will receive a monetary award.

Mindfulness and Psychotherapy Open House
Beginning in the Summer 2013 term, GSU’s College of Education and College of Health and Human Services will offer a two-year (18 credit hours) certificate program in Mindfulness and Psychotherapy.

Learn more about this new program at an Open House on Friday, November 16, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the E-Lounge. You will have the opportunity to meet program faculty, learn about the program structure and goals, as well as review the admissions process and eligibility requirements. Light refreshments will be served.

**Planning Team Members Needed**

Black History and Women’s history months are fast approaching and Student Life is making plans to observe and celebrate. To help make these events informative, meaningful, and enjoyable, Student Life is looking for volunteers to serve on planning committees.

Committees will begin meeting at the end of November. For more information or to volunteer, contact Vanessa Newby at vnewby@govst.edu.

**SVA Sets November Meetings**

GSU’s Student Veterans Association will meet on November 7, 14, and 28 in the Veterans Center Conference Room, A2109.

Meetings begin at 1500 hours sharp, or 3 p.m. according to the civilian clock.