News and Events

Professor’s Cautionary Tale on Investments is Being Published

A paper on alternative investments by Dr. Michael Williams, Assistant Professor of Finance in CBPA, is being published.

The co-authored peer-reviewed paper, *Returns Transmission, Value at Risk, and Diversification Benefits in International REITs: Evidence from the Financial Crisis* will be published in an upcoming issue of the Review of Quantitative Finance and Accounting (Volume 40, Issue 2). This article is coauthored with Dr. Yiuman Tse of the University of Missouri - St. Louis and Dr. Chiuling Lu of the National Taiwan University.

REITs are stock-like assets that mimic the behavior of real-estate investments. REITs offer a low-cost way of gaining exposure, and hopefully the returns, of real estate assets such as shopping centers, and commercial buildings. REITs have been touted in the past for their ability to lower overall investor risk when included in a basket of "traditional" stocks such as IBM, General Electric, and Apple.

Yet, unlike the prior literature, Dr. Williams and company find that REIT-investors were harmed during the recent crisis by being exposed to heightened risk potential. This paper serves as a cautionary tale that investors’ benefits from holding alternative assets can disappear when they are needed most.

Dr. Ness Speaks on Innovation Tonight

Chart your course to the future at *So You Think You Know Innovation?* tonight at 7 p.m. at GSU’s Center for Performing Arts.

Join Dr. Roberta Ness, the renowned author of *Innovation Generation*, as she demonstrates how to expand your ability to generate original ideas. The discussion is free and open to the public.

Dr. Roberta Ness

Dr. Ness, a recognized expert in women’s health research, is dean of The University of Texas School of Public Health.

For information, contact 708.534.4130.
First Year Experience at Center Stage Friday
The third symposium on planning GSU’s first year experience takes place Friday, March 8 in the Center for Performing Arts. The symposium is open to faculty and staff.

Just like the 2012 symposiums featuring Carol Geary Schneider and John Gardner and Betsy Barefoot, March 8 will bring together faculty and staff for a day-long look at GSU’s first year experience.

Dr. Roberta Ness is featured speaker and will talk about how to infuse innovation into your work and your life. A continental breakfast will be served beginning at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will also be provided and the day’s work should conclude by 4:30 p.m.

Due to the nature of the event, RSVPs are required. Please e-mail Penny Perdue or call her at ext. 4130.

Mindfulness and Meditation Starts Today
Students – you can ease your mind and find some peace through Mindfulness and Meditation, a free, eight week course on Thursdays between March 7 and May 9. The program take place from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Student Life Conference Room, A2110.

The course is based on the book, Mindfulness: An Eight Week Plan for Finding Peace in a Frantic World. It will be led by Dr. Maristela Zell and Dr. Tim Pedigo.

To register, call 708.534.4090. The program is sponsored by the Academic Resource Center and the College of Education.

Filmmaker Helen Whitney Coming to GSU as a Wilson Fellow
Award-winning filmmaker Helen Whitney will present a 90-minute segment of her 2011 PBS documentary Forgiveness: A Time to Love and a Time to Hate at 6 p.m., on Wednesday, March 13, in the GSU Center for Performing Arts.

Whitney will speak and answer questions on the film, which focuses on why the process and discussion of forgiveness seem to dominate our culture, and its power, limitations, and in some instances, its dangers.

The presentation is free and open to the public.

Whitney will appear at GSU during the week of March 11 as a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow. During her Fellowship Week, Whitney will meet with students, faculty, staff, and other members of the GSU community.

A master storyteller, Helen Whitney has worked as a producer, director, and writer for documentaries and feature films since 1971. Her documentary work has appeared on ABC's Closeup and PBS's American Masters and Frontline. Her documentaries have ranged over a wide variety of subjects, among them: youth gangs, presidential candidates, the “American Inquisition” during the McCarthy era, the mentally ill, the class structure of Great Britain,
homosexuals, and the photographer Richard Avedon.

*Faith and Doubt at Ground Zero*, arguably Whitney’s best-known film, was PBS’ two-hour special exploring the spiritual aftershocks of the September 11 attacks. Her film *The Mormons* was a four-hour PBS series, and the first collaboration between American Experience and Frontline.

Whitney has received numerous accolades, including an Oscar nomination, two Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Awards, a George Foster Peabody Award, and an Edward R. Murrow Award for distinguished journalism.

### ‘Forgiveness’ is One Book, One University Entry

GSU’s next One Book, One University book is *Forgiveness*, by documentary filmmaker Helen Whitney. The book discussion will take place at approximately 7:30 p.m. on March 13, following the showing of the film of the same name in the Center for Performing Arts.

The event will be facilitated by Dr. Patricia A. Robey, Associate Professor, Division of Psychology and Counseling. This event is sponsored by the GSU Intellectual Life Committee.

There is a limited number of books available for free distribution. If you would like to participate in the book discussion and would like a copy of the book, please send an email to Lydia Morrow Ruetten.

For more information about the event, contact Morrow Ruetten at her e-mail address or 708.534.4110.

### Generating Hope after Incarceration

GSU’s Social Work Department is sponsoring an open forum on the challenges and struggles of the formerly incarcerated, as well as their family members. *Generating Hope: Struggles, Challenges, Change ... Facing Life in Spite of Our Past*, takes place Monday, March 11, from 3 to 5:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. The program is free and open to the public.

“We’re presenting this forum for several reasons,” noted Dr. Lorri Glass, Associate Professor of Social Work at GSU, and Program Coordinator of the BSW Program. "We’re trying to increase awareness of the issues of students with criminal backgrounds, as well as the challenges for those who have family members who have been or are incarcerated. This issue can have a significant impact on a student’s education, as well as career options."

The forum is made possible by a grant from the GSU Intellectual Life Committee.
Spring Graduate Student Organization Presentations
GSU’s Graduate Student Organization is hosting four presentations in Spring, 2013.

The presentations are:
• **LinkedIn 101 for Graduate Students**, on Monday, March 11, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.
  Learn about the world’s largest professional network. With more than 200 million members, LinkedIn can help you to manage your professional identity, while building and engaging a professional network. Find out how LinkedIn can help you to access knowledge, insights, and opportunities.
• **Public Speaking for the Graduate Student**, on Thursday, April 4, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.
  Feeling anxiety when you speak in front of an audience? Need to know the basics of how to do a presentation? Get some pointers on preparing for a speaking event - from understanding your material and identifying talking points to delivering your message.
• **Graduate Student Panel**, on Monday, April 15, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.
  Considering graduate school or already a grad student? Don’t know what to expect? Get information from current graduate students eager to share their experiences and faculty who will offer advice. They are ready to answer your questions and help you to prepare for your future in graduate school.
• **Graduate Student Reception**, on Thursday, April 25, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., in E-Lounge.
  Attention all graduate students - you are invited to meet and mingle with other graduate students and members of the Graduate Council for a reception celebrating the end of spring semester. Refreshments will be served.

SEA Hosts Scholastic Book Fair Next Week
The Student Education Association is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on March 12 and 13, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and March 14, from 9 a.m. to noon. It will take place in the Hall of Governors.

Books for children and adults will be on sale, including books in Spanish and English, picture books, chapter books, teen fiction, and non-fiction. Other interesting items will be on sale, including posters, pens, and project kits.

MPA Program Open House – March 12
GSU’s Master of Public Administration program will host an open house on March 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Room 9-031 of the James R. Thompson Center, Chicago.

During the open house, interested participants can learn all about the GSU MPA degree, and its many benefits.

Interested persons can RSVP at bapainfo@govst.edu.
**Time for a Slice of Pi**
The Civil Service Senate will be sponsoring a Pi Day Bake Sale on March 14 – aka 3-14.

Pi Day will be celebrated with the bake sale from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Hall of Governors. Have a slice for yourself or, better still, buy a whole “Pi” and share it with your office, division, class, or department.

Pi is a mathematical constant that is the ratio of a circle’s circumference to its diameter, and is approximately equal to 3.14159... In recent years, March 14 has been celebrated around the world through various activities – most not as tasty as the event at GSU.

Donations of pies will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Andrea Dal Polo at 708.534.4582.

**GSU Hosts Instant Admission Day – March 23**
GSU’s Office of Admission and Student Recruitment is hosting an Undergraduate Instant Admission Day on Saturday, March 23, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Hall of Governors.

Representatives from the Offices of Admission, Financial Aid, and Career Services will be on hand to answer questions and guide prospective students through the application process. Academic advisors will be available to answer questions about fully-accredited, high quality bachelor’s degree programs offered in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business and Public Administration, Education, and Health and Human Services.

Applications for all undergraduate degree programs, except art and nursing, will be accepted and processed immediately. Attendees are asked to bring official transcripts. The undergraduate application fee is $25.

Application deadlines apply to some undergraduate programs. Visit [www.govst.edu/degree](http://www.govst.edu/degree) for admission and deadline information about programs of interest.

Campus tours and financial aid information sessions for full and part-time students will also be available at Instant Admission Day.

For more information, call (708) 534-4490 or visit [www.govst.edu/admissionrsvp](http://www.govst.edu/admissionrsvp).

**Sing-A-Long Sound of Music Comes to CPA Saturday**
How do you solve a problem like Maria?

You’ll find out when *Sing-A-Long Sound of Music* brings an afternoon of participatory fun for the whole family to GSU’s Center for Performing Arts on Saturday, March 9, at 2 p.m.
The beloved 1965 film, winner of multiple Oscars and based on the real-life story of Austria’s Von Trapp family, will be shown in all its big-screen, Technicolor glory at GSU Center, with subtitles for lyrics and dialogue that you can follow throughout the entire show.

*Sing-A-Long Sound of Music* is all about audience participation. With each paid admission, audience members get a fun pack, filled with props. If you have a favorite character, come dressed for the part. At previous *Sing-A-Long Sound of Music* showings, participants have brought – or worn – brown paper packages, tied up with string. People with snow on their nose and eyelashes are also a common sight.

Tickets for *Sing-A-Long Sound of Music* are $15 to $25. 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.

**Orbert Davis Brings Emmy-Winning Score to GSU**

Orbert Davis’ monumental score, *Music from DuSable to Obama*, will be presented in concert at GSU’s Center for Performing Arts for one performance only, on Sunday, March 10, at 4 p.m.

Trumpet virtuoso Davis will lead the Chicago Jazz Philharmonic Chamber Ensemble in an unforgettable presentation of the Emmy-winning music from the 2010 WTTW documentary *DuSable to Obama: Chicago’s Black Metropolis*. The performance, which incorporates jazz and classical techniques, integrates video highlights from the documentary to tell its tale of Chicago’s uniquely African American history.

Orbert Davis is co-founder, conductor, and artistic director of the Chicago Jazz Philharmonic, a 55-plus piece jazz-symphonic orchestra dedicated to multi-genre projects.

*Music from DuSable to Obama* is the fourth and final One More Night production during GSU Center’s 2012-2013 season. One More Night brings the best in Chicago theatre, music, and dance to Chicago Southland audiences; Quality performances are always affordable and close to home. The series is funded by a generous grant from The Chicago Community Trust.

Tickets for *Music from DuSable to Obama* are $30 and $10 for students, with 10 percent savings for seniors and 20 percent savings for groups of 10 or more. 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.

**Panel Discussion Follows Sunday Concert**

A panel discussion, *What is Next for Chicago’s Black Metropolis?* will take place from 6 to 7 p.m., on Sunday, March 10, in GSU’s Center for Performing Arts. The panel discussion will follow *Music from DuSable to Obama*, presented by Orbert Davis and the Chicago Jazz Philharmonic.
Craig Gilmore, Director of Multi-Cultural Markets for State Farm Insurance, will moderate the discussion. Confirmed panelists are Bennett Johnson II, Third World Press; Melody Spann-Cooper, Chairman, Midway Broadcasting, and President, WVON Radio; the Rev. Michael G. Sykes, Pastor, Faith United Protestant Church in Park Forest; Orbert Davis; James Montgomery, Attorney and Managing Partner, Cochran, Cherry, Givens Smith and Montgomery, L.L.C.; and Andrea Zopp, President and CEO, Chicago Urban League.

The panel discussion is free and open to the public.