News and Events

**Dr. Stephen Wagner Selected for Louis O. Kelso Fellowship**

Dr. Stephen Wagner, Assistant Professor of Management, has been selected for the Louis O. Kelso Fellowship in the amount of $12,500 for the 2013-2014 academic year.

This fellowship is awarded by the School of Management and Labor Relations at Rutgers University. As a member of the fellowship program, Dr. Wagner will participate in the Beyster Fellows Symposium in June in La Jolla, California, and the Mid-Year Fellows Workshop in honor of Louis O. Kelso at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey, in January of 2014.

Dr. Stephen Wagner

At the conference Dr. Wagner will present a paper about his work related to employee stock ownership programs and will have the opportunity to network with the other current and past recipients of the Beyster and Kelso fellowships.

More information on these prestigious fellowships is available [online](#).

**Prairie Place Groundbreaking**

Save the date. On Friday, April 5, there is only one place you want to be at 3:30 p.m. – the groundbreaking ceremony for Prairie Place, GSU’s first on-campus housing. This historic event is open to all members of the campus community.

The groundbreaking will take place at the Prairie Place site, the west side of the university’s main entrance road, kitty-corner from the *Paul* statue.

RSVP by March 31 for the Prairie Place groundbreaking at 708.534.6364 or pperdue@govst.edu.

Prairie Place is designed as a living-learning environment that will enhance students’ experience at Governors State University. All units, both apartment and suite style, will be furnished. Apartment units will have fully-equipped kitchens. Trained resident assistants will be on the premises at all times. Community space will include floor lounges, study rooms, a classroom, a laundry room, vending machines, a service desk, and community kitchens. Cable and Internet services will be available throughout Prairie Place.

Prairie Place will be ready for occupancy in Summer, 2014.
Data Security and You
Hey, GSU! Come on down. You’re the next contestant in CUG’s *Data Security & You Game*.

On Wednesday, March 20, Master of Ceremonies Nick Battaglia will host all in attendance – this means you – as you take part in team strategizing to ‘CLICK IN’ with correct answers.

Vie for the championship! Compete for “VALUABLE PRIZES.” (Hey, it could happen.)

Join your Colleague teammates, beginning at 2 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

Coping After Serving the Nation – March 20
*Deployment, Homecoming, and Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome* will be presented Wednesday, March 20, from 1 to 4:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. The program is free and open to the public.

John E. Mundt, Ph.D., a staff psychiatrist at Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in Chicago, will speak at the program. A question and answer session will follow his presentation.

For information or group arrangements, contact Ann Nagel at 708.235.7353.

The program is sponsored by Friends of Governors State University Library, the Intellectual Life Committee, the Office of Veterans and Military Personnel, and GSU Student Senate.

Women and Innovation in a Global Society
Women’s History Month at GSU continues with *International Coffee Hour: Women and Innovation in a Global Society*, on Tuesday, March 26, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

The coffee hour is sponsored by Student Life, the Office of International Services, and the International Cultural Organization.

Presentations will be made on the many contributions that women, all around the world, have made in the areas of science, politics, and human rights.

Refreshments will be served.

Salute to Grads – March 27 and 28
Attention, soon-to-be graduates. You can get ready for Commencement 2013 at Salute to Grads on March 27 and 28, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

At Salute to Grads, you can pick up your cap and gown, sit for portraits in graduation attire, and get all your Commencement questions answered. Refreshments will be available and vendors will be on hand. You can order a GSU class ring, diploma frames, announcements, and Commencement related items. Learn how to participate in the 2012-2013 class gift and all the advantages in joining the GSU
Alumni Association.

For more information about Salute to Grads, call 708.534.4488 or send an e-mail to regoffice@govst.edu.

**Forum Examines Health Care Leadership in Reform Era**

GSU’s Student Healthcare Management Association will sponsor a presentation by Dr. Ann Scott Blouin, RN, Ph.D., FACHE, Executive Vice President of Customer Relations, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, on Tuesday, April 2, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

Dr. Blouin will discuss *Leadership in an Era of Health Care Reform: Quality and Patient Safety Implications*. She has more than 30 years of health care administration, consulting, and nursing experience, and has held several leadership positions. Dr. Blouin has also published and taught at nursing and medical schools and serves on the National Patient Safety Foundation Board of Governors.

The event is free and open to the public.

**Panel Discussion Looks for Common Ground on Gun Issues**

The GSU Forensics Team will host a panel discussion, *Communicating Possibilities: Reframing the Gun Debate and Finding Common Ground*, on Thursday, April 4, at 5 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

The discussion is part of *Enough is Enough*, a college campaign against violence in our society. It is free and open to the public.

Arness Krause, Forensics Team Coach and Adjunct Professor in the Division of Communication, Visual, and Performing Arts, said the discussion will attempt to reframe the debate over guns in our society. Panel members will address issues surrounding the current debate over guns from their areas of expertise – politics, history, language, and mass media.

Panel members include Dr. David Rhea, Assistant Professor of Communications Studies; Dr. Donald Culverson, Associate Professor of Political Justice Studies; Dr. David Golland, Assistant Professor of History; and Etta Oben, Forensics Team Graduate Assistant Coach.

**Take the Library’s Women’s History Month Quiz**

March is Women’s History Month. To celebrate, members of the university community are invited to test your knowledge of outstanding women in history by taking the GSU Library Women’s History Month Trivia Quiz. You’ll be eligible to win an iPOD Shuffle or other prizes.

Do you know the first woman to win a Nobel Prize for literature? Who was the first African American U.S. Congresswoman? Answers to these and other questions on the quiz can be found in your GSU Library databases, which can be accessed either in the library or online.

Three winners will be selected from those who submit the quiz with all of the correct
answers. First prize will be an iPOD Shuffle. Second Prize will be a $10 gift certificate to the cafeteria. Third Prize is a free membership to the Friends of the GSU Library. Winners will be notified via phone or e-mail.

The quiz can be found at [www.govst.edu/library/t_gsu_library.aspx?ekfrm=48530](http://www.govst.edu/library/t_gsu_library.aspx?ekfrm=48530). Be sure to answer all of the questions. The quiz ends at midnight on March 29.

### Donations Needed for Adolescent Center

Social Policy 2 students are having a bake sale on Wednesday, April 3, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors, to help raise money for The Sadie Waterford Manor, a facility that houses adolescent young women, ages 14 to 18 years.

Donations are also needed for the following items: clothing, hygiene products, bedding, educational items, home entertainment equipment, and bowling and movie tickets in the Robbins/Crestwood area.

Donations can be made at on-campus boxes. For more information, call Yuvonia Hunt at 708.287.7185, Deetrice Peoples at 708.821.5567, or Judy Allen at 815.451.0264.

### GSU’s First Dale Carnegie Leadership Class Completes Training

Members of GSU’s first Dale Carnegie Leadership Class recently completed training and received certificates from the program.

Participants in the leadership program were Kevn Barto, Elizabeth Briggs, Rhonda Brown, John Buenger, Karen Caesar-Smith, Darcie Campos, Yakeea Daniels, Jennifer Davidson, Melinda Gieseke, Kristy Goodwin, Bonnie Gregg, Jonathan Lee, Aida Martinez, Courtney Sanders, Adam Schauer, Tamekia Scott, Renee Zdych, Lisa Helm, Latonya Holmes, Michael Horvath, Pulchratia Kinney-Smith, Kelly McCarthy Sylvia Ponce De Leon; Colleen Rock, Roshaunda Ross, Bonnie Simpson, Pamela Stipanich, Tracy Sullivan, Jennifer Taylor, and James Zumerchik.

### Instant Admission Day Coming Saturday

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 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.

**Giant Puppets Help Tell Classic Aesop Fable**

Giant puppet actors, joined by timeless storytelling, produce an unforgettable theatre experience for children and their parents when *Aesop’s Dinosaur Puppets – The Grasshopper and the Ant*, comes to Governors State University Center for Performing Arts on Saturday, March 23, at 11 a.m.

*Aesop’s Dinosaur Puppets*, presented by Bits ’N Pieces Puppet Theatre, is a Dinosaur Fable that is sure to please both young and old. Aesop's Dinosaur Fable is an original musical production adapted by Bits ’N Pieces from Aesop’s well-known tale, *The Grasshopper and the Ant*.

Prior to the show, at 10 a.m., free fables, fairy tales and fantasies from Aesop will be presented. Master storyteller Lynne Clayton will share classic tales in GSU’s Engbretson Hall, directly across from the Center for Performing Arts.

Tickets for *Aesop’s Dinosaur Puppets* 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.

In a companion event on March 23, GSU’s Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park is presenting *Sculpture Rocks* at 2 p.m. Artists, young and old, can share their artistic abilities. Participants can make their own sculpture with wood, pegboard, Carrara marble, wire, cardboard, dowels and markers. NMSP supplies the materials, and some inspiration, and you do the rest. *Sculpture Rocks* is limited to 50 children. The price for materials is $5. To RSVP, call 708.534.3084.

**Donate Books, Music, Movies to Library Sale**

March Madness has returned and it’s time to donate to the Friends of the GSU Library Books, Movies and Music Drive by April 5.

Do you have almost new or gently used books, text books, DVDs or CDs that are looking for a new home? Bring them to the Friends of the GSU Library table located in the library.

This year’s spring book sale will take place on Tuesday, April 16

Donations are tax deductible, but in order to receive a letter acknowledging your contribution, please make sure that you fill out the form which is on the Friends table, and place it in the book where it can be seen.
Donations will be accepted during library hours: Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. During Spring Break, the library will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and closed Saturday and Sunday.

**Computer Upgrade Slated for March 21**

An upgrade of the university’s computer network equipment will take place Thursday, March 21 between 9 p.m. and midnight. All systems will remain available from off-campus. However, there is a possibility of a very brief disruption during this time period.

For further information, contact the ITS Helpdesk at 708.534.4357.