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Dr. Younger to Present on Global Warming

Dr. Beverly Younger will conduct a presentation on the effects of global warming on April 4, from 6 to 7:20 p.m. in Sherman Hall. Younger is a volunteer with The Climate Project, founded by Al Gore. The organization is dedicated to the task of promoting awareness about global warming.

"My presentation reveals the realities of climate change, its potential future impact around the globe, and actions we, as individuals, can take that will make a difference," explained Younger. "This presentation is not about certain doom, it is about possibilities, options, actions, and hope."

The College of Health Professions and the GSU Biology Club are sponsoring Younger's presentation. This event is free and open to the public.

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Schedule Changes

The following changes have been made to the printed Spring/Summer schedule. Remember, for up-to-date schedule information, check the [online schedule](#):

CDIS:

- CDIS 720: "Child Language Disorders: Later Stages" will meet Block II on Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m.; CDIS 530: "Augmentative and Alternative Communication" will meet Block II, Monday and Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.
- Two courses are scheduled for the beginning of CDIS's second undergraduate cohort at El Valor (Chicago): Phonetics (CDIS 304), Block III, Tuesday and Thursday from 6:45 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; and Introduction to Communication Disorders (CDIS 310), Block II, Tuesday and Thursday from 6:45 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Nursing:

- NURS 304: "Conceptual Basis for Professional Nursing" has been added at the Kankakee Education Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Block II.
- NURS 835: "Nursing Administration I" has been added on campus on Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 7:20 p.m. for Block I.

Social Work:

The following courses have been added for the Spring/Summer trimester:

- SOCW 342: "Human Behavior in the Social Environment II," Mondays and Wednesdays, from 4:30 to 7:20 p.m. Block I.
- SOCW 343: "Generalist Social Work Practice II," Mondays and Tuesdays, from 7:30 to 10:20 p.m. Block II.
- SOCW 578: "Aging: Policies, Problems, and Services," Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 4:30 to 7:20 p.m. Block III.

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Great Work and Congratulations!

Twenty two Master of Occupational Therapy students are one step closer to earning their degree. They are completing their academic studies this trimester and are ready to begin Level I and Level II fieldwork experiences. They've worked hard to get to this point, and the entire MOT faculty – and the whole College – congratulate them. Great job!

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Advocates: Physical Therapy

Eight Physical Therapy students rallied with Professor Becky Wojcik at the Illinois Physical Therapy Association's Lobby Day in Springfield on March 1. Lobby Day is an annual march on Springfield to advocate for important issues in PT in the state. Professor Wojcik reported the experience was a resounding success for the students.

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CDIS Student Reminders

- Don't Forget! Fall 2007 authorization deadline: SSP Grids and most recent unofficial GSU transcripts must be submitted to the CDIS Department Chair no later than 5 p.m. on June 11. Prior authorization is required before students can register for graduate level CDIS courses, or CDIS530 and CDIS 540.
- CDIS graduate students must submit Candidacy Applications to their advisors after taking nine graduate credits in CDIS.
- Request-for-Practicum-Placement Notifications to Ms. Murphy are due one full year before a graduate student plans to start practicum: Questions should be directed to Ms. Murphy at [s-
murphy1@govst.edu](mailto:murphy1@govst.edu).

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New Website under Development

The College is hard at work with Graphics and IT to create a new website for the College. The projected launch date is May 1. The objective is a major overhaul to make information more accessible and navigation more intuitive. Meanwhile, if you haven't seen the College's website for its Health Disparities Research (HDR) grant, give it a looksee at www.govst.edu/hdr.

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Tuition Waiver Applications

The College will award nine tuition waivers for the Fall 2007 Trimester. Completed application packets must be returned to the Dean's or Director's Office by July 19.

Tuition Waivers pay for a student's tuition for a single Trimester, up to the amount of in-state tuition rates.

The College is committed to the success of each of its students and has created a College-wide Tuition Waiver Policy to ensure all students have a fair opportunity to apply for tuition waivers.

The current Tuition Waiver Policy distributes tuition waivers to three undergraduate and six graduate students every Trimester. Three of the graduate tuition waivers are reserved for minority students.*

Waivers are awarded on a rotational basis among programs.

Undergraduate Waivers

The following programs are eligible to award Tuition Waivers for the 2007 Fall Trimester: SOCW, HLAD, and NURS.

Graduate Waivers

The following programs are eligible to award Tuition Waivers for the 2007 Spring/Summer Trimester

- SOCW
- CDIS
- HLAD
- NURS
- OT
- PT

Three of these graduate Tuition Waivers will be awarded to minority students.*

How to Apply

Students interested in applying for Tuition Waivers must do so during a Trimester in which their program will be eligible to make the award. To apply, fill out a [Tuition Waiver Application](#) and return it to your program advisor. Each program will make its own decision regarding the award of its Tuition Waiver.

* The definition of "minority" is as follows: African-American, Native American, Hispanic, or Underrepresented Asian (Chinese, Japanese or Korean are not underrepresented).

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Are You Presenting for CHP?

Some assistance is available through the Student Life Division for students to represent GSU at local and national conferences. The Student Life Unit has established a student travel/conference fund through student activity fees. This fund is to provide travel assistance to Governors State University students who wish to represent GSU at a conference, workshop, or training seminar. Eligible travel requests must be intended to support the development of the leadership potential of the student recipient. The student applicant may not receive academic credit for the conference. The

Director of Student Involvement will administer this fund and approve all requests. Requests will be received on a first come, first served basis. A maximum of two students may be funded for any one out-of-state conference, unless documentation is provided to support a greater number needed.

[Requirements/Procedures for Student Travel and Conferences \(including application packet\) \(PDF\).](#)

Application packets are also available in the Leadership Suite, A1120.

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The Writing Center

Written communication is one of the most powerful skills health professions students need master. But writing ain't always easy, and sometimes we need help.

Not to worry. [The Writing Center at GSU](#) has a crack team of writing professionals who are there to help you with that term paper, research project, or documentation conundrum.

The The Writing Center at GSU helps students in three ways.

1. Writing Center tutors are on duty in the University Library from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday. Tutors can help you narrow your research focus and answer your questions about APA documentation issues.
2. The Writing Center at GSU provides online assistance as well Online assistance covers everything from how to format your paper to how to cite a quotation within the paper.
3. The Writing Center also offers one-on-one assistance in half hour appointments for more intensive writing issues.

Whatever writing issues you need to work on, the Writing Center provides outstanding support. Our advice: see the University Writing Center pros early, and see them often.

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MOT Students – Study Plan Reminder

Don't forget! Students admitted in the Winter Trimester must file a study plan with their advisors before the end of the Winter Trimester.

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MOT Information Sessions

The Department of Occupational Therapy extends and invitation to prospective students to attend an Master of Occupational Therapy information session on Saturday, April 14, or Thursday, July 19, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The information sessions will be held in Room G-157 of the Faculty Office Center. For more information or to RSVP, call 708.534.7293.

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DPT Open House

The DPT program will host an Open House on Wednesday, June 13, from 4 to 7 p.m., in Room D3400. Prospective students will have a chance to talk with faculty advisors, so bring your transcripts along if you're thinking about applying to the program. Refreshments will be served. Need information? Contact Mary Tracy at 708.534.7290.

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Looking for an Elective Next Semester?

HLSC 501 "HIV: The Epidemic: Issues for Health Care Providers, Educators, Employers, and Consumers" provides an overview of the HIV/AIDS epidemic including changes in the pattern of occurrence, signs and symptoms, classifications of the disease, recognition of the course of the disease, and strategies for prevention. The class will meet on campus on specific dates with additional course work on WebCT.

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Looking for Work? Get help!

The [Office of Career Services](#) is ready and able to help you get your career off the ground. OCS can meet with students and alumni one-on-one to develop resumes, cover letters, job search strategies, and more. The OCS also holds workshops and keeps postings for local employers.

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Stressed? Need help?

All CHP students are encouraged to use the [Counseling Center's](#) confidential counseling services, provided by two licensed clinical psychologists and a post-doctoral intern. To arrange an appointment, please call Karen Cox at 708.235.2228.

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Disability Considerations

Students who have disabilities, and who intend to request extended time on professional licensing exams, should register for services with Robin Sweeney in [Disability Services](#). Registering will ensure students with disabilities receive the accommodations they need as CHP students and, when they seek additional time on licensing exams, provide necessary documentation that accommodation was provided in their undergraduate or graduate program.

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