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## A Word from the Dean



*Diane Dates Casey*

### What's New at the University Library?

The GSU Virtual Library is available on the Internet 24/7, even when the weather outside is frightful! Make sure to visit the University Library on campus to use our many collections and electronic resources, to find assistance with your latest research assignment, to take advantage of our wide array of software and workstations, to see our new banners, to check out the latest art in Artomat and to become our next friend of the GSU Library.

A new service will soon be available for students, faculty, and staff ordering journal articles from other libraries through Interlibrary Loan. When submitting your request, you may choose to have the article sent to you via email as a PDF file. Of course, you will need Adobe Acrobat Reader on your computer in order to view the file. This option will bring the article to you more quickly and save you a trip to the library to pick up the article. A special thank you goes to Terry Rickhoff and Eric Nicholson for making this service available at GSU.

The library will host its annual Faculty Authors' Reception on April 11 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on the library balcony. Helen Benos has graciously agreed to once more coordinate this popular event. Faculty members are encouraged to submit their published scholarship for display.

The library has experienced several staff changes in the last few months. In December Lewis Eberhardt joined us as a Senior Library Specialist in the Reference Department. Please welcome Lewis whom you will find ready to serve you at the library's Reference Desk. In January long-time library staff member, Maureen Bendoraitis, became coordinator of the ACS Labs. We congratulate her on her promotion and know she will do a fine job in this new position. Also, Tom Johnson, a Library Specialist in the Reference Department, resigned to work full-time on his Counseling internship. We wish Tom the best as he completes his master's degree.

Library faculty members are distinguishing us with their scholarship. Professor Lydia Morrow Ruetten's co-authored article, "Implementation of Increased Scholarship in a Unionized Teaching-Oriented University," was published in *International Journal of Knowledge, Culture & Change Management*. Professor Morrow Ruetten wrote this article with Professors Marsha Katz and David Parmenter. At the American Name Society Conference in California Assistant Professor Michel Nguessan co-presented with Bertin Kouadio Yao of UIUC two papers: "Ethnic groups, ethnonyms, and cartography: a study of

ethnic map-making in Côte-d'Ivoire" and "Why not standardize toponyms in Côte-d'Ivoire?"

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## Friends of the Library Update

*Lydia Morrow Ruetten*

The library is still looking for Friends. Your donation will contribute to the enhancement of the services and products offered by the GSU Library. Your contribution is deductible to the extent allowed by law and will also count toward the GSU faculty/staff campaign held in February. The next meeting of the Friends group is scheduled for March 20, at 5:30 p.m. in the library. Contact Lydia Morrow Ruetten at ext. 4116 for more information.

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## Testimonials

*Lydia Morrow Ruetten*

Has the library offered a service or had a product that you found helpful? Has a particular resource helped you out of a jam? What about being able to do your research at home? If the library has impacted your life, we would like to hear from you. For a free gift, send your testimonial to Lydia Morrow Ruetten in the Library or at [L-Morrow@govst.edu](mailto:L-Morrow@govst.edu).

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## Obituary Search Service

*Pam Taylor*

In 2006, the Technical Service department of the GSU library began offering a new service to the public. For a small fee, a staff member will look up and copy an obituary or death notice that was published in the Chicago Tribune. The GSU library carries the newspaper on microfilm reels from 1885.

Obituaries and death notices can provide researchers with much needed information about their ancestors. Published obituaries usually include information about the deceased's education, family life, career, and funeral arrangements. Death notices generally only include information about the deceased's family members and funeral arrangements. For both amateur and professional genealogists, these resources can fill missing links in their family history and present clues for other areas of research.

To find out more about this service, please visit our website at: [www.govst.edu/library/t\\_gsu\\_library.aspx?id=3653](http://www.govst.edu/library/t_gsu_library.aspx?id=3653). You may also contact Pam Taylor at 708.235.7527.

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## National Library of Medicine Exhibit

*Paul Blobaum*

"Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America's Women Physicians," a nationally touring exhibit sponsored by the American Library Association and the National Library of Medicine, will be on exhibit at the University Library from April 25 through June 6, 2007. The library's exhibit website at [www.govst.edu/library/exhibit](http://www.govst.edu/library/exhibit) describes the exhibit and planned programs. Plans are being finalized for public programs for the exhibit.



Dr. Mercedes Graf, formerly of the GSU faculty, will present a program on her ongoing research on women physicians in the military, "Hen Medics: Early Women Physicians in War," on Sunday, May 6, in the GSU Library (time to be announced). Dr. Graf is the author of numerous books, including *A Woman of Honor: Dr. Mary E. Walker*. Dr. Walker served as an Army surgeon for the Union during the American Civil War, and was the first woman awarded a congressional Medal of Honor for her service and patriotism. Dr. Walker's story illuminates the entry of women into professions in American society. Dr. Walker successfully fought professional discrimination for being a woman, and fought harassment for her advocacy for reform of the unhealthy Victorian women's dress standards of the time. A reception and book signing for Dr. Graf's books, which will be available for purchase, will follow her presentation. Several copies of *A Woman of Honor* are available in the GSU library.

A native of the south suburbs, Dr. Sharon Harris-Ingram of Pontiac, Illinois will give a program on Friday, May 11 (time to be announced). Dr. Harris-Ingram's topic will be of interest to all youths, junior high to high school, and those who are considering a medical career, as she will discuss her experiences of dreaming of becoming a doctor, attending college, medical school, and practicing obstetrics in a rural community. A Grand Opening reception of the exhibit for the GSU community is planned following her presentation on Friday, May 11 from 3 to 6 p.m. Dr. Harris-Ingram is the daughter of Sharon Evans of the GSU Admissions department. Dr. Harris-Ingram is a graduate of Rich East High School, Park Forest.

Please contact Paul Blobaum or Lydia Morrow Ruetten for more information, and watch for further announcements of public programs to be held in association with the exhibit.

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## ScienceDirect

*Michel Nguessan*

GSU Library subscribes to ScienceDirect, College Edition. ScienceDirect is available on the GSU library website in the Journals and Database A-Z list. Science Direct is a collection of academic and research journals in many areas of knowledge. It contains 2000 journals and several hundreds of book series, handbooks, and reference works. ScienceDirect presents a user friendly interface with a search area (at the top of the interface) that allows the user to search by several criteria including: title, abstract, keywords, author, volume, issue, and page. The user can also choose to browse. The browse menu on the left hand side divides the knowledge spectrum into four major subject areas: physical sciences and engineering, life sciences, social sciences, and

humanities. Each major subject area is further subdivided into subject area.  
ScienceDirect is available in the A-Z list under letter S.

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## Ten New Titles

*Helen Benos*

### ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY IN THE WORKPLACE

Desleigh de Jonge, Marcia J. Scherer, and Sylvia Rodger  
RM698.D44X 2007

### COMMUNITY SAFETY

Critical Perspectives on Policy & Practice  
Peter Squires, Editor  
HV7431.C6658 2006

### BLOGS, WIKIS, PODCASTS

And Other Powerful Web Tools for Classrooms  
Will Richardson  
LB1044.87.R53 2006

### FIGHTING TERRORISM IN THE LIBERAL STATE

An Integrated Model of Research, Intelligence and International Law  
Samuel Peleg and Wilhelm Kempf, Editors  
RT42.B83 2003

### FORSAKEN FEMALES

The Global Brutalization of Women  
Andrea Parrot and Nina Cummings  
HV6250.4.W65P36 2006

### IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION

A Cross-National Study  
Frank van Tubergen  
JV6342.V36 2006

### POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM IN MODERN AMERICA

A Chronology  
Christopher Hewitt  
REF.HN90.V5H49 2005

### READING THE MIND

Media Literacy in High School English  
Renee Hobbs  
LB1043.H628 2007

### SELF-ESTEEM RESEARCH, THEORY, AND PRACTICE

Toward a Positive Psychology of Self-Esteem  
Christopher J. Mruk  
BF697.5.S46M78 2006

### SLAYING THE DRAGON

The History of Addiction Treatment in America  
William L. White  
HV5279.W481998

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