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News and Events

[GSU Professor named to MLA Committee](#)

Dr. Rosemary Erickson Johnsen, Assistant Professor of English in the College of Arts and Sciences was appointed recently to the Modern Language Association's Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession.

The MLA is an international organization for university faculty in English and modern languages with more than 30,000 members in 100 countries. The association serves as a forum for the discussion and dissemination of scholarly findings, teaching experiences, and standardized writing guidelines as it works to strengthen the study and teaching of language and literature.

Johnsen was appointed to the nine-member committee for a three-year term. Other committee members represent universities such as Columbia and Princeton. Her duties will include developing projects and programs that improve the status of women in the modern language profession.

[2008-2009 Season at The Center](#)

The 2008-2009 season brings superb performances and riveting entertainment to The Center for Performing Arts. The season includes premier performances by NBC's *Last Comic Standing Live Tour*, *An Evening with David Crosby and Graham Nash*, *Christmas with Aaron Neville*, and *Mike Super – Magic and Illusion*. The National Broadway production of *Hairspray* will join productions of the *Mikado* by Opera a la Carte, *DRUMLine Live*, and *Sleeping Beauty* by the New York Theatre Ballet. And that is not all. The Letterman, the Afro-Cuban All Stars, and the Kingston Trio will also perform.

In addition to the extensive programming for adults and families, children and their parents and grandparents can enjoy the delights of *Magic Tree House: The Musical*, *Disney's Aladdin*, *A Christmas Carol*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and *Junie B. Jones*, among many others.

Subscriber tickets (three or more performances) go on sale on June 13. Individual performance ticket sales begin on August 1. Individual tickets for the March 13 and 14 performances of *Hairspray* will be on sale from September 15. For more information about The Center for Performing Arts 2008-2009 Season, contact 708.235.2222 or visit www.centertickets.net.

CARS Training - Seats Still Available

The CARS Users Group (CUG) will offer orientation and training sessions on selected topics every other Friday morning beginning on June 13, from 11 a.m. to noon, in the ACS Lab, room D2435.

June 13 – CARS data reports: executing requests; using FTP to download the data to your hard drive; importing the data into a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet

June 27 – Class scheduling

July 11 – Placing and maintaining student registration holds

CUG's sessions will alternate Fridays with the Impromptu training sessions offered by Dr. Linda Buyer that meets in the same space and time slot. The next Impromptu training session is on June 20.

Participants must have a CARS user account. Space is limited. All training sessions are free. Act now while seats are still available. E-mail [Nick Battaglia](mailto:Nick.Battaglia).

Retirement Reception

A retirement reception in honor of Beth Hansen Saw and Mark Hampton, both of the University Library, will be held on Tuesday, June 24, from 3 to 4 p.m., on the Library Balcony. Join us in wishing both of them well and adieu.

Time for Trivia

With the presidential election just around the corner, here are a few more executive facts to help you understand the election process and prepare for the GSU Votes Trivia Challenge in September.

Presidential Requirements

Article II, Section 1, Clause 5 of the U.S. Constitution has only three requirements for a president. The president must be at least 35 years old, have lived in the United States for at least 14 years, and be a natural-born citizen.

Allocation of Electors and Electoral Votes

The Constitution also designates that the number of electors for each state equal the combined total of the state's Senate membership (two for each state) and House of Representatives delegation (determined by population). The 23rd Amendment provides an additional three electors for the District of Columbia.

Questions? Come to the Town Hall Meeting

A town hall meeting for faculty will be held on Thursday, June 26, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., in Sherman Music Hall. After a few introductory comments, Dr. Maimon will open the meeting to questions and comments from attendees.

Previous GSU town hall meetings have been held with A.P. and Civil Service staff. They have been well attended and have generated many helpful questions and comments. All faculty are encouraged to attend the meeting and contribute to the ongoing dialogue.

Reading Tutoring Available at GSU

There are still places available for in The Literacy Zone, a tutorial service beginning in July for students in grades second through fifth with reading problems. Children receive one-on-one attention based on their specific reading needs, which are determined by an individual assessment conducted at the beginning of the program. A case study report analyzing progress is shared with the parent or guardian at the end of the program.

The tutors who work in The Literacy Zone are certified, experienced teachers who are completing the Master of Arts in Reading Program at GSU. Faculty of the Graduate Reading Program supervise the tutoring sessions.

Enrollment is limited. The registration fee is \$100, however, \$30 is refunded to the parents/guardians of children who complete the program with good attendance and return all Literacy Zone materials.

Tutoring sessions are on Mondays through Thursdays, from July 8 through July 28. Sessions are either from 9 to 11 a.m. or from 1 to 3 p.m. Neither school districts nor GSU provide transportation.

The Literacy Zone is located in Room D34015. For more information, email Mary Hession or call 708.534.4129.

Prior Learning Portfolio Workshop

Learn how developing a Prior Learning Portfolio can help you earn credit toward your B.A. degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. Portfolio workshops include an explanation of the process, what you are expected to submit to earn credit, and are open to the public.

The next workshop will be held on Saturday, June 28, from 10 a.m. to noon, in Engbretson Hall.

To register, contact the [SIDL office](#) at 708.534.4092.



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