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For Immediate Release

**Governors State University presents "Still Life"**  
**Live docudrama tells how the Vietnam War affects three lives**

University Park, Ill., April 9, 2014 – Governors State University presents two live performances of the docudrama, "Still Life," April 17 and 18, at 8 p.m. in Sherman Hall.

Dr. Patrick Santoro, head of the newly approved theatre and performance studies program, directs the play, which was written by Emily Mann, artistic director for the McCarter Theater in Princeton, N.J.

The documentary play explores the way that Vietnam has affected three lives: a Marine veteran, his estranged wife, and his mistress. The man carries the seeds of violence with him. His wife is disillusioned and unhappy and wants to ignore the terrors that haunt her husband, believing they will fade over time. His mistress, an angry feminist, blames the man's destructiveness on the forces that conditioned him before he went to war.

In the end, these three become a metaphor for the nation as a whole—still trying to understand and overcome the lingering trauma that is the bitter legacy of the Vietnam experience. Don't miss your chance to witness GSU's theater and performance studies program in action and witness a sampling of one of the most transformative periods in American history dramatized on stage.

The production deals with mature themes including war, violence, identity, trauma/loss, memory, and interpersonal relationships. Tickets are \$10, \$5 for students. To

order tickets, visit **CenterTickets.net** or call the Center for Performing Arts box office at **708-235-2222**.

Governors State University is located at 1 University Parkway in University Park.