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News and Events

Celebrate in Style

GSU's 40th Anniversary year will culminate in style with a weeklong celebration celebrates the past and looks forward toward a bright future. From November 2 through 7, the university community will host lectures, workshops, tours, and outreach events. The week culminates with a celebration in grand fashion on Saturday, November 7, with a Tribute to Motown Greats, featuring a pre-show reception and post-show dancing with a DJ.



40th Anniversary Celebration

- Pre-Show Reception - 6 p.m.
- *A Tribute to the Motown Greats* - 7:30 p.m.
- DJ/Dancing – 9:30 p.m. to midnight

The \$50 ticket price includes the pre-show reception, *A Tribute to the Motown Greats* show, post-show DJ/dancing, cash bar before and after show. 1960s attire is encouraged.

Seating for this once in a lifetime event is limited. Reserve your tickets today. Mail the [reservation form](#) with a check to Governors State University Alumni Association, 1 University Parkway, University Park, IL 60484, or call **708.534.4128**.

Dr. Quentin Young to Lecture

Dr. Quentin Young, clinical professor of preventative medicine and community health at the University of Illinois Medical Center, will present *America at the Crossroads: The National Health Care Debate* at Governors State University on Friday, October 9, from 1 to 3 p.m., in Sherman Hall. The lecture is free. Staff, students, and the public are invited to attend.

Young is a long-time leader in public health policy and an early and active

opponent of discrimination in healthcare. He currently acts as National Coordinator and CEO for Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP).

He helped found the Committee to End Discrimination in Chicago Medical Institutions in the 1950's. In the 1960's, he served as national chair for The Medical Committee for Human Rights. Young is a regular contributor to WBEZ, Chicago Public Radio.

The event is sponsored by TALE (The Adult Learning Exchange) and GSU's Political and Justice Studies program. For more information, contact [Dr. Larry Levinson](#) at ext. 4578.

On the Horizon

Icelandic artist Steinunn Thorarinsdottir will discuss her artwork in a presentation entitled *Horizons: The Figurative World of Steinunn Thorarinsdottir* on Wednesday, October 14, from 5 to 6 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. Her lecture, one of the Distinguished Lecture Series for the fall semester, will illuminate her work, its process, and the impact of Iceland on her figurative sculpture.



Horizons, a major installation work by the artist is currently on view at the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park on the campus of Governors State University. The piece consists of 12 life-sized cast-iron figures, each of which possesses a glass insert in their upper torso.

In addition to her lecture, Thorarinsdottir will have the opportunity to interact with faculty and students through her participation in both group and one-on-one reviews of student work. She will also conduct an introductory tour of her installation and provide insight into the organizational mechanics of creating, moving, and exhibiting large-scale sculpture at an international level.

For more information, call 708.534.4486 or visit the [sculpture park website](#).

Mexican Folkloric Dance

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Association of Latin American Students and Student Life present the legendary Mexican Folkloric Dance Company of Chicago. Join the fun on Tuesday, October 6, at 7 p.m., in The Center for Performing Arts. The event is free and open to the entire university community.

Fast costume changes, ringing music, and festive dancing have characterized the company's performances for more than two decades. As Chicago's oldest Mexican dance institution, MFDC has received countless recognitions and awards, including performing for three presidents, and

representing Mexico in the 1994 USA World Cup opening ceremony, as well as multiple television performances.

For information, call 708.534.4494.

Latino Center Presents "Forgotten Injustice"

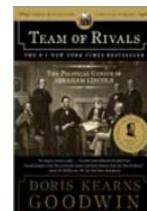
The Title V-Latino Center for Excellence is sponsoring a special presentation by journalist Vicente Serrano of his documentary exposé, *A Forgotten Injustice*, on October 8, at 4:30 p.m., in The Center for Performing Arts.

This documentary film uncovers the true story of the almost two million Mexican Americans and U.S. citizens who were forced to leave the United States during the Great Depression in the 1930s. *A Forgotten Injustice* is the result of an extensive investigation. Serrano traveled across the country and Mexico to capture the experiences of these men and women, many who are still living in extreme poverty in rural areas in Mexico. The documentary includes interviews with historians, politicians, and survivors.

Serrano will answer questions and discuss his research after the film. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call ext. 4553.

One Book...One President

GSU's Intellectual Life Committee is sponsoring One Book, One University in October featuring Doris Kearns Goodwin's *Team of Rivals*. The book details Abraham Lincoln's choice to bring together many of his greatest political competitors to help him lead the country through difficult times. President Obama has cited this book's influence in his own approach to creating his cabinet.



On October 21, at 6 p.m., in Engbretson Hall, Dr. Thomas F. Schwartz, Illinois State Historian and Lincoln expert from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, will lead a discussion on the themes found in the book, as well as compare and contrast Lincoln's and Obama's experiences with their cabinets. Light refreshments will be served.

Crafty Devils

The Civil Service Senate is sponsoring its annual Arts and Crafts Fair on November 3 and 4, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. All proceeds from this event benefit the Civil Service Senate Educational Assistance Fund. The event is free and open to the public.

Vendors are still needed for the fair. Fees are \$35 for one table and \$25 for each additional table (maximum three tables). The selling of any and all goods suspected of copyright restriction violations are strictly prohibited.

For more information or to register, contact [Cindy Woodard](#) or [Mary Rothenberg](#).

Tracking Benefit Payments

The State of Illinois has slowed down claim payments under the Quality Care Health Plan (QCHP – State's PPO Plan) and the Quality Care Dental Plan (QCDP) due to budgetary issues as both of these plans are self insured by the State. The Department of Central Management Services (CMS) is responsible for directing the plan administrator in its effort to pay health (CIGNA) and dental (CompBenefits/Humana) claims.

CMS has set up a [tracking website](#) which will be updated from time to time to advise employees of the claim payment release dates and any changes to them. for advising employees of the status of the late claim payments. From the website's main page, click on - State Employees Group Insurance Program and then, click on the Notice Regarding QCHP and QCDP Claims Payment Delay PDF, located directly under the title at the top of the page.

If you are experiencing a problem in your claim payment, providing the vendor of a copy of this notice may help in presenting your side of the discussion. Contact the Office of Human Resources at ext. 4100, with additional questions.

