Global Issues in the Classroom

By Dana Solatka
Editor-in-Chief

Professor Aslam (Sam) Shahid uses Global Issues in the Classroom to do extra credit project with his Introduction to Computer Technology (CPSC-2005) students. "Today, we have Global Issues dealing with Global Warming Crisis, Global Food Crisis, Global Water Crisis and Global Energy Crisis. According to the United Nation (UN), we have 7.5 billion plus human being living on planet Earth. We have limited resources to move forward. We do have a problem and we must look for a feasible, renewable and sustainable solution for our planet Earth. In my opinion, there is nothing in our solar system that can match planet Earth with human being necessity such as gravity, water, food, etc." Professor Shahid says.

Space and Aviation technology plays a major role in gathering data and information for Global Issues. We rigorously use space and aviation technology with complex sensors, various cameras, satellites, etc. to solve problems in Global Warming Crisis, Global Food Crisis, Global Water Crisis and Global Energy Crisis.

For years, Professor Shahid have been giving students extra credit project dealing with issues that "affect all of us on Earth" such as Global Warming, Global Food Supply and Global Water Supply. Each project consists of 3 components: Critical Thinking, Technology Integration and Writing Across The Curriculum. A rubric is used to assess for performance measurement. Students analyze current global issues using qualitative and quantitative methods.

Shahid elaborated on the projects a bit more. "Our contemporary society is very dependent on diverse computer technology application. We do technology integration such as MS Word for writing across the curriculum on global warming, etc. We use MS Excel to do qualitative and quantitative analysis of data. We use MS PowerPoint for presentation of data and information. We do critical thinking in the classroom. Most of all, students are infused to seek STEM related education and career". He continued, "Students are aware of challenging problems (ex: global warming, energy crisis, water crisis and food crisis) we are facing as global citizens and we must look for a solution as a global citizen and GSU student. Internet or Cyberspace indiscriminately crosses borders and boundaries worldwide. Internet affects all of us since we share data and information with respect to privacy and security". He mentioned a recent global issues project could be Hurricane Maria and its impact on Puerto Rico, Hurricane Harvey in Texas, and Hurricane Irma in Florida.

"We used data and information from various online resources such as National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), National Geographic (NAT GEO), Carbon Monitoring For Action (CARMA), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), etc. Of course, students have complete 100% freedom to explore and discover other credible online resources. My next extra credit project is in the Global Energy Supply." Professor Shahid says. He continued, "These sources have excellent reputation and credibility in terms of data and information under public domain". Projects like these can be utilized in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education. Professor Shahid teaches mathematics, computer science, information technology, information security and business at Governors State University, Lewis University and City Colleges of Chicago.

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Editorial

GSU’s Promise of “Over 60 Organizations”

By Dana Solatka
Editor-in-Chief

So while I was walking down the A-wing hall, I see that mural everyone sees. You know the one. The one where there are a whole bunch of people having fun at GSU. It’s so strange to me. I see the “over 60 organizations” promise yet we have, what, like 10 active clubs?

What exactly happened to them all? I have no doubt in my mind we had 60 clubs and organizations over the years, but where are they now? I know Psych Club is around, I know we have an Anime Club, I know we have some Fraternities, but where are the rest? I only ever see maybe 15 clubs and organizations at the fair the at the beginning of every fall semester, and that’s being generous.

Grad Column

GPN Info: Meet the Co-Chairs

By Brittany Godsey
Grad Columnist

Mission: The GSU Graduate Professional Network represents and supports the interests of the graduate student community by promoting scholarly activities and providing opportunities for professional development. This organization shall provide a forum to address issues pertinent to graduate students and serve as a liaison between the graduate student body and the administration to encourage communication and cooperation.

Why get involved with the GPN? When you become a member of the GPN you will be a part of the decision making for our future programming and events. If you have a personal interest in professional development or would like to network with other students in your field you will benefit from a workshop on a specific topic or skill. We can work on setting it up. We have held events and workshops that help with resume writing, interviewing skills, and leadership skills. At meetings you will have the chance to network with other students and staff that can help build your networking skills and possibly lead to a future connection in your field. GPN members are student advocates for other graduate students so get involved and contribute to all of our successes!

Meet our Co-chair: My name is Brittany Godsey. I am studying School Psychology in the Eds program here at GSU and I am a Graduate Assistant in the Academic Resource Center. My assistantship duties focus on our STAR program. When I graduate in 2019 I would like to work in an early intervention setting and I am also interested in applied behavior analysis in therapeutic day schools. I attended GSU for my undergraduate degree. I studied Interdisciplinary Studies with a minor in English literature and psychology. I am looking forward to helping the organization grow, and I would love to see more workshops available online in the near future for our busy graduate students.

October 24, 2017 at 3:30 pm in the Student Success Commons! We will be holding elections for co-chair!

If you have any questions about the GPN or topic suggestions for this column, you can email me at bgodsey@student.govst.edu

Mel’s Corner

By Melanie Fitch
Staff Writer

Friday, September 29, the Hebrew/Jewish holyday (intentional spelling) Yom Kippur began with the setting of the sun. Yom Kippur or The Day of Atonement is, traditionally, a time for reflection. It is a time when people are meant to look back on their actions, attitudes and decisions of the previous year and identify those things that they were in error about. It’s the one time a year when many of them fast because they are supposed to atone for the wrong that they have done by “afflicting their souls”.

Granted, people not used to a fast may find it a serious “affliction” but I say take it a step further. One of the most painful things that a person may ever have to do is, sincerely make amends for something wrong that they have done. Not one of those crappy “I’m sorry if you were offended...”. There is no “it”. You know that they’re offended and they didn’t just get that way. Your actions caused the offense. Real atonement is owning whatever you did, and giving a sincere apology. For example, “I apologize for... I hope that you will forgive me because I value our relationship and preserving it is important to me”. The really challenging part is waiting to see how they reply because depending on what happened, they still may never forgive you. They might laugh in your face and tell you to get lost, but that is not the point. The point is, your focus is meant to be on growing yourself, not them, and growing of say “it” is usually painful to some degree, but in the end, no one benefits from it more than you do.

You can watch the news on any given day and see evidence that age does not equal maturity. Contrary to the beliefs of the more hopeful among us, there are more immature old people than you might realize, and some of them are (frighteningly) in positions of great power and influence. Being a better person doesn’t always

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Club Spotlight

Psych Club

By Christie Carrasco
Newspaper Practicum

The Psych Club is a student-run organization that hosts outreach programs and events at GSU to help students destress, connect with others, stay positive, and have fun while gaining a better understanding of psychology.

The Psych Club was re-founded by Matt Covic who is a senior lecturer at GSU and faculty advisor. The Psych Club has about 35 active members and their numbers are growing.

College can be stressful, especially if you are part of the larger population of students who have to balance work, family, and school. Finals week can be an especially stressful time for students. And it is during these daunting moments the Psych Club shines brightly, by hosting events such as "make your own stress balls", or "personal massages by professional masseuses" that help students alleviate a little tension during these stressful times.

During the month of October 2017, the Psych Club will be hosting a recreational pumpkin decorating event. GSU students will be able to decorate a pumpkin at no cost. The Psych club will also be hosting an array of fundraisers this semester working with Student Life and ALAS as an interclub partnership. The details for these fundraisers will be posted around campus closer to the event dates.

The Psych Club does not offer psychological advice but can help guide students in the right direction if they are seeking mental help. The Psych Club welcomes anyone interested in psychology, regardless of their major.

If you have questions about Psych Club or wish to join, contact Matt Covic at mcovic@govst.edu.

Keeping Our Most Vulnerable Citizens Safe

By Melanie Fitch
Staff Writer

It's a wonderful thing when people can come together, as a community and do good, significant work.

The Oak Park IL Police, Elementary School district 97, and the Oak Park Township Mental Health Board took a huge stride toward narrowing the gap between the police and the public by showing that they care enough to be proactive. Lime green silicon bracelets are being made available for people with special conditions or circumstances so that they can be easily identified by law enforcement. There have been many situations where people with autism, dementia, and other disorders were misidentified by law enforcement. The police are not trained to recognize those types of behaviors, placing the sufferer in danger. It can be very confusing to officers, who might easily mistake behaviors of fear or frustration, for aggression.

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The Center for the Junior Year is located at C1321. It is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8 A.M. – 5 P.M. and on Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 A.M. – 7 P.M.

Campus

Center for the Junior Year: What Is Your Sense of Purpose?

By Devyn Forquer
Newspaper Practicum

The staff at the Center for the Junior Year are here to help you find that.

The Center for the Junior Year is an organization that was founded in 2016; it is designed to assist students in finding their true passion and building a career out of that passion. The Center for the Junior Year (the CJY) has a student staff, known as Peer Success Coaches.

Peer Success Coach Karina Soto is a first year Psychology student at Governors State. She first heard about them through a friend who studied abroad, thanks to the help of the center.

"I didn't really know what I was getting into when I first came in. Ned's amazing, he's a great advisor. He really knows what he is doing and he really gets students thinking," said Soto.

Ned Laff, director of the CJY, wants to guide students in putting together all the pieces of their education to set their career in motion.

"We'll sit down and say, 'talk to us about what you love' or 'tell us where you want to go', there are a lot of things you can do with your degree that you can actually get involved in," said Laff.

Keep in mind, the CJY does offer their services to students of all ages, not just juniors. They offer help with choosing a major, finding internships, and keeping on track with courses.

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Texas Lawmaker Calls for Impeachment of Trump

By Melanie Fitch
Staff Writer

On June 7, 2017, Houston congressman Al Green (D) revealed plans to draft articles of impeachment against Trump. This past Tuesday, September 26th, Green gave an impassioned speech before the members of the house, calling for the impeachment of Donald Trump as early as next week.

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By Victoria Phan
Contributing Writer

This week in the gallery is GSU's own artists: Javier Chavira and Jon Casserilla. Chavira is the GSU painting professor and Casserilla is a GSU alumni. They are part of the gallery's continuing theme of Mentor/Mentee pairs.

Chavira studied under Chavira from 2009-2011 receiving a BFA. He continued onto a MFA program at Northern Illinois University. Working in mixed media on paper, Casserilla says his work is about getting lost in the abstract areas of himself. You can see this effort of searching and experimental playfulness in the conversation between the form and color of his work. For this reason, he is more of a modernist painter like Chavira.

Chavira earned both his BFA and MA here at GSU also going onto a MFA program at NIU. His style blends the thinking of modernists and the mixed technique of old masters. Modernism challenges the idea that art must realistically render the world, while the old master’s technique is using, that is, mixed technique (oil over tempera) is used for capturing realism. The technique is considered very academic, typical of Renaissance painting, and what Chavira is teaching painting students here at GSU. Although, Chavira is very realistically rendering people and birds as his subjects, he is departing from reality with the other modernists by going all monochrome. His idea for using monochrome colors comes from the wisdom of his former professor who said that he must use his weakness as his strength and the fact that Chavira is partially color blind.

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Chavira's work outside E-1532 shown below photographed by Dana Solatka

Chavira’s work in the D building photographed by Dana Solatka

Study Abroad Fair

By Dana Solatka
Editor-In-Chief

Office of International Services hosted a Study Abroad Fair on September 26th, 2017. Compared to last years' fairs, this one feels smaller. But the quality of the programs and program presenters increased. There were tables promoting GSU's in-house study abroad and independent studies abroad through companies International Studies Abroad (ISA), Athena, Academic Programs International (API), USAC, and CAPA The Global Education Network.

On the end of independent programs, one could easily get stacks of course catalogs from the fair. However, students might want to consider studying with Athena or ISA. Governors State recently paired with both. Athena offers a $500 grant for semester programs and a $200 grant for programs lasting at least three weeks in the winter or summer. ISA offers a $200 tuition discount to students.

Notably, GSU's department of Education and Counseling is planning a trip to Slovenia. The trip is lead by Doctor Lorelle and Doctor Hisrich. Study abroad coordinator Amy Schoenberg elaborated on GSU's future faculty-lead study abroad plans. "In the Spring the Health Administration Department is taking a group to Buenos Aires, Argentina to study the healthcare system and compare it to that of the U.S. The Health Administration Department also plans to bring a group of students to China this summer to compare healthcare systems as well. In the summer we have a sketchbook course traveling throughout Spain the summer. Human Development in Slovenia, the Honors Seminar in Rome, Italy and the College of Business wi will study the culture and business of Eastern Europe. They will visit Prague, Budapest and Bratislava and this is the final year of their grant to help subsidize the cost for students. Deadlines and info session are approaching. If interested, please visit the GSU website on Study Abroad or contact the Study Abroad Coordinator Amy Schoenberg at aschoenberg@govst.edu". For the anxious student, Schoenberg says "if students have concerns about travelling, please know that GSU has your health and safety as a priority".

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Photo of study abroad tables taken by Dana Solatka

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**Being Your Best Self**

By Devyn Forquer
Newspaper Practicum

On Wednesday afternoon, eleven students gathered to listen and collaborate on what it takes to become a great leader.

The lecture was enticing from beginning to end. Conversation was lead by Kristy Goodwin, whose enthusiasm and passion truly shined through while sharing her knowledge of different concepts.

Goodwin discussed topics such as the Johari Window and essential keys to personal development as a leader.

Johari’s window covers different versions of self, visualized in a table, categorized by ‘known’ and ‘unknown’ to self, and ‘known’ and ‘unknown’ to others. The subcategories feature: open self, blind self, hidden self, and unknown self.

The true reason in examining Johari’s window is discovering who you are.

“If you don’t know who you are, you don’t know what kind of leader you will be,” said Goodwin.

She said the key to personal development, and tracking that development, is journaling.

It is important to keep a record of who you are and how that changes over time, that way, the person journaling can look back and see how they have developed.

Goodwin finished the hour by sharing her personal experience as a leader and how she has grown over the years.

“The one thing about leadership that I’ve noticed, and that I’ve done, is to give back and give more of yourself,” said Goodwin.

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**Leadership Development at GSU**

By Devyn Forquer
Newspaper Practicum

Governors State University is home to many leadership development programs and workshops for students.

With endless programs available, students learn valuable skills to further their desire to become a better leader and make an impact on, not just the university, but their community.

A few of these programs include the Emerging Leaders Program, Men’s Leadership Summit, Student Leadership Institute, and S.H.E.R.O. Women’s Leadership Summit.

The Emerging Leaders Program is geared towards freshman and sophomore students. This workshop delves into the student’s personal development skills that pave the road for the type of leader they intend to be. Registration for this program ends October 13th.

The Men’s Leadership Summit is for students who identify as male and addresses the necessities of being a man in the leadership community and in a global environment. The workshop is November 17th; To register, contact Intercultural Student Affairs.

The Student Leadership Institute is for sophomores, juniors, and senior students. This workshop focuses on students who are seeking basic leadership development skills that will help add to their personal development and maximize their leadership abilities. This workshop is offered annually in the spring. Registration applications are due by November 3rd.

S.H.E.R.O. Women’s Leadership Summit is for all students, alumni, and members of the community. S.H.E.R.O. means “Sharing Her story of Empowerment, Resilience, and Opportunity and is open to anyone who wishes to learn more about women’s involvement in leadership. The summit is on March 30th and registration will open in the spring.

While these workshops are excellent opportunities for growth, there are also Student Governance Programs such as the Student Senate, Community Service Council, and the GSU Program Council.

For more information regarding these leadership programs and student governance opportunities, visit www.govst.edu/leadership.

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**The Glass Castle An Inspiring Memoir**

By Arnessa Barlow
Staff Reporter

The Glass Castle is a breath-taking story about a young girl whose family who uses imagination and creativity as a distraction from the poverty they face. This engaging biography will take you through a journey that is unforgettable. Brie Larson, stars as the main character, Jeanette Walls, and does a magnificent job of taking you through her journey in life. The family is home-less and loves to skedaddle when it is time to run. The mother, Rose Mary (Naomi Watts) is a ‘blind’ artist and the father, Rex (Woody Harrelson), an alcoholic had a dissimilar perspective of life. They set out looking for a “stable” home to build the house they always dreamed of which they called The Glass Castle. Although, most people would look at poverty as an unpleasant thing, but The Walls family looked at it as being free or living in freedom. Jeanette and her siblings went on day-by-day looking for a way to better their hectic family. Even through all the brawls and pugnacious situations, love is what kept them together. This loving and complicating story will have your heart in a bundle.

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**Cardi B’s Glow Up and the Infectious Inspiration**

By Briyana Kelly
Staff Reporter

The Hip Hop Generation is taking a new turn for the better. Influencing others in the world to be themselves and live authentically. Our newest member, Cardi B from the Bronx, New York just ousted Taylor Swift from the top of the Billboard charts with her informal single “Bodak Yellow (Money Moves)”. As reported by The New Yorker’s Staff Writer, Doreen, “The rise of the twenty-four-year-old Cardi B, born Belcalis Almanzar—who earlier this week became the first solo female rap act to top the Billboard charts since Lauryn Hill, in 1998—is dizzying; it’s almost like a fairy tale, according to the Ringer’s Lindsay Zoladz.”

Why is this inspirational not only to women over the world but just people in general? Because she’s shown resilience, focus, dedication, and that your grind can pay off if you stick to your plan. Cardi B has also shown others that it’s not where you’re from that defines you, it’s your body of work. This can encourage someone like my students working on getting to the next level of higher education. We get burnt out, sometimes don’t know where all this challenging work will take us, so we either drop off or take a long break from our education. We even get discouraged due to everyday life stress. Take some pointers from Cardi and stay down until you come up.

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No Home Runs in This Park

By Arnesha Barlow
Staff Writer

Sports, lots of people dig it. Whether you play just for fun or take it seriously. Sports can have a positive effect on students here at Governors State. Although, GSU’s baseball field is empty it does not have to be. Since GSU, is not using the field we could rent it out to other community colleges and other nonprofessional teams to use. It could be a good financial help to our school as well as a good space for other baseball teams. Of course, like most baseball fields it will need a little work. After that, the field will be up and ready to play on. But who says you should wait that long? No one! You are encouraged to go out, enjoy the weather, and have a wonderful game of baseball or softball with friends and peers. So, there you have it folks! If you happen to think we all bonded pretty quickly, the coaches are really really lenient. They have a really good structure on the way they want us to run the sets and the philosophies they have on defense. I believe we can be successful if we listen to the ones who know what they are talking about.” said Deontre Crenshaw, point guard and shooting guard on the men’s Jaguar team. Deontre Crenshaw is a junior at Governors State University and is looking forward to starting the season. The Jaguars’ first game will be against Chicago State University on November 21st 2017.

Women’s Golf Going Strong!

By Arnesha Barlow
Staff Writer

On Monday September 25th, 2017 the GSU’s Women’s Golf team played in the Aurora Fall Invitation-al. Kendall Paris came down and played strongly. She shot an 88 in the third round. According to the GSU Athletics website, Head Coach Mark Haines stated that Paris “did an outstanding job and continues to get stronger with each passing week.” That afternoon, Kendall also happened to match a record set last spring by Emily Bell, who played for her high school team 4 years ago. Although, they did not win this match the girls still went out and worked hard. Truthfully, that is all that matters. Keep up the great work! Go Jaguars!

Women’s Volleyball Spikes Again!

By Arnesha Barlow
Staff Writer

On October 4th, Jaguars scored a victory over Moody Bible at the Solheim Center Wednesday evening. Governors State caused Moody Bible their first home loss of the season and also won the first meeting on August 25th at the RMU Eagles Invitational. According to Pedro Gonzalez, the head coach of the GSU Volleyball team Moody Bible “plays well in front of their home crowds and have proven they can beat quality teams.” GSU will go against Roosevelt October 6th, Friday evening. This game will take place at GSU and is apart of the CCAC Crossover.
Opinions

Timbone Tonight: Microtransactions (Again)

By Tim Benson

Contributing Writer

Hot off the presses came my last article talking about Middle-Earth: Shadow of War. It hasn't even been over a month since I wrote my last article and this game cannot, will not, or even attempt to stop having controversy behind it. Look at my previous article about WB Entertainment strangling the consumer. What has this already infamous game done next to disrupt the very balance of video game industry? Well, one of War creator Bob Roberts did an interview with Eurogamer to discuss loot boxes (aka, the first steps of teaching your children to gamble with your money). You should read the Bob's Burger's article. He sounds like a chief trying to sell you something he cooked and when you ask him what he think of it, he says, "Meh, I wouldn't eat it". Don't believe me? Then read what he said when he was asked if he would buy the microtransactions:

"I personally, probably, will just let the systems feed me the rewards as we've balanced these. It's a weird question as a designer - I want to have the experience I think most people will have so I can relate to what people are saying and explaining. I wouldn't want to shortcut anything and then have a skewed perspective of what people are saying around balancing. It's a matter of going in and update anything later."

So, my biggest question is, then why put them in there? Why? Just why? If you created a game and want to experience it the proper way then why would you The Root dot com. "These What is the point of having them if one of the creators of the game won't even spend his money on something that he helped work on. That is what it comes down to. Him not wanting to spend money on a game that he already bought but don't worry, he is going to pay the rest of the world how YOU should spend your money on it. Like when the interviewer asked him about the situation in general. Good old Bobby Hill said with "Yeah, it's such a charged topic. It's frankly complicat- ed - you see the debate play out online and forum threads when people argue with each other about it." This is where I think Bob Roberts is a true used car salesman. He says that it is 'complicated' when that, in fact, means, "I'm a college educated man with a minor in art and a bachelor degree in psychology at the end of this semester. I might even go to GSU for my masters. So how about Bobcat Mobags-of-cash explain to it? Because, to be honest, anyone that says it is 'too complicated' doesn't actually mean it is too complicated. Why he is actually saying is, "Please stop asking questions because I don't know how to respond, and I don't want you to hate me so shut up and stop ask- ing". Because, that is what I heard. I heard him say something is complicated. Sorry, understanding anti-

consumer business practices isn't the same thing as understanding quantum physics, something he definitely can't do, but I can understand even if I fully off the blood of innocents for 300 years.

Now, I don't want to kick a dead horse that has been already kicked repeatedly. However, that is not the only game that is having microtransaction disasters. According to Michael however, NBA 2k18 de- cided to jump on the band wagon of trying to collect all of your money in one game. You see, if you want new skins or haircuts that is going to cost you. But don't worry, if you point out how 2K is holding you by your wall let, they will literally have their PR call you and ask why you don't like them! Seriously, it happened to a game that happened to a basketball game. The Theisathaxis. com put out a review of the game and gave it a 3/10. A PR representative reached out to them asking why they didn't think he could make it. And, welcome to the world, the way, it shouldn't matter to them because they shouldn't be allowed to influence their review score because they wanted to change it. Since the game has been taken down. However, as of 9/26/17, it went back up. According to the website, the PR rep didn't respond back in time with them so they put it back on their website. I find this a good thing because no game company should be allowed to bully anyone into changing their score. Remember, before you start giving your money to these game companies. Look at them and see if they deserve it. So far, it is a no on WB and 2K. If you want a good game that won't keep charging you hundreds of dollars just to do anything, then I highly recommend Final Fantasy IX. It just came out as digital download for PS4 at $20.99. The best part about it is when you buy this game that came out in the late 90's, you get one whole, complete game. No loot boxes, no microtransactions or season passes. Just a classic that isn't going to take every dollar in your bank ac- count.

Sports Members vs. The 45th President

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A sensational movement is occurring in sports and political news today. It's the right of protest by our sports heroes throughout America. It's been made to think that since last year when Colin Kaepernicking during the national anthem to stand up for "black" people who are being oppressed by the state, people say that it's a protest of our military personnel, our brothers and sisters, who sacrificed for this country. It's been stated on many occasions that such is not the case, but the president just won't maturely accept our view point as a community that we are protest the injustice, lack of freedom, and oppression that we face in our own home. Now the truth of the matter is that none of the members in sports were in solidarity with Kapper- nicking in those protest- ing last year. In fact, they were silent. They were even more naive when he wasn't offered a contract this year by the NFL, but now that the president acted in his own character by disinvising the Golden State Warriors because Steph Curry said he didn't think he could make it; they act in solidarity. He then went a step further by blatantly disrespecting the NFL, calling them and their mothers a name I won't mention (just like we don't mention his name in our community). Now you have the cause and effect of the why to the beginning of this current protest.

It's sad to see that a lot of sponsors are dropping NFL players for protest- ing. According to Michael Harriott, a Staff Reporter of The Root dot com, "These individuals and companies all believe that the actual words, actions, freedom and even blood of the black players using NFL's platform to address injustice and equality are inferior to the personal feelings of their white detractors who get the heebie-jeebies when they see black people performing any action they feel is objec- tionable. That's not racism. That's white supremacy." Michael also said, "White supremacy has nothing to do with hate."

I interviewed a citizen just to get unique perspective on the situation. A male, 41 years old, who is an Occupational Therapist who specializes in Orthopedics who is also in Orthopedics and I interviewed him about this, he says, "The information presented is misunderstood. It's not about disrespect of the flag, soldiers, or military personnel. It's about what's happening in the country today. All races, ethnic groups, and religious backgrounds participated in the wars with this nation, so why would I want to disrespect my broth- ers and sisters. So, if I should kneel, I'll kneel for that to shed light on what's happening today.

Our communi- ties aren't educated on the civics in The United States and how the NFL was tainted on this when I was in elementary or before I just recently discovered this, then I would have never been standing for it in the first place. It's wrong that the song is in the public like that, and it should have been banned a long time ago. Now as for the sports members sticking together, it's about "45". They weren't doing it a year ago when Colin was doing it. This all just started a week ago after he dissinvised the Golden State Warriors, Lebron responded saying him a bum and then "45" blatantly disrespected the NFL players nationally calling them sons of bitches, etc. I think he's slow because why would he do such a thing then think he can get away with that? He's already been informed about our is- sues: crime, black-on-black murder, police brutality, police framing us, lack of re- sources, drugs, and misedu- cation. These are issues that are important to us because they are hindering us from becoming a prosperous.

The Solution can be as sim- ple as addressing the subject matter, so that there can be a better understanding pub- licly.

There is so much drama surrounding this mat- ter but it can be cleared if the government officials have the conversation with the "African American" community, and stop avoiding the subject matter. It's beginning to look very immature on a public scale. It's sad that you have others in this "democ- racy" telling "black" people how they should operate their First Amendment Right. That's not how it's supposed to work, and why is it that "African Americans" are the only group of people that seem to go through this? When the riots in Charlotte- ville happen, he didn't bother telling them how to properly protest, he barely wanted to address it, properly.

We should have some type of event to en- gage the GSU scholars in a conversation to share per- spectives and get the con- versation started. Last night in class I had an experience with a professor who sang "God Bless America" to me and seemingly thought it was a joke. It's no secret that slavery happen in this land to begin with and America was destroyed by all the wars that took place here. It seems that the public must have forgot- ten true patriotic history and why it's offensive to "black" people who aren't seeking revenge but equality, justice, freedom, love, and peace.
EXHIBITS & DISPLAYS

LGBTQ LITERARY WORKS & RESOURCES
GSU Library
Seeking to be more aware of the LGBT community? GSU Library has a collection of books, DVDs and eBooks dedicated to the LGBT experience. Visit www.govst.edu/library or contact us at library@govst.edu.

October 2 – 16
LGBTQ HISTORY DISPLAY
B Wing Display Case

PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Thursday, October 5
UNLEARN, RELEARN LEARN: WHEN SEXUALITY MEETS FAITH
3:30 p.m., A1115 – Interfaith Prayer & Meditation Room
Featuring Quincy James Rineheart, Scholar in Residence for the Samuel Dewitt Proctor Conference, Inc and PhD Student in African American Religious History and Cultural Studies, Chicago Theological Seminary
This program will provide insight on the intersection of sexuality and faith.

Wednesday, October 11
NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY
12pm - 1pm, Hall of Governors
Pick up a ribbon to wear in solidarity with members of the LGBTQ community as we celebrate their coming out experience

Monday, October 16
GENDER REVOLUTION SCREENING
4:30 – 7:30 p.m., Engbreton Hall
Katie Couric explores the rapidly evolving complexities of gender identity. Post-screening discussion led by Dr. Jason Zingsheim

Thursday, October 19
BROTHERS SPEAK OUT ABOUT SEXUALITY
5pm, Hall of Honors
Come share your thoughts and learn more about the intersection of maleness, manhood, masculinity and sexuality

Thursday, October 19
IDEAS LAB: THE TRANS PHENOMENON
Presented by Vanessa Sheridan, Director of Trans Relations at Center on Halsted
3:30 p.m., Engbreton Hall
Intercultural Development for Equity and Success Labs (IDEAS Lab) is an innovative program designed for faculty, staff and students to engage in a think tank acknowledging campus inequities that may limit student success.

Saturday, October 21
STARTING OVER
8 p.m., Center for Performing Arts
Tickets: $28 ($10 for Students with I.D) Discount not available online. Contact 708.235.2222 for tickets or visit www.centertickets.net
Post-show talkback with playwright and cast.
Written by Shepsu Aakhu, this story of love, tolerance, and race explores acceptance of transgender relationships in a journey from a small town to the city. ADULT CONTENT AND NUDITY.

Tuesday, October 24
SAFE ZONE TRAINING
noon, B2203
SafeZone is a training program open to faculty and staff ONLY at this time. The goal of this program is to raise awareness about the dynamics of gender and sexual orientation while exploring different ways to embody inclusive allyship for people of all orientations, genders, sexualities, identities, and levels of being out.
Participants must RSVP by October 17 at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FALL2017SZ.
SPACE IS LIMITED

Thursday, October 26
ASEXUAL DOCUMENTARY SCREENING
5:30-8 p.m., Location TBA
Facing a sex obsessed culture, a mountain of stereotypes and misconceptions, and a lack of social or scientific research, asexuals—people who experience no sexual attraction—struggle to claim their identity. Post-show Discussion led by Dr. Lara Stache.

For more information and updates visit www.govst.edu/diversity or diversity@govst.edu