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Fall Semester  
Registration  
Through August 25

Meditation  
Thursdays  
2:30 p.m.  
D 34150  
Free

Alcoholics  
Anonymous  
(AA)  
Thursdays  
6 - 7 p.m.  
A2150

Ways of Making  
Juried Art Exhibit  
Through June 23  
Reception  
June 23  
4:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Visual Arts Gallery

Pre-K Screening/  
Registration/Tours  
June 12, 13  
9 a.m. to 2  
Family Dev Cntr  
708.235.7300

Sex in the Sand  
Counseling Workshop  
June 21  
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Engbretson Hall  
[Register](#)

New Perspectives on  
Desire  
Counseling Workshop  
June 22  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
E Lounge  
[Register](#)

## News and Events

### Take That Apolo Ohno (2-25-10)

They may not be Olympic medals, but in the world of higher education marketing, GSU just earned its share of podium time. The Twenty-Fifth Annual Educational Advertising Awards recognized GSU with six national awards including Gold for the History Wall.

The combined efforts of the Office of Public Affairs, the Graphics Department, and Digital Learning and Media Design helped GSU post such impressive results. No other public university in Illinois came close to GSU's accomplishment.

The Educational Advertising Awards is the largest educational advertising awards competition in the country. This year, over two-thousand entries were received from more than one-thousand colleges, universities, and secondary schools from all fifty states and several foreign countries. Judges for the Educational Advertising Awards consisted of national panel of higher education marketers, advertising creative directors, marketing and advertising professionals, and the editorial board of Higher Education Marketing Report.

AWARD	CATEGORY	PROJECT TITLE
Gold	New Media	History Wall Kiosk
Silver	Total PR Program	History Wall
Bronze	Newspaper Series	Discover Unlimited Opportunity
Bronze	Newsletter	NMSP Newsletter
Bronze	Annual Report	2009-2010 Annual Report
Merit	Brochure	Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art

### Luck Be a Lady

The competition was fierce, the tensions were high, and the jokes were abound.

Last Thursday Feb 18, 15 talented individuals from the GSU student body, faculty, staff, and alumni entertained an audience of judges and supporters to win a coveted role in *Neil Berg's 100 Years of Broadway*.

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IDSS Portfolio Seminar  
College Credit for Prior Learning  
June 23  
10 a.m. – noon  
D1496  
\$50  
[Register](#)  
708.534.4092

Chicago Southland Gospel Fest 2012  
June 29  
7:30 p.m.  
Cntr Perf Arts  
[Tickets](#)

DrOT Information Session  
June 30  
2 p.m.  
G127

Don't miss the five finalist perform TONIGHT, at 4 p.m., in The Center. The finalists are:

- Keith Briggs - Staff, FDM
- Fredi Parks - Student
- Kimi Robaczewski - Student
- Charlotte Smith - Student
- Ayita Woods - Staff, HR

Check out the [article about the auditions](#) in this week's Northwest Indiana Times.

## **On the Move...To Semesters**

Beginning in Fall 2010, GSU will move from a trimester-based academic calendar to a semester-based academic calendar. This new schedule will enhance the seamless transition from community colleges, serve returning students balancing families and full-time employment, and make GSU summer courses available to students from other institutions.



Faculty and staff members with individual community contacts are responsible for communicating the semester calendar changes to those contacts via hard copy letter or e-mail. Sample letter templates have been made available via the Semester Calendar [website](#).

## **Calling All Infants**

The FDC and COE are sponsoring an enriching and educational playgroup experience for infants, ages six months to two years old, and their parents.

The program includes activities for infants designed to enhance physical and mental development using fun and inventive materials. Workshops for parents are also included.

Students in the early childhood degree program at GSU lead the sessions under the supervision of College of Education professors and certified Family Development Center staff.

The program is on Thursdays, through April 8, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The fee is \$10. For more information or to register, call 708.235.7300.

## **Cabaret at The Center**



**Bassist Eric Privert of Palos Hills**

Jazz vocalist Rachael Price will perform as part of The Center for Performing Arts' "new cabaret series, on Saturday, February 27, at 8 p.m. Accompanying her on the bass will be Erik Privert, who is originally from Palos Hills.

Buy-one-get-one-free tickets will be available at the box office two hours prior to curtain. This special offer is based on availability. For tickets and information call

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708.235.2222 or visit The Center's [website](#).

## **IDSS Portfolio Workshop**

The College of Arts and Sciences will hold a Prior Learning Portfolio Workshop on Saturday, March 6, from 10 a.m. to noon. Attendees will learn how to develop a portfolio of prior learning to apply toward a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies.

The two-hour session includes an explanation of the portfolio submission process. The cost of the workshop is \$50, which includes materials. Prospective interdisciplinary studies students may complete a prior learning portfolio to demonstrate how experiential learning compares to college-level coursework. Based on a review of the submitted materials, equivalent college credit may be awarded.

For more information or to register, call 708.534.4092 or e-mail the [Interdisciplinary Studies](#) department.

## **Fit for Spring**

Let's Get Fit participants are encouraged to get their minds and bodies in shape as spring quickly approaches. Everyone is encouraged to attend these healthy lifestyle seminars presented by the Let's Get Fit program:

*Do You Have Neck and Back Pain?* - Wednesday, March 10, Dr. McVady

*Nutrition and Food Labels* - Tuesday, March 23, noon to 1 p.m.

*Heart Health* - Tuesday, March 30, noon to 1 p.m.

For more information on Let's Get Fit workshops or to join the program, contact [Julia Jamison](#) at ext. 7468.

## **Criminal Justice Career Fair**

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a career fair featuring employers in the field of criminal justice. Current students, alumni, and community members interested in finding employment in law enforcement, the criminal justice system, and related fields are encouraged to attend. Potential employers will be on hand from both public and private sectors.

The Criminal Justice Career Fair is on Thursday, March 25, from 3 to 6:30 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The Criminal Justice Career Fair is free and open to the public.

For more information, call 708.235.3974.

## **CC Art at GSU**

GSU will host the 2010 Illinois Community College Juried Art Exhibition, from March 4 through 26, in the Visual Arts Gallery.

This exhibition is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the creative

work of young artists in our region. Exhibiting artists include students from 18 Illinois community colleges including Joliet Junior College, Kankakee Community College, Parkland Community College, and South Suburban College among others.

Accomplished artist Kathleen Scarboro will serve as the juror. She will select award winners at the exhibition based on artistic merit. Up to \$1,000 in awards will be awarded, including \$300 for Best of Show.

A closing reception to celebrate the show and the artists and present merit awards is on Friday, March 26, from 1 to 3 p.m., in E-Lounge. The exhibition, awards, and reception are sponsored by GSU's College of Arts and Sciences and Student Life.

The gallery is open Monday through Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call ext. 4017.

## **Batter Up (02-22-10)**



Need a break for some sun and fun? Join GSU President Elaine P. Maimon, GSU alumni, and friends for some fun at the old ballpark...in Arizona!

The Chicago White Sox will meet the Kansas City Royals in a preseason game on Sunday, March 28, at 1:05 p.m. at Camelback Ranch Field, in Glendale Arizona. Tickets are only \$50 which includes the game ticket, light refreshments, and access to private suite. Transportation is not provided. Tickets are limited and sold on a first come, first served basis.

Don't miss the chance to see a great Chicago team in action and enjoy the company of friends at the ballgame. For more information or to reserve your tickets, call 800.GSU.8GSU, ext 4105.

## **Sports Come to GSU**

The GSU Table Tennis Team is making its mark on intercollegiate competition after a strong showing at the 2009-2010 Upper Midwest Regional Tournament of the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA) at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Saturday, February 20.

The GSU community is invited to celebrate the Table Tennis Team's success at a demonstration of both the team's abilities and its new uniforms on March 24 and 25, from noon to 1 p.m. and from 6 to 7 p.m., in the D-entrance atrium. The team will demonstrate the intricacies of the game and be available to answer questions and pose for photos.

The GSU Table Tennis Team consists of seven members with four women and three men. GSU Team members include team captain Chengwei Yu, Qianli Ma, Linfeng Xie, Yi Chen, Xiaoke Yi, Xini Zhang, and Wenyi Liang. Players from other universities are now aware of GSU both as strong competitors and as an academic institution.



At the recent competition, each member of the team played well and enjoyed the event and the interactions with players from other universities. In addition to GSU, participating schools included University of Wisconsin-Madison, Purdue University, Northwestern University, University of Chicago, and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

The team competed for the eligibility in the 2010 National Championship, April 9 to 11, in Waukesha, Wisconsin. The top team from each region is automatically invited, with invitations to other teams extended according to NCTTA rules. The invitation decision for 2010 National Championships will be made in a few weeks.

## **Kaching!**

The third week of GSU's Penny Wars was marked by significant jockeying for position. The Library clutched the top spot by nearly doubling their contributions, while the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor administration wing went deep into the negatives. Meanwhile, the College of Education and College of Arts and Sciences are in a dead heat for second place.



This week is the final week to donate your change to this great cause. All funds raised benefit the Civil Service Senate and Student Life. Student Life plans to donate its portion to the Dave Drechsel Fund.

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COE: 1597  
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Procurement: -384  
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## **IT System Maintenance**

All Governors State Jenzabar products, including CX (Cars), MyGSU, Student View, and Faculty View, will be unavailable from 5 a.m. through approximately 1 p.m., on Sunday, February 28. ITS apologizes for the inconvenience and appreciates your patience. If you have any issues or concerns, please contact the help desk at ext. 4357.

## **Media Presentation - Lines in the Sand**

*Lines in the Sand: Loss, Fear, and Whiteness in the U.S. Media Representations of Contemporary Mexican Immigration*, is a multimedia performance investigating U.S. media representations of Mexican immigration, both legal and illegal. The presentation will be held Tuesday, March 2, at 5:30 p.m., in Sherman Recital Hall.

Through the use of dance, sound, video, narrative, and scripted dialogue, the performance questions the various "positions" in the current debate and the many issues that are affected by it. The performers interrogate each other's stories, fears, claims, and blind attachments to white privileges as they embrace or reject the multiple ways they find themselves positioned in the current conversation. Dustin Bradley Goltz, Assistant Professor of Performance Studies in the College of Communication at DePaul University, and Kimberlee Pérez, Instructor of Communication Studies in the College of Communication at DePaul University portrays the two parts.

A discussion following the performance features Dr. Christina Gómez, Associate Professor of Sociology and Latino & Latin American Studies Program at Northeastern Illinois University. The evening concludes with a reception in E-Lounge.

This event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the University Intellectual Life Committee, Latino Center for Excellence, Student Life, College of Arts and Sciences, and the Division of Liberal Arts.

For more information, contact [Jason Zingsheim](#).

## **Grants Workshop**

A Grants Workshop, focusing on planning for research, publications, and funding, will be held on Thursday, March 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Nursing Lab located in the basement of FOC.

Additional topics of the workshop include types of grant programs, developing a five -year plan, components of a good application, and submitting an NIH grant application.

This workshop is presented by Richard B. Warnecke, Ph.D., former Director of the Center for Population Health and Health Disparities at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) and former Director of the UIC Survey Research Laboratory; Suzann Campbell, PT, Ph.D., Professor Emerita of the Department of Physical Therapy, UIC; and Julie C. Kong, M.Ed., RD, LDN, Associate Director of Research Services, UIC School of Public Health.

Space is limited. Boxed lunches provided. Contact [Penny L. Havlicek](#) at ext. 3982.

## **Perfect Frame**

Back by popular demand - the Student Education Association (SEA) of GSU is sponsoring the SEA Wii Bowling Competition, on March 11, from noon to



4:30 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third place competitors. Popcorn is only 50 cents a bag. Entry fees are \$2 for students and \$3 for everyone else.

## **Hip Hop Therapy**

Hip-hop is the voice of youth culture, and a useful therapeutic tool in treating children, adolescents, and adult family members, says Dr. Catherine Sori, Associate Professor of Counseling.



Dr. Sori and her students have been using hip-hop in sessions at GSU's Counseling Lab for the last two years. She recounts the successful implementation of rap singing as a positive therapeutic approach in her article, *Using Hip-hop in Family Therapy to Build "Rap"Port*, which has been accepted for publication in the latest version of *Favorite Counseling and Therapeutic Techniques*, edited by Dr. Howard Rosenthal.

Hip-hop works as a counseling technique for several reasons, Dr. Sori says. It is culturally relevant to clients. It allows children and their parents to tell their stories in their own words. Families can practice their rap songs together. Hip-hop can be a multiple sensory experience, incorporating dance and percussive movements to enhance the story telling.

"Getting people up so that they are moving and involved is the best thing you can do," she says. "This is a very good way to promote positive feelings among family members."

Dr. Sori introduced the hip-hop technique to students in Counseling 811- Intervention with Children and Adolescents. During one round of counseling at GSU, the technique was used with a family of four, a mother, father, and their two adolescent children. Over several weeks of therapy, family members wrote and performed two rap songs telling about their lives, their struggles, and their hopes for the future.

At the family's final session, Dr. Sori and other members of her therapeutic team performed their own rap song for the clients. They incorporated puppets as therapeutic tools to add an extra visual element and elicit positive, playful responses from the family. The therapists' rap song focused on the family's strengths and, at the finish, was greeted with foot stomping and high fives.

Dr. Sori also included a chapter on hip-hop therapy in her 2008 book, *The Therapist's Notebook, Volume 3*, co-authored with Dr. Lorna Hecker of Purdue University Calumet.

## **MILE Leadership Dialogue**

Learning more about what makes leaders successful is integral to becoming a successful leader and understanding the role character plays in our leaders. A Leadership Dialogue discussion of "Passion and Principal: John and Jessie Fremont, the Couple Whose Power, Politics, and Love Shaped 19th Century America" by Sally Denton will be led by Dr. Paul Craig, on March 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Hall of



Honors.

The Leadership Dialogue series, sponsored by the Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education (MILE) of the College of Education, is designed to develop an understanding the meaning of leadership. The event is free and open to the public. Participants are asked to pre-register and be familiar with the book.

Call 708.534.4024 or visit the [MILE website](#).

## **2010 Illinois Community College Juried Art Exhibition**

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This exhibition is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the creative work of young artists and to get a glimpse of the extraordinary talent in our region. Exhibiting artists include students from 18 Illinois community colleges including Joliet Junior College, Kankakee Community College, Parkland Community College, and South Suburban.

Selected works of student art will include painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, and ceramics. All students are allowed up to three entries. The juror selects work for this exhibition based on its artistic merit.

Accomplished artist Kathleen Scarboro, juries this year's show. Scarboro has been a practicing artist for many years, creating public work in Joliet and the surrounding region, as well as in Paris, France where she currently resides.

A closing reception to celebrate the show and the artists and present merit awards will take place on Friday, March 26, from 1 to 3 p.m., in E-Lounge. Up to \$1,000 in awards will be presented including \$300 for Best of Show.

The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. University Park. The gallery is open Monday through Thursday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call ext. 4017.

## **Preschool Screening**

The Family Development Center will hold informational meetings and preschool screenings monthly for admission into prekindergarten programs beginning in Fall 2010. Children ages three, four, and five are eligible for admission into the full and half day, three and five day prekindergarten programs.

Admission is open to all students. Discounted admission is available to qualified students. Screening is required to meet qualification requirements. Children must be three years old at the time of screening.

Informational meetings and screenings will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., on March 17, April 8 and 14, May 12, and June 10. For more information or to make an appointment, call 708.235.7300.

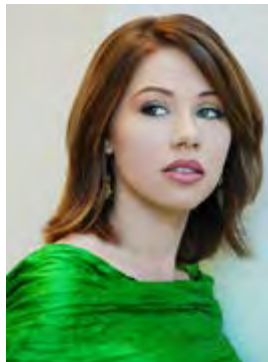
## **GSU Stimulated (02-18-10)**

This week, GSU was awarded a \$4.9 million dollar grant from the U.S. Department of Labor as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The grant will help provide training and placement services to unemployed, dislocated, and low-wage incumbent workers enabling them to pursue healthcare careers. The university will act as the lead agency providing coordination with other community-based organizations.

For additional information, read the full [press release](#).

## **Chanteuse Rachael Price at The Center**

Don't miss jazz chanteuse Rachael Price at The Center for Performing Arts, on Saturday, February 27.



Price performs as part of The Center's new Cabaret Series. During Cabaret shows, the audience sits on the stage with the artist creating uniquely intimate setting for these special shows.

With command performances for legends Sir Elton John at The Society of Singers and Robert Goulet for the famed Shubert Organization among others, 23 year-old jazz vocalist Rachael Price is proving early accolades to be prophetic. In 2003, Price was tapped by the Grammy Foundation as a vocalist with the High School Grammy Jazz Choir, and she was a semi-finalist at the Montreux International Jazz Vocal Competition in France.

Full price tickets are only \$37. Act quickly as seating is extremely limited. Call The Center box office at 708.235.2222 or visit [The Center website](#).

## **Mental Health Workshop**

*Current Strategies for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment within the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgendered Community* is the topic of a free, daylong conference to be held on Friday, February 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Sherman Recital Hall.

Dr. Raven James, Assistant Professor of Addiction Studies at GSU and Dr. Kevin Osten, Clinical Director of Valeo and Outpatient Services at Chicago Lakeshore Hospital will present at the conference.

GSU and Chicago Lakeshore Hospital are sponsors of the conference, and provide six CEUs. Lunch is included. To register, call 773.907.4554.

## **Free Computer Workshops Scheduled**

The University Library is offering free computer workshops to members of the community, students, staff, and faculty. Workshop topics include blogging, PowerPoint Basic, APA style formatting, plagiarism detection, and several workshops on genealogy.

The workshops will take place in February, March, and April, and are open to the public. Advance registration is recommended, but not required. For more information and a complete schedule of workshops, visit the [library](#) website or call ext. 7514.

## **Art Guild Exhibit**

GSU and the South Suburban Collaborative Arts Guild (CAG) are joining forces to present *Art on Campus*. The exhibit, featuring the paintings, photography, and poetry of seven members of the CAG, runs through March 31 in the GSU main entrance Atrium Gallery and the Upstairs Gallery at The Center for the Performing Arts.

The exhibit represents the diverse artistic styles of the participating artists and includes abstract, representational nature and landscape paintings, digital photography, and mixed media collage. The colorful range of work was organized by Michèle P. Owens and curated by Jeff Stevenson. A number of CAG members have been students in GSU's art program.

The purpose of the *Art on Campus* program is to enhance campus life for students, staff, and visitors.

## **Healthy Eating**

As part of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, the Academic Resource Center will host an informative workshop on eating disorders on Thursday, February 25, from noon until 1 p.m., in room B1241.

The workshop will include explanations of the causes, effects, and treatments of eating disorders, and an opportunity for participants to ask questions. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact [Tamekia Scott](#) at ext. 2228.

## **Gayla Celebration**

No vows were exchanged at the ceremony described by Dr. Jason Zingsheim in his essay, *"It's Not a Wedding, It's a Gayla: Queer Resistance and Normative Recuperation."* As the title states, the Gayla did not signal a marriage; nor was it a commitment ceremony.



When the Gayla was finished, Dr. Zingsheim and his partner had met for three days with friends and family and told each participant, in personalized letters, what their love and support meant to them. "It was a ritual celebration to honor and cherish the life we all share," says Dr. Zingsheim, Assistant Professor of Communication.

The Gayla, a self-described queer joining ceremony, was also an act of resistance against rituals common in traditional marriage celebrations, he says. According to the essay, the weekend-long ceremony was "a political performance project of love, community, protest, and activism that enacted a series of performative rituals reconfiguring notions of family, kinship, and patriarchy."

Dr. Zingsheim is co-author of the essay, which has been accepted for

publication by *Text & Performance Quarterly*, a journal of the National Communications Association. It will be published later this year. He also helped lead roundtable presentations developed from the Gayla experience under the title *In the Name of Queer Love* at the 2008 and 2009 National Communication Association meetings and a third installment at this year's meeting is under consideration.

The essay explains how great care was taken not to exclude any of the 75 guests from taking part in the Gayla festivities. Single people – those who weren't part of a couple – did not have diminished status in the proceedings. No minister or other single celebrant oversaw the weekend's events, although 12 friends, men and women, led portions of the celebration. The Gayla included a somewhat raucous bacchanalia, akin to a college beer bash, and an Italian feast to which participants wore togas. But it also included moving moments like the reading of the letters from Dr. Zingsheim and his partner.

"I don't know if anyone expected the letters to produce the kind of emotional reaction that we saw," he says.

## **Black History Month Continues**

Black History Month events continue with Movie Night, the screening and discussion of *Bloody Island: The Race Riots of East St. Louis*, a film about one of the worst incidents of labor-related violence and race riots in U.S. history. The event is scheduled twice on Thursday, February 18, from noon to 1 p.m. and from 6 to 7 p.m., in room B1241.

A Health Awareness Information Fair will provide important information concerning mental health issues, breast cancer, STDs, high blood pressure, and AIDS/HIV on Monday, February 22, from noon to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

GSU will also host an African Market with Afro centric products for sale on Tuesday, February 23, from noon to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Events are sponsored by the Academic Resource Center, Student Life, and the College of Arts and Sciences. For more information, call ext. 2228

## **The Battle Continues (02-15-10)**

The second week of Penny Wars has concluded and the battle is still too close to call. As totals mount, saboteurs deposit coins and bills in opposing teams' jars to derail their efforts. Remember penny deposits count as positive additions while silver coin and bill deposits are subtracted from the team's total points.

Currently, the University Library is in the lead, but CAS is coming up fast. Procurement and Auxilliary Services has the two-week low with a point total in the negative numbers.

In the first two weeks of the GSU Penny Wars, \$348.39 has been collected.

There are still two weeks to go, so keep collecting -- and donating -- your pocket change. All funds raised benefit the Civil Service Senate

and Student Life. Student Life plans to donate its portion to the Dave Drechsel Fund.

<b>Dept.</b>	<b>Point Total</b>
ARC	1374
COE	1193
CHHS	98
PAS	-824
BO	453
LCE	-121
HR	448
FDM	473
CAS	2695
SBDC	1040
Library	3205
3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor	1382
SL	7
CBPA	-174
IA	-7

### **Auditions for the Next GSU Star**

Auditions for spots on stage in the March 14 presentation of Neil Berg's *100 Years of Broadway*, at The Center for Performing Arts are scheduled on Thursday, February 18, from 4 to 7 p.m. Seventeen members of the GSU community will compete for the chance to sing with the stars.

Judging the contestants will be GSU's own Mort Maimon, Vanessa Newby, and Jim Howley, as well as Phil Potempa of the Northwest Indiana Times, and Betty Mohr of the Southtown/Star. Audience reaction to the contestants will also be measured and taken into account by the judges. Everyone is encouraged to attend the auditions and cheer for their favorite GSU performer.

The audition schedule is posted on [The Center for Performing Arts website](#).

The first place winner will sing a solo with the stars and the second place winner will sing a chorus number with the stars. Everyone who tries out will get a big discount on tickets to the show and the winners will get two free tickets each.

### **Careers for Educators**

Calling all teachers and teaching assistants. The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a career fair for educators. Current students, alumni, and community members interested in finding employment in the school system are invited to attend. Potential employers will be on hand from both public and private institutions and representing all grade levels.

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For more information, contact [Jason Zingsheim](#).

## **Reverend Dr. Albert Sampson**

The Reverend Dr. Albert Sampson will present *The Freedom Movement* as part of the Distinguished Lecture series on February 17, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

Dr. Sampson is known for his leadership in the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s. He was ordained at the Ebenezer Baptist Church by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and was inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Presidents at Morehouse College. He is also a Governors State University alumnus.

Currently, Dr. Sampson is the Senior Pastor of Fernwood United Methodist Church and Presiding Elder of the United Methodist South End Cooperative Parish in Chicago.

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## **Event Rescheduled**

The discussion on *Hair – Myths, Realities, and Stereotypes* has been rescheduled on Monday, February 22, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., in The Center for Performing Arts Lobby.

## **Blended Courses**

Would you like to take advantage of some of the features of online learning but still maintain the face-to-face student interaction?

Consider developing a blended or hybrid course. Blended courses retain face-to-face contact with students while:

- Reducing the number of commutes to campus for both faculty and students
- Freeing up classroom space
- Offering flexibility for scheduling face-to-face sessions that better fit with students' schedules
- Improving learning outcomes based on research findings that suggest that blended courses achieve better learning outcomes than classes taught only face-to-face.

Learn how to blend the best online features with face-to-face contact to create a dynamic, effective learning experience on Thursday, February 18, from 10 a.m. to noon, in D2438 (ACS Lab Classroom). This course is taught by Jan Engle and Yvette Brown.

To register for this workshop, email [Jan Engle](mailto:Jan.Engle@gsu.edu).

## **A New Note**

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Today's Note:

Agnes Wheaton (1907) the first African American woman coach and manager of the Red Diamond Athletic Club, the oldest track team in Massachusetts.

GSU is celebrating Black History Month throughout February with activities, entertainment, discussions, and music. The events are free and open to the public.

## **Pen and Paper**

The GSU Writers Ink group will meet from noon to 1 p.m. on the second Monday of the month in the Library Administrative Conference Room. Meeting dates are March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, and December 13. Anyone interested in creative writing, the publishing process, and sharing your work is welcome to attend.

## **Presidents Take a Stand (02-11-10)**

The presidents and chancellors of the public universities in Illinois on Tuesday jointly urged the governor and comptroller to agree on a plan to provide state funding that was committed to higher education and to reduce a payment backlog that threatens the universities' operations.

A letter to Governor Pat Quinn and Comptroller Dan Hynes signed by the presidents and chancellors of the 13 four-year public university campuses in Illinois called upon the state to "honor its commitments" of support and set a payment schedule to enable the universities to

"manage our respective cash flows...and sustain orderly operations."

Acknowledging the state's fiscal crisis will be difficult to solve and offering to assist in the effort, the presidents and chancellors urged the state in the meantime to honor its commitment and fully fund the public universities' appropriations. "We request a reliable appropriations payment schedule be set and agreed to that will allow us to manage our respective cash flows for fiscal 2010 and thereafter, and sustain orderly operations," they said.

Download [Presidents' Letter](#)

## **Commencement Success**

More than 625 graduates crossed the stage on February 6 to receive their degrees and the congratulations of Dr. Maimon, Board of Trustees President Lorine Samuels, the GSU faculty and staff, their peers, and families and friends.

Once again, the GSU Commencement was a great success. The many volunteers who helped staff the event ensured that everything ran smoothly. The addition of the large screen monitor gave everyone in the audience a perfect view and added to the overall experience.

GSU also tested the process of simultaneously streaming the ceremony on the GSU website and cable station. Now that the process is established, those who are unable to attend future commencements will still be able to enjoy watching their graduate cross the stage.

## **Doug Glanville Comments**

The Winter Commencement honorary degree recipient Doug Glanville paid GSU a great compliment on his *Facebook* page.

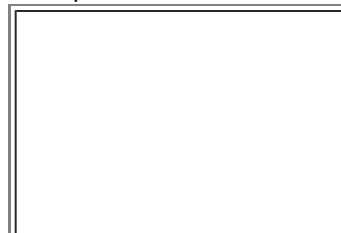
"I just returned from a wonderful evening at Governors State University," he wrote after a dinner and reception in E-Lounge the day before Commencement. Glanville also commented that the degree he received on Saturday morning was "a tremendous honor. Thank you GSU!"



He also joked, "Today I received an honorary doctorate from Governors State University. It was a pleasure to be part of such an important day for all of the graduates. I was addressed as 'Doctor' today, so I looked around for someone a lot older than me who most likely knew CPR."

## **Audition Deadline Today!**

Don't miss the final broadcasts of "Kathy and Eric" today, February 11, at 4 p.m.



And don't forget auditions for the show will take place February 18, beginning at 2 p.m., in The Center for Performing Arts. Each contestant must sing two minutes of a Broadway song. They must bring their own music and/or a piano player. Callbacks are on February 25. Fans are welcome to attend to





**Tiffani Malvin - Picturing herself as a Broadway Star**

root for their favorite contestant.

The first place winner will sing a solo with the stars and the second place winner will sing a chorus number with the stars. Everyone who tries out will get a BIG discount on tickets to the show and the winners will get two free tickets each.

Download the [application](#) and return it to The Center box office no later than today, February 11. For more information, contact [Patricia Guy](#) at ext. 7489.

## **Special Valentine Invitation**

It's time to dance the night away at *John Mueller's Winter Dance Party* at The Center for Performing Arts on Saturday, February 13, at 9 p.m. Enjoy this musical tribute to Buddy Holly, The Big Bopper, and Ritchie Valens.

As an incentive to put on your dancing shoes, The Center is offering a special Valentine. Buy one get one ticket free for the *Winter Dance Party*. This special is available right now. Seats are located on mezzanine or main floor and are normally priced at \$39 each.

Visit The Center box office or call ext. 2222.

## **Arab American Communities Researched**

As the Chicago area's Arab American community continues to expand, so does the need for research into the social service requirements of a group that is frequently overlooked – or misunderstood – in our society.



"The interesting thing about this Arab American population is that people don't realize it's there," said Dr. Elizabeth Essex, Associate Professor in the Department of Social Work and Director of the College of Health and Human Services' Institute of Aging. Illinois, however, has the sixth largest Arab American population among the states, and the southwest suburbs have the highest density of

Arab Americans in Illinois.

Dr. Essex made a presentation, *Exploring the Needs of Arab American Older Adults*, at last November's Gerontological Society of America meeting in Baltimore. She was joined in the research project by Dr. Najma Adam, Associate Professor of Social Work; GSU Master of Social Work graduate Wassim Moukahal; and University of Chicago graduate student Suhad Tabahi.

The research was aimed at increasing understanding of the health, mental health, and social support needs of Arab American elders and adult child caregivers in the area. To explore the needs of these older adults, the researchers conducted four focus groups, each with six to 10 participants.

Many of the older Arab Americans in Illinois are first generation immigrants. A common theme among participants in the study was the challenge of adjusting to the social isolation of a highly individualistic society as opposed to the communitarian society in their country of origin. Participants expressed a desire for more opportunities for older adults to socialize with others from their own culture.

The premiere issue of What's Hot, a Gerontological Society of America newsletter, devoted a full page to the abstract from the research project. The newsletter, which came out in December, was devoted to the aging of minority populations, and stressed the need for additional research into services for older adults who are emigrants or descendants of emigrants, including those from Arabic speaking countries.

### **Belly Dance Class**

Back by popular demand – GSU's Belly Dancing class. GSU alumna, Maribel Velasquez, will teach the five-session class on March 3, 11, 18, 25, and 31, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., at the Recreation and Fitness Center.

Space is limited so early registration is recommended. The fees are \$5 for students, \$10 for Recreation and Fitness Center members, and \$25 for non-members.

For more information, visit the Recreation and Fitness Center membership office, room A1106, or call 708.534.4556.



### **Take Note**

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Today's Note: In 1947, Marie Maynard Daly was the first African American woman to earn a Ph.D. in chemistry from Columbia University.

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### **Preschool Screening at FDC**

The Family Development Center will hold informational meetings and preschool screenings monthly for admission into prekindergarten programs beginning in Fall 2010. Children ages three, four, and five are eligible for admission into the full and half day, three and five day prekindergarten programs.

Admission is open to all children. Discounted admission is available to qualified students. Screening is required to meet qualification

requirements. Children must be three years old at the time of screening.

Informational meetings and screenings will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., on February 17, March 17, April 8 and 14, May 12, and June 10. The Family Development Center is located on the GSU campus.

For more information or to make an appointment, call 708.235.7300.

## **Table Tennis Team on the Go**



GSU's Table Tennis Team is preparing for the Upper Midwest National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA) Regional tournament on Saturday, February 20, at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The GSU team will be competing in co-ed and women's events with UW-Madison, Purdue, Northwestern, University of Chicago, and

UW-Milwaukee.

A good showing at the meet will improve GSU's chances of extending the season and competing in the NCTTA's National Tournament to be held April 9 to 11, in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Good Luck to the GSU Table Tennis Team!

## **Eating Disorder Awareness**

As part of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, the Academic Resource Center will host an informative workshop on eating disorders on Thursday, February 25, from noon until 1 p.m., in room B1241.

The workshop will include explanations of the causes, effects, and treatments of eating disorders, and an opportunity for participants to ask questions.

The workshop is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact [Tamekia Scott](#) at ext. 2228.

## **Careers in Criminal Justice**

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a career fair featuring employers in the field of criminal justice, on Thursday, March 25, from 3 to 6:30 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Current students, alumni, and community members interested in finding employment in the law enforcement, the criminal justice system, and related fields are encouraged to attend. Potential employers will be on hand from both public and private sectors.

While the Criminal Justice Career Fair is free and open to the public, employers who wish to participate must register and pay a registration fee.

For more information, call ext. 3974.

## **Show Stoppers (02-08-10)**

The "Kathy and Eric Show" premiered today on the internal campus monitors to rousing applause and great accolades. Kathy and Eric touted the upcoming auditions for *100 Years of Broadway*.

Don't miss future broadcasts of "Kathy and Eric" on Tuesday, February 9, at 12:30 and 4 p.m., and Thursday, February 11, at 12:30 and 4 p.m.

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Everyone is strongly encouraged to attend to root for their favorite contestants. And contestants are strongly encouraged to bring a contingent of fans to give them a raucous reception.

Download the application and return it to The Center box office no later than February 11. For more information, contact Patricia Guy at ext. 7489.

## **If The Weather Outside is Frightful**

With another big snow on the horizon, the GSU community is reminded that emergency campus closures due to inclement weather will be communicated via:

1. GSU website homepage
2. GSU website emergency info page
3. Campus wide e-mail sent to faculty/staff e-mail and student iMail addresses
4. School Messenger alert system – per your personal contact preferences
5. WGN Emergency Closing Center website (www.emergencyclosingcenter.com), WGN TV news, WGN 720 AM radio



Students, faculty, and staff are asked to check these sources to determine if there is a campus closure and should NOT contact the Department of Public Safety with basic closure inquiries.

## **Penny Wars Heats Up**



The first week of GSU's Penny Wars was marked by enthusiastic competition between the departments. The Library is currently in the lead with 1,607 penny points and Purchasing brings up the rear with negative 855 penny points.

There are still three weeks to go, so keep collecting your pocket change. And remember, all money raised benefits the Civil Service Scholarship and Student Life.

### Week 1 Results

Library - 1,607

ARC - 1,164

CenterPoint - 926  
Third Floor FOC - 860  
FDM - 519  
CAS - 433  
CHHS - 126  
Student Life - 0  
HR - 32  
Business Office -79  
Latino -121  
COE -334  
Purchasing -855

## **GSU Need You!**

It may feel as if the only elections taking place are at the state and national levels, but voting, and the need to be counted and heard is important right here at GSU. The Student Senate elections are less than two months away. And it is time for GSU students to stand up for what they believe in and what is important to them.



The GSU Student Senate is the student's voice in the university. Learn more about what it means to be a GSU Student Senator and what it takes to put your name on the ballot.

For more information, visit the [Student Senate website](#) or call 708.534.4552.

Remember, Student Senate elections are from April 5 through 9.

## **Communication Conversation**

Relationship problems often stem from communication difficulties. The Academic Resource Center is hosting a free, one-hour workshop on *Communication and Relationships* on Thursday, February 11, from noon to 1 p.m., in room B1241.

The conversation is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact [Tamekia Scott](#) at ext. 2228.

## **Recycling Maniacs**

For the second year in a row GSU is competing in *RecycleMania* – a challenge for colleges and universities to increase awareness of waste reduction and recycling initiatives.

GSU's efforts last year earned the university a ranking of fourth place among all the universities and colleges competing in the Waste Minimization category.

The university's efforts will be measured by adding the weight of their recyclables plus the weight of their trash and dividing that number by the number of students and employees of GSU.

The GSU community is reminded to recycle, reuse, and use e-copies instead of printed ones whenever possible.

## **Free Library Workshops**

The University Library is offering free computer workshops to members of the community, students, staff, and faculty. Workshop topics include blogging, PowerPoint basics, APA style formatting, plagiarism detection, and several workshops on genealogy.

The workshops will take place in February, March, and April, and are open to the public. Advance registration is recommended, but not required. For more information and a complete schedule of workshops, visit the [library website](#) or call ext. 7514.

## **A Note of Note in Black History**

In recognition of Black History Month, Student Life is providing *Notes in Black History*.

Today's Note: Kwame Nkrumah conducted the first All African Peoples Conference, in 1958, in Accra, Ghana.

## **GSU Professor Not Just Blowing Smoke**

I smoke therefore I am.

For some smokers, brand loyalty is an important part of their self-identity, says Dr. Daniel Cortese, Assistant Professor of Political and Justice Studies. What they smoke frames the image they wish to present to the rest of the world.



"If they quit a particular brand, they quit themselves," he says.

Throughout the 1990s and into the early 2000s, tobacco companies attempted to reinforce that brand loyalty with lifestyle magazines aimed at YAMS – young adult male smokers. Magazines like *Unlimited*, from Philip Morris, and *Real Edge*, from Brown & Williamson, promoted tobacco use to "New Lads" by associating it with fast cars, motorcycles, models in skimpy swimsuits, and risky behaviors like extreme sports, bungee jumping, and rattlesnake hunting.

Dr. Cortese has extensively researched the tobacco companies' lifestyle magazines, and is the co-author of two articles that appeared in journals last year. *Enticing the New Lad: Masculinity as a Product of Consumption in Tobacco Industry-Developed Lifestyle Magazines* appeared in December in *Man and Masculinity Online First* and *Tobacco Industry Lifestyle Magazines Targeted to Young Adults* appeared in the June 2009 issue of *Journal of Adolescent Health*. In the last three years, he has also made seven presentations on his research at conferences.

Tobacco companies teamed up with established publishing houses to develop the slick magazines. Like *GQ*, *Maxim*, and other "New Lad" publications, they linked masculinity to consumer culture and attracted readers with sex, sports, alcohol, and fashion. Tobacco was portrayed as part of an exciting lifestyle. Dr. Cortese and his co-authors

researched previously secret tobacco industry documents showing how the magazines were part of a campaign, built on the manipulation of cultural perceptions of masculinity, to market "the only legal consumer product that is lethal to oneself and others when used as directed."

Millions of young people received the magazines for free. The magazines have ceased publication but Dr. Cortese believes "below the radar" promotional strategies for tobacco products are continuing at branded websites.

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For more information, contact [Tamekia Scott](#) at ext. 2228.

## **Leadership Education**

The Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education (MILE) in the College of Education is sponsoring a workshop for school and school district administrators. *Dr. Laura Murray will lead Transformational Leadership: The Power of Professional Learning Communities.*

The essential components of leadership will be discussed during this daylong workshop. Participants will strengthen their leadership skills and target effective student involvement.

The workshop will be held on February 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Huth Middle School, in Matteson, Illinois. Administrators' Academy credit is available.

For more information or to register, call ext. 4024 or visit the [MILE website](#).

## **Challenges Explored**

Illinois Field Directors in Social Work will host a free, informative workshop on *Understanding the Barriers and Challenges Facing the Arab and Muslim Communities for Effective Social Service Delivery* on March 5. The workshop will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

Featured speakers include Itedal Shalabi, Executive Director and Co-Founder of the Arab American Family Services, a multicultural, multilingual service organization based in Bridgeview; Sanjna Das of Chicago based Apna Ghar, which provides culturally appropriate services to immigrant communities; Bina Mangattuattil of Apna Ghar; Sister Lisa R. Muhammad of the Nation of Islam; Dr. Khalilah T. Watson-Muhammad, Women and Girls Training and Development

Division of the Nation of Islam.

Four CEUs are available. Registration is mandatory by Monday, February 22. [Register online](#). For more information, contact [JoAnne Smith](#) at ext 2233.

## **Honorary Degree Recipient to Speak at GSU (02-04-10)**

Doug Glanville, former outfielder for the Chicago Cubs and the Philadelphia Phillies, will play a doubleheader at GSU on February 5 and 6.



GSU will host a *Conversation with Doug Glanville*, on Friday, February 5, at 3:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. Mr. Glanville will speak about his commitment to his education and about earning his bachelor's degree before beginning his Major League Baseball career. He will also discuss the high and low points of his professional athletic career and reflect on the current state of pro baseball.

Mr. Glanville will be available for questions and autographs. This event is free and open to the public

On Saturday, February 6, Glanville will be the honorary degree recipient at Governors State University's 2010 Winter Commencement.

Glanville currently writes "Heading Home," an op-ed column for the New York Times, and is the author of the soon-to-be released book based on his column, "The Game from Where I Stand." He is also a contributor to XM Radio's "MLB Home Plate - Power Alley" and Comcast SportsNet Chicago and founder of GK Alliance, LLC, a green-friendly real estate development company in the western suburbs.

## **Pomp and Circumstance**

The 2010 Winter Commencement Ceremony will be held on Saturday, February 6, at 11 a.m., at the Tinley Park Holiday Inn Select and Convention Center. More than 625 graduates will cross the stage and flip their tassels.

Graduates and volunteers are reminded to come early.

## **Kathy and Eric Take Over the GSU Airwaves**

Auditions to sing with the Broadway stars are approaching. If you're still not convinced you've got what it takes, tune into the internal campus monitors for a special treat – a "live" Broadcast from GSU's very own dynamic duo "Kathy and Eric."

Find out why you need to audition for *100 Years of Broadway* and hear from a few surprise call in guests (the GSU View hears that Tiger Woods is on tap).

You can catch the "Kathy and Eric" broadcast several times next week on any of the internal monitors. Don't miss it.  
Monday, February 8 – 12:30 and 4 p.m.



Tuesday, February 9 – 12:30 and 4 p.m.  
Thursday, February 11 – 12:30 and 4 p.m.

## **Panel Discussion – Excellence in Teaching**

CBPA is sponsoring a faculty development workshop on *Excellence in Teaching*, on February 17, from 3 to 5 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. David Curtis will moderate the panel discussion. Panelists representing all colleges will participate. Everyone is welcome to attend and join the conversation.

Panelists include John Cook, educational administration; Tony Fontana, accounting; Susan Gaffney, public administration; Shelly Kumar, organic chemistry; Larry Levinson, liberal arts; Nancy MacMullen; nursing; Patricia Robey, counseling; Dale Schuit, physical therapy; and Eric Wignall, COTL.

## **Student Senate Grants for Childcare**

Four grants up to \$1,000 each will be awarded to students for childcare services provided by the Family Development Center. Two grants will be awarded to undergraduate students and two grants will go to graduate students.

Applicants must meet the qualifications established by the Student Senate Committee.

- Be a GSU student in good academic standing
- Be enrolled in at least six credit hours and show proof of enrollment (this grant will become void if student fails to be enrolled in at least six credit hours.)
- Must have a child less than 12 years old.
- Must submit a 350-500 word essay explaining how this grant will benefit you



To apply for the Family Development Center (FDC) Grant, complete application found at [www.govst.edu/studentssenate](http://www.govst.edu/studentssenate), attach course schedule, a copy of the child birth certificate, and the essay. Submit to:

Governors State University Student Senate Committee  
1 University Parkway,  
University Park, IL 60484

Applications must be submitted by February 15, 2010 for consideration this semester.

Students may apply for only one grant per year. The grant must be used for Family Development Center services only. This grant is not retroactive and may not be applied to prior FDC services. FDC will be paid on a monthly basis and only for the hours of service provided. The total funding is not to exceed the grant amount.

## **Black History Month Events**

The university is celebrating Black History Month with special events throughout February.

A discussion on *Hair – Myths, Realities, and Stereotypes* will take place on Tuesday, February 9, from 6 to 7 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

The GSU Expressions Lounge will be open on Wednesday, February 10 at 6 p.m. in Engbretson Hall. Entertainment will be provided by activist poet Righteous Knowledge and vocalist Al Mack, as well as “open mic” performances.

The 21<sup>st</sup> annual African American Read-In will take place at GSU on February 13, from 6 to 8 p.m., in Sherman Recital Hall. The Read-In, a national event, celebrates literacy as a significant part of Black History Month. Across the country, more than a million readers from all ethnic backgrounds will take part in the event.

Join the discussion about one of the seminal moments in American history, *Black Wall Street, Tulsa Riots* on Tuesday, February 16, from 6 to 7 p.m., in room B1241.

Black History Month events continue with Movie Night, the screening and discussion of *Bloody Island: The Race Riots of East St. Louis*, a film about one of the worst incidents of labor-related violence and race riots in U.S. history. The screening and discussion are scheduled twice on Thursday, February 18, from noon to 1 p.m. and from 6 to 7 p.m., in room B1241.

A Health Awareness Information Fair will provide important information concerning mental health issues, breast cancer, STDs, high blood pressure, and AIDS/HIV on Monday, February 22, from noon to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

An African Market with Afro centric products for sale will be held on Tuesday, February 23, from noon to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

These events are sponsored by the Academic Resource Center, Student Life, and the College of Arts and Sciences. Events are free and open to the public. For more information, call ext. 2228.

### **Leadership Dialogue – Dreams From My Father**

Long before he became one of the most influential and compelling voices of our times, President Barack Obama published his powerful memoir, *Dreams From My Father*. As part of the Leadership Dialogue series, Dr. Judith Everson will lead a thought provoking discussion of the leadership and courage expressed in Obama’s autobiographical account of his struggle to understand the forces that shaped him.

The Leadership Dialogue series is free and open to the public. Participants are asked to pre-register and be familiar with the book. The series is sponsored by the Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education (MILE) of the College of Education. It is designed to develop an understanding of the meaning of leadership.

The seminar is on February 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in F1603. Pre-registration is required. Visit the [MILE website](#) or call ext. 4024.

### **Distinguished Lecture - Reverend Dr. Al Sampson**

The Reverend Dr. Albert Sampson will present *The Freedom Movement* as part of the Distinguished Lecture series on February 17, from 6 to

7:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

Dr. Sampson is known for his leadership in the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s. He was ordained at the Ebenezer Baptist Church by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and was inducted into the Martin Luther King, Jr. Board of Presidents at Morehouse College. He is also a Governors State University alumnus.

Currently, Dr. Sampson is the Senior Pastor of Fernwood United Methodist Church and Presiding Elder of the United Methodist South End Cooperative Parish in Chicago.

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## **What's in a Name? Ask Dr. Michel Nguessan**

What's in a name? Dr. Michel Nguessan, a linguist by training and, by choice, an expert in onomastics – the study of names – makes this simple argument for why names are always so important: "Just imagine going to bed one night and, when you wake up in the morning, someone has removed all the names from the street signs. How would you, or anybody else, know how to get around?"

Dr. Nguessan, an Assistant Professor of Library Science and Digital Resources and Reference Librarian at GSU, researches the origins of place names. He is secretary and a board member of the American Name Society, whose members delve into history, geography, ethnology, linguistics, and other fields to determine why persons, places, and things have their particular names.



At last month's annual society convention, he presented a paper on the naming of national soccer teams in Africa. He has previously presented papers before linguistic and naming associations on place names in the former French West Africa, and especially in Ivory Coast, where he was born.

During the European colonization of Africa in the 1800s, Dr. Nguessan says, place names were often assigned by people in authority, or as a result of some confusion.

Dakar, the capital of Senegal, received its name after a French colonial official inquired what the then-small settlement was called. A native, thinking the official had asked about a tree, responded "Dakar," an approximate local pronunciation of the tree name. The capital's name, to this day, remains unchanged.

During the colonial period, many tribal groups received their names from more powerful tribal groups allied with the European authorities, Dr. Nguessan says.

"Tribal groups usually have one name that they call themselves, and another name that other tribes call them," he says. "Many ended up with the names other people call them, if those tribal groups were

powerful enough.”

Organizations like the American Name Society, he says, are working to uncover historic names that were lost during times of colonial upheaval.

## **Black History Notes**

In recognition of Black History Month, *Notes in Black History* continues with another bit of historical data. Information is provided by Student Life in honor of Black History Month.

Today's Note: Dorie Miller, who worked in the kitchen on USS Arizona, was awarded the Navy Cross for shooting down enemy aircraft during World War II.

## **Biathlon Competition Begins**

Run off the winter doldrums. Or swim them away by participating in the Recreation and Fitness Center Indoor Mini Biathlon. The competition runs from February 15 to 26. Participants are required to run on treadmill for two miles and bike on an exercise bike for three miles. Recreation and Fitness Center staff record times.

There will be two competitive divisions, 18 to 50, and 50 and over. Proceeds go to Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics

There is a \$15 registration fee. All participants will receive a Torch Run t-shirt. For more information, call 708.534.4945.

## **CBPA Graduate Program Open House**

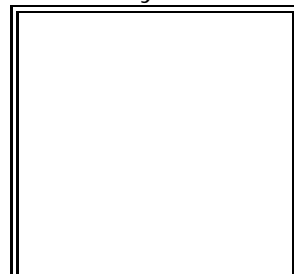
The College of Business and Public Administration is hosting a graduate programs open house on Saturday, February 20, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

Faculty, advisors, administrators, and current students will be on hand to discuss master's degree programs in accounting, business administration, management information systems, and public administration. Participants will also be able to apply for program admission. Breakfast will be served.

For more information and to RSVP, call ext. 4391 or e-mail [bpa-info@govst.edu](mailto:bpa-info@govst.edu).

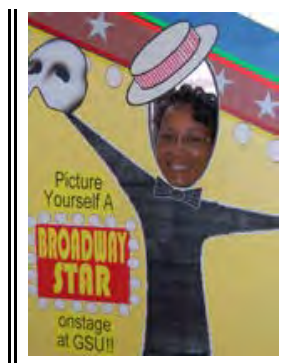
## **Sing, Sing a Song...(02-01-10)**

Audition times for the talent search that ultimately will place two GSU community members on stage at



The Center for Performing Arts are currently being reserved.

The winners will appear in *100 Years of Broadway*, on March 14, at 4 p.m. The first place winner will sing a solo with the stars and the second place winner will sing a chorus number with the stars.



Hollie Campell pictures herself as a Broadway Star

Auditions will take place February 18, beginning at 2 p.m., in The Center for Performing Arts. Each contestant must sing two minutes of a Broadway song. They must bring their own music and/or a piano player. Callbacks are on February 25. Fans are welcome to attend to root for their favorite contestant.

Full audition information and the application are available [online](#). The completed audition application must be submitted no later than February 11, to The Center for Performing Arts box office. The auditions are sponsored by the Intellectual Life Committee at GSU.

## Notes in Black History

February is Black History Month. In observance of the month, Student Life is providing *Notes in Black History*. Each GSU View throughout the month will contain a bit of historical data, which ultimately impacted the lives of many.

Today's Note: Dr. George E. Alcorn, senior physicist at NASA, has over 25 inventions to produce advanced high performance solid state devices.

## Be Mine

Be ready with beautiful carnations for your sweetie, friend, or self. The Civil Service Senate is sponsoring a Valentine's Day carnation sale. Orders are accepted until February 5 with payment due by February 8. Delivery of the flowers will be on February 11.

The cost is \$1.25 per carnation, six for \$6, and a dozen for \$12. To order, contact [Sandy Kawanna](#) at ext. 4011.

## Quick Quizzes

Make online classes better with the ability to offer quizzes online, have them automatically graded, and generate statistical reports on the assessment results.

GSU's software enables instructors to upload quizzes right from the computer to the Blackboard shell.

The Center for Online Teaching and Learning is offering a hands-on workshop to share time-saving strategies that can use in creating online quizzes and exams on Thursday, February 4, from 10 a.m. to noon, in D2438.

Topics covered include:

- The advantages of online quizzes, surveys and self-tests
- Blackboard's capabilities for automatic grading and generating statistical reports
- How to create a quiz using Blackboard's Assessment tool
- How to use Respondus to easily load existing exams to CE-8
- How to use CE-8's features to address the issue of cheating

Seating for the workshop is limited. To reserve a place, email [Barbara Mandel](#).

## **SWSO Meeting Matters**

The Social Work Student Organization (SWSO) will meet on Tuesday, February 2 and Thursday, February 18, at 3:15 p.m., in the student lounge. Plans will be discussed for GSU participation in 2010 Lobby (Advocacy) Day in Springfield on Wednesday, February 24.

Graduate and undergraduate social work students interested in participating in Lobby Day should contact [Terri Illum](#), SWSO Vice President and NASW (National Association of Social Workers) Liaison.

## **Let's Talk**

Relationship problems often stem from communication difficulties. The Academic Resource Center is hosting a free, one-hour workshop on *Communication and Relationships* on Thursday, February 11, from noon to 1 p.m., in room B1241.

The conversation is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact [Tamekia Scott](#) at ext. 2228.

## **Up-Up-Upward Bound and Away**

GSU's Greater Success 4 U Upward Bound program recently announced that five participating Bloom High School students were named to the High Honor Roll this term. Those students are Tales Love, Lashawnda Poree, Stacie Hopkins, Vernell Hopkins, Dominique Jones, and Deonte Jones.

Several of the program's high school seniors have also been accepted to college. Congratulations to Tales Love - Howard University, Central State University, St. John University, Florida A&M University, Eastern Illinois University; Kaidedra Malone - Central State University; Dominique Jones - Central State University; Dione Griggs - Central State University; Darnell Calicott - Central State University; Herva Thompson-Harris - Stowe University; and Connie Dominique Jones - Eastern Illinois University.

## **Writing Celebrate**

GSU will once again celebrate its authors. The University Library will host the Faculty Authors Reception on Wednesday, March 10, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., on the Library balcony.

All university faculty are invited to display their published works of

scholarship. Please submit the works by Monday, February 22, for inclusion in the bibliography. Materials showcased at previous Authors Receptions are not eligible.

For more information or to submit a work, contact [Helen Benos](#) at ext. 7514.

## **Heat up Your Winter**

Looking for a way to heat up those cold winter nights? Sign up for belly dancing class at the GSU's Recreation and Fitness Center. The next session of classes will be held on March 3, 11, 18, 25, and 31, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The cost is only \$25 for non-members, \$15 for fitness center members, and \$5 for GSU students. For more information or to register, contact the Recreation and Fitness Center (A-1106) at ext. 4945.

## **With One Hand in Your Pocket**

Time to dig out your loose change and take part in GSU's first Penny Wars. The competition begins today and continues through February 26.



Employees, students, and visitors may feed the banks places around the university with pennies to support the cause and the department. One point is earned for every penny gathered by the department. However, competing departments can sabotage the bank by adding nickels, dimes, quarters, and folding money to the container. Each silver coin or bill reduces the number of points in that container by the amount of the coin or bill.

Participating departments include:

- FOC 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Administration
- CAS
- COE
- Student Life
- Purchasing
- Business Office
- Academic Resource Center
- Human Resources

Containers will be emptied and points tallied every Thursday. Totals will be posted in the Monday edition of the GSU View. The department with the most points for that week will display a rotating jumbo Lincoln penny. At the end of the competition, the department with the greatest number of points will be awarded the jumbo penny to display for the next year.

## **Baskets of Love**

Remember your sweetheart this Valentine's Day with a basket of goodies. Baskets are filled with various gifts to celebrate the day. From teddy bears to chocolates, from flowers to balloons, and from toys to toiletries, there is a basket for everyone on your Valentine's Day list. Buy a basket and support the Spanish Language Reading Club.

Orders must be placed by Friday, February 5. Basket pick up is Thursday, February 11, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. A catalog of baskets and order forms are available in Room A-2134 or by contacting the [Spanish Language Reading Club](#).

## **Table Tennis to Compete**

Two members of the GSU table tennis team will compete in the Association of College Unions International (ACUI) Region 8 Conference on February 6, at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The full seven-member GSU team will compete in the Upper Midwest Regional tournaments of the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association (NCTTA) on February 20, at University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. Team coach and faculty sponsor, T.J. Wang, will accompany the team to both matches.

## **Capstone Initiative Caps Successful Program**

Undergraduate psychology students benefit from capstone courses demonstrating they have learned the necessary concepts and values in their field, and are prepared for the workplace or graduate education.

That's the message Dr. Jean Johnson and two GSU Psychology and Counseling colleagues plan to bring to next month's Midwest Institute for Students and Teachers of Psychology conference. Dr. Johnson, along with Dr. Al Tuskenis and Dr. Chris Dyslin, will lead a roundtable session on *Capstone Courses and Program Portfolios* based, in part, on preliminary data from Psych 546, *Psychological Issues and Social Values*, the program's capstone class. As a capstone course, the newly-redesigned class requires students nearing graduation to keep a portfolio that shows they have met the program's benchmarked requirements.



At the conference, the GSU faculty members hope to initiate intercollegiate research into the usefulness of capstone courses, especially those with student portfolios. Dr. Johnson said she and her colleagues will ask their counterparts at other colleges and universities to share information on capstone courses. GSU's professors will make a similar roundtable presentation at the May meeting of the Midwest Psychological Association.

"We'd like to go national with this," Dr. Johnson said.

The capstone initiative is the latest development in the undergraduate psychology program, which has undergone substantial restructuring in the last five years. Dr. Johnson coordinated efforts to revamp the undergraduate curriculum, aligning program objectives and course offerings to 10 American Psychological Association goals.

Undergraduate psychology is now the only fully benchmarked degree program at GSU. Every course, and syllabus, must now reflect stated program goals.

One class added since the restructuring, Psych 400, *Thinking and Writing in Psychology*, clearly demonstrates the program's enhanced rigor, Dr. Johnson says. Data shows Psych 400 has had "significant positive effects" in student performance, both for undergraduates and in graduate studies.



Dr. Johnson and her colleagues last year made seven presentations, most on the Thinking and Writing course, and a final version of a paper on the class is nearly ready for publication.

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