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News and Events

[Honorary Degree Recipient to Speak at GSU](#)

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/studentsenate, attach course schedule, a copy of the child birth certificate, and the essay. Submit to:

Student Senate Committee
Governors State University

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 21st 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.

Dr. Sampson's presentation is free and open to the public. This event is sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, Student Life, GSU Alumni Association, and Student Senate. For more information, contact [Sheree Sanderson](#) at ext. 4552.

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.

