

6-2010

GSU View, 2010-06

Office of Public Affairs

Follow this and additional works at: <http://opus.govst.edu/gsuview>

Recommended Citation

Governors State University Office of Public Affairs, GSU View (2010, June). <http://opus.govst.edu/gsuview/255>

This Newsletter is brought to you for free and open access by the University Newsletters at OPUS Open Portal to University Scholarship. It has been accepted for inclusion in GSU View by an authorized administrator of OPUS Open Portal to University Scholarship. For more information, please contact opus@govst.edu.

[If you have trouble reading this newsletter click here](#)



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](#)

IDSS Portfolio
Seminar

News and Events

Rent-A-Text Program at GSU (06-28-10)

Follett's GSU Bookstore will begin offering a textbook rental option this fall.

The textbook rental program

- is available to students in store and online;
- allows students to choose a preferred form of payment, including financial aid and campus cards;
- allows students the freedom to highlight and take notes all within the normal wear and tear associated with coursework; and
- gives students the option to purchase their textbook at the end of the term.

The rental option is available for select titles only. For more information, contact [Bernie Bolz](#), Bookstore Manager, at ext. 4562.

2010 Micro-Enterprise Advocate



Bob Rakstang, Assistant Director of CenterPoint at GSU, has been chosen as one of ACCION Chicago's 2010 Micro-Enterprise Advocates of the Year. "Each year ACCION Chicago honors its outstanding referral partners, those who have generously donated their time and expertise to help us assist small business owners. Without our loyal partners, we would not be able to reach the clients who need credit so desperately in these tough times," Jill Stevens, ACCION Vice

President of Lending and Marketing said.

CenterPoint at GSU has for the last three years been a Micro-Lending partner of ACCION Chicago covering the Chicago southland region and Lake and Porter counties in Indiana. As an ACCION partner, CenterPoint has provided availability of credit for small business clients who do not have access to traditional sources of financing. Micro Loans range from \$200 (Credit Builder) to \$15,000 for a startup venture and up to \$25,000 for an existing business looking to expand.

Delicious Chemistry

An herb here, a spice there, a chemical reaction, and voila! A tasty dish is created.

Archives

- [June 2012](#)
- [May 2012](#)
- [April 2012](#)
- [March 2012](#)
- [February 2012](#)
- [January 2012](#)
- [December 2011](#)
- [November 2011](#)
- [October 2011](#)
- [September 2011](#)
- [August 2011](#)
- [July 2011](#)
- [June 2011](#)
- [May 2011](#)
- [April 2011](#)
- [March 2011](#)
- [February 2011](#)
- [January 2011](#)
- [December 2010](#)
- [November 2010](#)
- [October 2010](#)
- [September 2010](#)
- [August 2010](#)
- [July 2010](#)
- [June 2010](#)
- [May 2010](#)
- [April 2010](#)
- [March 2010](#)
- [February 2010](#)
- [January 2010](#)
- [December](#)

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

The chemistry behind the recipes for delicious foods is investigated and enjoyed during a presentation by journalist turned foodie Anupy Singla, on July 10, at 1 p.m., in E-Lounge, Singla will present *Easily Indian*, a demonstration of how the right herbs and spices can turn an ordinary meal into an extraordinary Indian treat. The presentation is free and sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences as part of the Chemistry of Cooking workshop.



Singla, a former CLTV reporter, is the author of *The Indian Slow Cooker*, which will be released in October 2010. Her food-related work has also appeared in the Chicago Tribune, the Chicago Sun-Times, and the Wall Street Journal.

The presentation is free and part of a Chemistry of Cooking workshop. The workshop is designed to explain chemistry as it applies to cooking for non-science majors. Cooking is something that occurs in every household. Recipes are chemical experiments done at home with many observed chemical changes. The workshop will eventually be part of a proposed three hour for credit course, which will strive to answer those nagging questions such as "Why did my brown sugar get hard?" and "Which salt should I purchase?" Course topics will include proteins, carbohydrates and fats, spices, chocolate, and beer and wine.

For more information about the presentation or the course, contact [Marjorie Hummel](#) at ext. 7696.

Serenity by the Lake



On July 14, relax by the GSU pond with a 10 or 15-minute chair massage. It is only \$5 for students for a massage. For everyone else, however, the cost of a message is \$1 per minute. At either price, it is a great deal and a great opportunity to unwind from the stresses of school and work.

Massages will be provided by Massages by Design and Student Life is sponsoring the event. Pre registration and pre payment is required at the GSU Recreation and Fitness Center. The First 50 participants who pre-register and pre-pay will be entered into a drawing for a complimentary relaxation package consisting of a 1-hour massage, manicure, and pedicure. Walk-ins will be accommodated if time and space allows.

For more information, call 708.235.4556.

Free Counseling Services on Campus

Free individual, couples, family, and career counseling is offered by the Division of Psychology and Counseling to the community and as part of its training program for advanced graduate counseling students.

Counseling sessions are conducted on the GSU campus in the Counseling Lab. Sessions may be audio or video taped to assist in the evaluation and learning processes. Faculty members, who are also licensed counselors, supervise the sessions.

Counseling sessions are conducted in total confidentiality. The initial assessment determines the nature and length of the counseling

[2009](#)
[November](#)
[2009](#)
[October](#)
[2009](#)
[September](#)
[2009](#)
[August](#)
[2009](#)
[July 2009](#)
[June 2009](#)
[May 2009](#)
[April 2009](#)
[March](#)
[2009](#)
[February](#)
[2009](#)
[January](#)
[2009](#)
[December](#)
[2008](#)
[November](#)
[2008](#)
[October](#)
[2008](#)
[September](#)
[2008](#)
[August](#)
[2008](#)
[July 2008](#)
[June 2008](#)
[May 2008](#)
[April 2008](#)
[March](#)
[2008](#)
[February](#)
[2008](#)
[January](#)
[2008](#)
[December](#)
[2007](#)
[November](#)
[2007](#)
[October](#)
[2007](#)
[September](#)
[2007](#)
[August](#)
[2007](#)

services required. Counseling services assist clients with communication issues as well as depression, stress management, loneliness, lack of self-confidence, and career counseling. Families and couples often benefit from joint and individual sessions. Children under the age of 18 are seen only in conjunction with their parents. Career counseling services, however, are available, with parental permission, for sixteen and seventeen year olds.

For more information, call ext. 4545.

Pierre hits the Road



Pierre certainly has the travel bug now that so many students, faculty, and staff are taking him on vacation. Photos show Pierre enjoying life, sightseeing, and visiting old and new friends.

Nancy Burley of CHHS recently took Pierre to visit family in Nashville and enjoy a swim in their pool. Pierre felt right at home.

Just last week Pierre celebrated Mary Rabe's 100th birthday at her home in Richmond, Virginia. Rabe's granddaughter Penny Perdue, Executive Assistant to the President, submitted



the photo of Pierre planting a birthday kiss. Word has it that Pierre also helped her blow out all those candles.



CBPA adjunct faculty member Sudipta Roy took Pierre on a trip to Boston with a stopover at Niagara Falls. Pierre loved the spray.

For information on how you can pick up your own Pierre travelling companion and submit photos to the Take Pierre on Vacation contest, go to Pierre's [webpage](#).

IRiS Project Kick Off (06-24-10)

Hundreds of GSU faculty, staff members, and students joined together



Tuesday to celebrate the debut of the IRiS Project, the university's new integrated software system. The event was co-sponsored by Datatel, who was recently selected as the software vendor for campus-wide project. The Hall of Governors was decorated with green and

white balloons as the campus community got its first look at the widespread changes that come with the IRIS Project, and which will streamline nearly all data processing functions at the university.

All the elements of a celebration – food, prizes, a live band, a stilt-walker making balloon toys – were on hand for the project kickoff. The new system, which replaces CARS/CX, will facilitate the delivery of efficient, cost-effective, technology - enabled improvements for all essential services at GSU.

President Maimon spoke to the crowd regarding the significant changes

that will take place. "Change is inevitable," she said. "But growth is optional. We have chosen the option to grow this university." Maimon also noted that the project is "not about software, but rather about evaluating our internal processes and examining how we can do things better."



IRiS Project team members were dressed in green shirts at the event. They will begin the implementation process with business process analysis training and will examine current processes to determine how they can be improved or redesigned.

Sandra Gieson, Executive Director for ERP Implementation, predicted it will take 15 months to implement the new system; audience members cheered that timetable. She explained "IRiS" stands for "inspire hope," "realize dreams," and "strengthen community."

The campus-wide event also included tours of the new IRiS Project training room and a raffle for iPods.

It Just Makes Cents

In addition to the rollout of the IRiS Project, the administration announced another new initiative at the Tuesday afternoon event – It Just Makes Cents.



The innovative program, similar to Why Not?, encourages members of the GSU community to suggest money saving and revenue generating ideas. Citing the State's financial crisis, the It Just Makes Cents website notes, "The university remains committed to continuing to serve our students and the Southland region – but that can only be accomplished with your help."

Those submitting ideas are encouraged to think outside the box to improve GSU's bottom line.

Submissions can be made via the new [It Just Makes Cents website](#).

A Whole New Mind Book Discussion

A reading group discussion of the bestseller *A Whole New Mind - Why Right-Brainers Will Rule The Future*, by Daniel Pink will take place on the last day of the current art exhibit of works inspired by the book. The discussion will take place on Thursday June 24, from 7 to 8 p.m., in the Visual Arts Gallery. Everyone is welcome to view the art and enjoy the conversation.

Saturday Portfolio Workshop

The College of Arts and Sciences at GSU will hold a Prior Learning Portfolio Workshop on Saturday, June 26, from 10 a.m. to noon. Attendees will learn how to develop a portfolio of prior learning to apply toward a B.A. degree 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, text, and refreshments.

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 student's prior experience.

For more information or to register, call 708.534.4092 or e-mail sidl@govst.edu.

Job Hunter Boot Camp

GSU is teaming with Congresswoman Debbie Halvorson (IL-11) and other public and private organizations to provide resources to members of the community seeking employment and those looking to start their own business on Thursday, July 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This is the third event in a series of Job Hunter Boot Camps sponsored by Congresswomen Halvorson and the first in which GSU has been involved.

The event will offer participants a chance to better prepare themselves for the changing job market with practical advice from a number of area professionals. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in workshops on topics ranging from navigating the job market online to finance and budgeting. Participants are also encouraged to bring their resumes for review.

Veterans in particular will have an opportunity to work with the VA and Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) to explore the programs they offer to veterans of the armed services.

In addition to job seekers, small business owners and those looking to start their own business will have an opportunity to connect with representatives from GSU's CenterPoint Small Business Development Center and the U.S. Small Business Administration to gain insight and information on how to get your business going and growing.

Additional event participants include the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the Will County Workforce Investment Board.

For more information or to register, call 815.726.4998 or visit www.halvorson.house.gov/bootcamp.

New Rules for GSU Students at the FDC

The Family Development Center is in the process of undergoing NAEYC Accreditation and DCFS licensing. DCFS requires the implementation of a few changes to the program involving the interaction of GSU students with enrolled children. The administration of the Family Development Center is hosting a brief informational meeting for faculty and advisors regarding the changes and when they will be implemented.

The 30-minute meeting will be Tuesday June 29, at 3 p.m., in the art studio at the FDC. All faculty and advisors who have GSU students in internships, practicums, or in classes at the Family Development Center in which they interact with children are asked to attend this meeting.

For more information or to RSVP, contact [Carol Morrison](#) at ext. 7336.

Storming the Gates

Storming the Gates, a 25-minute documentary film on minority access to higher education, will be screened on July 14, at 5 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. A panel discussion will follow to investigate the issue further.

The Illinois African American and Latino Higher Education Alliance (IALHEA) produced the film, which chronicles the African American and Latino quest for access and equity in Illinois colleges and universities. Minority presence on college resulted from tremendous struggle and sacrifice, and the struggle continues. *Storming the Gates* illustrates the links between access and the civil rights movements of Blacks and Latinos in the sixties and seventies. It highlights the importance and the central role Illinois played in the national struggle for access and equity.

A panel of education leaders and experts, many who appear in the documentary, will discuss the contemporary significance of the struggle. Panel members will include IALHEA members Dr. Michael Toney, Executive Director, Urban Health Program - University of Illinois at Chicago and D.J. Wells, adjunct GSU faculty and Director of Public Relations and Marketing, Urban Health Program - University of Illinois at Chicago.

The event is free, open to the public, and sponsored by Access to a College Education Student Support Services (ACCESSS) and Student Life at GSU. For more information, contact [Vanessa Newby](#) at ext. 4552.

Travel with Pierre



What an amazing week for Pierre! His travels took him to Iola, Wisconsin with Susan (FDM) and Bob (CenterPoint) Rakstang where he had a very close encounter with Tony, the newest member of the Rakstang family. After a narrow escape, Pierre needed to get away from it all. And he did – all the way to Egypt. Photos submitted by Jackie Small of Institutional Advancement show Pierre checking out the pyramids.



Pierre is home now and ready to take off on more adventures. For information on how you can pick up your own Pierre travelling companion and submit photos for our Take Pierre on Vacation contest, go to Pierre's [webpage](#).

Meet IRiS - Tomorrow (06-21-10)

GSU takes a bold step into the future Tuesday with the official introduction of the IRiS Project, the university's new campus-wide integrated software system by Datatel. GSU's entire campus community is invited to Tuesday's kickoff celebration for the IRiS Project, slated for 2 to 4 p.m. in the Hall of Governors. The kickoff celebration includes exhibits, prizes, giveaways, a raffle, tours of the new training room, and refreshments. Everyone is welcome.



The new system, which replaces CARS/CX, will facilitate the delivery of efficient, cost-effective, technology-enabled services for all essential services at GSU. To fully implement the new system, teams will determine its configuration and learn its operations. The teams will begin the implementation process with business process analysis (BPA) training and will examine current processes to determine how they can be improved or redesigned. GSU's Board of Trustees approved the contract with Datatel at its June 11 meeting.

Commencement Kudos Continue

Spring 2010 Commencement Week was unprecedented in the number of activities for graduates, their families, and members of the GSU community. Due to the efforts of GSU staff and scores of volunteers, the entire week was a huge success, with every activity taking place flawlessly.

Karen Caesar-Smith, GSU's director of special events, expressed her sincere thanks in a letter to the many people, on and off campus, who helped make Commencement Week a success.

[Download Karen's Thank You Letter](#)

Winners at Heart



The GSU women's volleyball team competed in the Oak Lawn division "A" (competitive) championship tournament on June 17. The team won their semi final match in consecutive games. In the finals, GSU won the first match but lost the final two, resulting in a second place finish.

"We are disappointed by the final result, however we are not disappointed in the way the GSU women played," said Dean Jennings Assistant Program Director of GSU's Recreation and Fitness Center. "I would like to thank all those responsible for the first GSU volleyball team and their great success this season including coaches Jill Velazquez, Jennifer Finn, and our female athletes."

Facebook Fan Base Continues to Climb

After just three months in existence, GSU's Facebook page has 472 fans, and counting. At GSU View, we are always excited about new ways for students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of the university to stay informed, and stay in touch. We are looking forward to GSU's 500th Facebook fan signing up – which will happen in the not-too-distant future – and the ranks of fans continuing to grow. Encourage everyone you know to "like" GSU today!



Visit GSU's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/govstate.

See the Sox in Style

Faculty and Staff are invited to join the GSU Alumni Association during GSU White Sox Day at U.S. Cellular Field on Sunday, August 29. Wear



your black and white colors to show support of both GSU and the White Sox as they battle the New York Yankees. Mingle with co-workers and alumni during a 1.5 hour reception prior to the game. There will be unlimited food and drink including BBQ ribs, Cajun chicken, fried chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers and more, as well as wine,

Miller and Pepsi products. The cost for both the reception and the game is only \$84.

To order tickets or form more information, call the Alumni Office at 534.4128 or e-mail [Alumni Relations](#).

Pierre Heads West

GSU's vacation-bound penguin, Pierre, recently took off for the Pacific Northwest and visited a number of attractions in Seattle. Bruce Crooks, of Information Technology Services, snapped photos of Pierre at Seattle's Space Needle, along Puget Sound, and aboard a ship in the city's harbor. For more information on how you can submit photos for our Take Pierre on Vacation contest, go to Pierre's [webpage](#).



Introducing the IRiS Project (06-17-10)

GSU is ready for an upgrade. The IRiS Project is GSU's new campus wide integrated software system by Datatel. It will replace CARS/CX. The entire campus community is invited to a kick off celebration on June 22, from 2 to 4 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The event includes exhibits, prizes, give aways, a raffle, tours of the new training room, and refreshments. Everyone is welcome.



The new system will facilitate the delivery of efficient, cost-effective,

technology-enabled services for all of the university's essential functions. The Board of Trustees approved the contract for the new system on June 11.

To implement this new system fully, teams will determine the configuration of and learn the operation of the new system. The teams will begin the implementation process with business process analysis (BPA) training and will examine current processes to determine how they can be improved or redesigned to reflect best practices.

Bake Sale Today

Treat your sweet tooth with some baked goodness today in the Hall of Governors. The Black Student Union is sponsoring a bake sale from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m.

NMSP Summer Celebration

There is so much to enjoy at the June 19 summer celebration at the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. Summer Sol-a-Bration 2010 has something for everyone from 2 to 5 p.m.



Musical entertainment includes performances by the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra Brass Quintet, the Prairie State College Jazz Band, and the South Suburban Dulcimer and Folk Music Society. There will be kite making and flying, creating snow cone sculptures out of shaved ice, and sculpture card collecting for the kids. The park is sponsoring a sculpture photo contest, croquet games, and a body-rolling derby on one of the sculpture park hills. Bob Emser, an internationally recognized artist, will assemble a temporary sculpture.

Food will be available for purchase at the GSU cafeteria, which will be open during Sol-a-bration. Water and soft drinks will also be sold in the sculpture park. Golf carts will be on hand for persons who have trouble getting around the park.

For information about Sol-a-Bration events, including times for the musical performances, visit the [NMSP website](#).

Deliciously Fresh



Don't miss the opportunity to pick up fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables at the GSU Farmers Market. The university's outdoor farmers market is now entering its third week of providing fresh produce, honey, breads, and natural products as well as various indoor and outdoor plants.

The market is located at the northwest corner of Parking Lot D. Hours are from 1 to 6 p.m., rain or shine. The market will be open every Thursday through September.

Honored Friends

The Friends of the GSU Library honored three members as *Treasured Friends* at a reception recently.

Dr. Rachel O. Berg was acknowledged for her

commitment to the library and her considerable donations that were sold at auction. The proceeds helped support the Friends efforts. Chief Debra Boyd was honored for single-handedly building the libraries books on tape collection and her donations for auction events. Nicole Hernandez was recognized for her generosity at fundraising events and her abilities with her engraving machine. Friends president Eric Nicholson presented the awards.



Each honoree received a framed certificate of appreciation and their names were engraved on the Treasured Friends plaque on display in the library. For more information on the Friends of the GSU Library, visit the [Friends webpage](#) or pick up a brochure in the library.

Chicago Bulls Youth Basketball Camp

Registration is under way for this summer's Chicago Bulls Youth Basketball Camp, co-sponsored by GSU and the Village of Matteson. The camp takes place July 12 to 16 at GSU.



The weeklong camp is a great opportunity for boys and girls, ages 6 through 14, to improve their fundamental skills in ball handling, shooting, passing, defense, and rebounding. Players will be divided into two groups, Rookies (ages 6 to 8) and Veterans (ages 9 to 14) so that every child receives appropriate attention and instruction. Sessions are scheduled from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on every day of the camp. Participants will receive a Chicago Bulls Training Academy basketball, gym bag, T-shirt, player evaluation, and graduation certificate. The Chicago Bulls are the only NBA team to sponsor a youth basketball program.

Space is limited and registration will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. The registration deadline is July 10. Registration forms are available in GSU's Recreation and Fitness Center. Registration information is also available by calling 708.748.1080 or contacting www.villageofmatteson.org/departments/recreation/leisureguide/summer10/pdf/registration.pdf

Scribes Meet

Interested in writing? The GSU Writers Ink is the group for you. Everyone is welcome to attend Writers Ink meetings to share their stories and share information about writing and submitting works for publication. All meetings are held at noon in the Library Administrative Conference room. Meetings are scheduled for July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, and December 13.

Two SPSS Workshops

Two workshops sponsored by the College of Education will teach the use of SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences). Dr. Jean Johnson will serve as facilitator.

Introduction to Using SPSS will be held on June 25, from 9 a.m. to noon, in room D34011. Topics to be covered include an overview of

SPSS, coding and entering data, and transferring data as well as recoding, computing, and basic descriptive analysis.

The second workshop, Intermediate Use of SPSS, will be held on July 16, from 9 a.m. to noon, in room D34011. Cross tabulations, comparing means (t-tests and ANOVA), and basic univariate correlation and regression will be covered.

Refreshments will be provided. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Attend either one or both. For more information and to register, contact [Jean Johnson](#).

Pierre Gets Around



Pierre's vacation photo album posted on GSU's Facebook www.facebook.com/govstate page is growing by leaps and bounds as Pierre travels near and far with his many friends in the GSU community.

Students, faculty, and staff have picked up Pierre in the Public Affairs Offices (G369 and G370), and invited him to join their travels. Recently Pierre visited Seattle, Luddington, and Nashville.



Julie Anderson Muniz of SXL took a picture of Pierre mugging with a giant Reese's Peanut Butter Cup in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Student John Nelson caught Pierre enjoying the *Spoonbridge with Cherry* sculpture at the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis.

Don't forget to pick up your own Pierre to take on vacation. For more information about submitting a photo of Pierre, visit [Pierre's website](#).

Commencement Thank You (06-14-10)

Dear Faculty and Staff –

GSU's commencement this past Saturday was historic. For the first time since our founding in 1969, doctoral graduates crossed the stage to receive their diplomas. Many thanks to Karen Caesar Smith and the commencement committee for doing a wonderful job.



The ceremony itself would not have happened without their hard work and dedication. Nor could it happen without the many GSU faculty and staff who volunteer their time on a summer Saturday. I want to thank each and every person who devoted time and energy to make this a truly special day for our graduates. Watching all the graduates— bachelor's, master's, and doctoral—receive their diplomas is a special honor and I am well aware of the endless work it takes to make that happen.

The Commencement itself was the culmination of a week of outstanding activities: the Kanfer lecture, the thank-you party for David Curtis, the Hooding Ceremony, and the Honorary Degree conversation, reception, and dinner. Thanks to all for making GSU shine during all these events. Peter and Brooke Schjeldahl, Lew and Susan Manilow, and other special guests were most impressed with GSU. Your efforts created a life-changing experience for the graduates and also portrayed GSU at new levels of achievement and prestige.

This note comes with my best wishes to all for a productive and restorative summer.

Sincerely,
Elaine P. Maimon, President

Board of Trustees – June 11, 2010

GSU's Board of Trustees met on Friday, June 11. Concluding a long process, the Board unanimously approved a five-year contract with Datatel, Inc., who will provide GSU with a long-awaited, much needed upgrade to the university's Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system. This system touches everyone at GSU—students, faculty, and staff—and affects all processes—admissions, registration, hiring, scheduling, you name it. Datatel was one of four vendors that made presentations to the university community in March and April. Those presentations were designed so every faculty and staff unit at GSU had the opportunity to be part of the evaluation process.

President Maimon reported to the Board that the new ERP project will be formally launched at a June 22 kick-off event. Watch your e-mail and the GSU View for more information and encourage everyone to attend. Dr. Maimon said that the implementation of the system will be time-consuming and challenging but that the project is key to our transformation into a model twenty-first century university.

The Board awarded tenure to eight faculty members. They are:

- Yvette Brown, Division of Digital Learning and Media Design
- Mary Bruce, CBPA
- Melanie Ellexson, CHHS
- Diana Galante, CAS
- Pam Guimond, CAS
- Taida Kelly, COE
- Nancy Miller, COE
- Ravi Nigam, CHHS

Congratulations to these faculty members. We celebrate with you as you reach this milestone in your careers.

The Board also took the following actions at this meeting:

- Award of a construction contract to L & H Signs, Inc., of Reading, Pennsylvania, for internal and external directional signage.
- Award of a construction contract to RDS Construction, of Tinley Park, for the renovation and remodeling of Enrollment Services.
- Award of a professional services contract to LCM Architects, of Chicago, for the Renovation of Science Labs under a National Science Foundation Grant.
- Award of a one-year software maintenance and service contract to Jenzabar, the university's current ERP provider. Approval of a preliminary operating budget for the 2011 fiscal year. The preliminary budget anticipates that projected revenues and expenses at the university in FY11 will each come to \$52,426,670.

In her report, Board Chair Lorine S. Samuels noted that the meeting was taking place during graduation weekend, always an exciting time at GSU. Samuels attended Thursday night's hooding ceremony for GSU's first doctoral students and said it was an unforgettable experience that filled everyone in Sherman Hall with enormous pride.

She saluted the university's efforts to establish the doctoral program and the professionals in the College of Health and Human Services and the administration who spearheaded the effort.

Samuels also said she had attended the April 28 Scholarship Luncheon and the May 17 Delta Mu Delta induction ceremony, where she talked to students about her own business experiences and was inducted as an honorary member of the international business administration organization. She said both events illustrate the opportunities that GSU provides to students and that our students are making the most of those opportunities. Samuels also indicated that the Board is currently working on the yearly review of the President's performance. She noted that the review, which is still in progress, has been positive and the BOT is committed to Dr. Maimon's leadership.

Dr. Maimon, in her report, said that GSU is holding its own- financially in the midst of challenging fiscal times for Illinois universities. She said the university's PBAC budgeting process has led to the sound and effective management of budget allocations. Dr. Maimon thanked student trustee Bryce Johnsen, Interim Provost David Curtis, and departing Dean Eric Martin for their extraordinary service to GSU.

In his report, Dr. Heikii Heino, president of the Faculty Senate, asked that faculty be included in a comprehensive review of Dr. Maimon's performance, which the Board plans to undertake next school year. Trustee Samuels said internal and external input would be part of the review.

The Board approved resolutions honoring Student Trustee Bryce Johnsen, who is stepping down after a one-year term, and longtime faculty member and administrator Dr. David Curtis, currently the Interim Provost, who is retiring at the end of June.

'Do Not Miss' Recommendation for Schjeldahl Lecture (06-10-10)

Art critic Peter Schjeldahl's Friday guest lecturer at GSU received "do not miss" status from Chicago Art Magazine this week. Schjeldahl, the chief art critic for *The New Yorker*, will speak at 3:30 p.m., Friday, at Engbretson Hall. On Saturday, he will receive an honorary doctorate at the Spring 2010 Commencement.



The magazine's editor stated in the June 8 edition that "We almost named Chicago Art Magazine after Schjeldahl. He once wrote, 'art is the sex life of money' and I thought that was so outstanding I wanted to name the site, 'The Sex Life of Money' or 'SLOaM.'"

"But I was outvoted so we went with Chicago Art Magazine. However, Schjeldahl is that good. He's worthy of spell check's 'add this word to dictionary' good and he hasn't been here in over a decade. So, I don't know if we care about criticism like we say we do, let's do some carpooling and make the one-hour trip to Governors State University."

Friday's event is free and open to the public.

Commencement Webcast Available

Congratulations to GSU class of 2010, including the very first doctoral

students. If you're unable to attend the ceremony or simply want to check out the action from the comfort of your own home, check out the live webcast on Saturday morning. Full details are available on the GSU [Commencement website](#).

Commencement takes place on Saturday, June 12, at 11 a.m., at the Tinley Park Convention Center. Tickets are required for entry.

Get Your Fresh Veggies



GSU's outdoor Farmers Market is open today with locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables, freshly baked bread, delicious honey, and other healthy products for sale. The market runs from 1 to 6 p.m., on the south end of Parking Lot D.

The market will be open every Thursday afternoon through September. It is a project of the GSU's SPIRIT Committee.

Celebrate the Blackhawks

To commemorate the Chicago Blackhawks' Stanley Cup win, GSU has declared Friday, June 11 Blackhawks Day.

The Hawks' downtown Chicago rally will be televised as part of a celebration in the Hall of Governors, beginning at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow. All members of the GSU community are encouraged to join in the celebration by wearing red and black.



Summer Hours Begin Next Week

GSU will roll out its Summer Hours Program beginning next week. Full details are available in the [original memo from HR](#) and the [program FAQ](#).

Basic details regarding GSU's innovative new program are as follows:

- The Summer Hours Program will begin on Monday, June 14 and continue through Friday, August 13.
- The university will be "open" on Fridays in the same sense that it is now "open" on Saturdays. Most offices will, in fact, be closed. However, the university is open for classes which will be conducted as scheduled. The Library, Academic Computing Center, and Office of Public Safety will maintain their usual Friday hours. Those three areas will arrange hours for employees to assure they meet the needs of students and others.
- Each participating employee will work 37.5 hours per week, Monday through Thursday, within the range of time between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. Units and Departments will determine the hours for specific units. All timesheet related questions should be directed to individual unit heads/supervisors.
- It is important that such schedules be designed and implemented in such a way that support for and delivery of essential academic services are not diminished or compromised in any material way. As such, participation in the four-day work week Summer Hours Program will be determined by each department head based upon the operational and programmatic needs of that department. Summer hours may be suspended or modified by a unit head in order to accomplish a specific project.

- Exception requests from employees due to hardship will be considered by supervisors and unit heads in consultation with the Human Resources Department on a case-by-case basis. The university will exercise flexibility and attempt to address specific employee needs as appropriate.

IT Server Maintenance



Information Technology Services (ITS) will perform necessary server maintenance over the weekend that may require a restart of your campus office computer Monday morning. Restart will be necessary if you are unable to access your email mailbox or a network shared drive. You may choose to shut down your computer before leaving for the weekend. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the GSU Helpdesk at ext. 4357.

GSU Leg-9 Thanks

The Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run was a huge success! The Department of Public Safety would like to extend its sincere thanks to the willing volunteers and many contributors. The walkers and runners carried the torch across the campus, volunteers cooked and served lunch, and everyone had a great time.



Contributions are still being accepted and shirts, hats, and pins are still available for purchase in the Department of Public Safety. Funds raised support the Special Olympics.

HR Services Delayed

Due to the installation of new carpet and some new furniture in the Human Resources Department during the week of June 14, some services normally provided to faculty and staff may be delayed. Patience and understanding is requested and appreciated.

Pierre in Paradise



It was a hot time for Pierre in the Bahamas recently according to Pam Stipanich of CBPA "I took Pierre to Atlantis at Paradise Island, Bahamas. He sure had a great time," reported Pam.

If you want to take Pierre on vacation and submit a photo, visit the [GSU Take Pierre on Vacation Contest website](#).

Party on, Pierre!

Retire Right

John Olson of Valic will be on campus Tuesday, June 15, from 9 am to noon, in the Visitor's Center to discuss the university's 403(b) plan. Appointments are not required for retirement planning.

Valic is one of four vendors Governors State University has authorized under its Tax Deferred Annuity Plan under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, to handle new business with its employees. The others are TIAA-CREF, Fidelity, and The Legend Group.

Commencement Week activities (06-07-10)

Commencement Week at GSU is under way, with a number of exciting activities planned for graduates, their families, the university community, and the public.

- On Tuesday, a retirement party is planned for Dr. Russell Carter of the College of Health and Human Services. The party is scheduled from 2:30 to 5 p.m., in E-Lounge. Refreshments will be served. In case you can't attend, send an [electronic retirement wish](#) to Dr. Carter.
- At Tuesday's Distinguished Lecture, sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences and the Intellectual Life Committee, photographic artist Larry Kanfer will discuss his new book, *Barns of Illinois*. The lecture will begin at 5:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall, and will be followed by a reception and book signing at 7 p.m., in E-Lounge. The presentation will include the images and stories behind the barns and families featured in the book. Presenting with Kanfer will be his wife Alaina Kanfer, a social scientist who contributed the book's text.
- On Wednesday, a retirement party is planned for Dr. David Curtis, a member of the GSU community as a faculty member and Provost since 1971. Dr. Curtis is currently serving as Interim Provost. The party will take place at 3:30 p.m., in E-Lounge.
- Thursday's doctoral hooding ceremony marks the first time GSU students have attained doctorate degrees. Twenty students in physical therapy and nursing practices will receive their doctoral hoods in a historic ceremony that celebrates their academic achievement. The hooding ceremony will take place on Thursday, at 6:30 p.m., in Sherman Hall. A reception will follow immediately.
- On Friday, Peter Schjeldahl, chief art critic for *The New Yorker*, will present a guest lecture on art at 3:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. His understanding of modern art comes from years as an art critic. Using his keen insight and clear eloquence, he will invite the audience into the world of art. On Saturday, Schjeldahl will be the honorary degree recipient at GSU's 2010 Spring Commencement.



Commencement takes place on Saturday, at 11 a.m., at the Tinley Park Convention Center. Tickets are required. More information is available at the [GSU Commencement website](#).

Commencement 101

All commencement volunteers and employees working to help make Commencement a great success are asked to attend an orientation on Tuesday, June 8, at 10 a.m., in the Center for Performing Arts, on the Mezzanine Level.

If you have not volunteered already, there is still time. Contact [Pulchratia Kinney-Smith](#) at ext. 7466.

Fun in the Sun

Celebrate the beginning of summer on June 19 at the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park with Summer Sol-a-bration 2010. The sculpture park will have something for summertime fans of all ages from 2 to 5 p.m.



Admission and parking are free and a number of exciting events are planned including

- Performances by the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra Brass Quintet, the Prairie State College Jazz Band, and the South Suburban Dulcimer and Folk Music Society
- Kite-flying , with kite kits provided
- Snow Cone Sculptures out of shaved ice
- Drawing materials for young people will be available
- Photographers can enter their pictures of NMSP sculptures in a contest
- Sculpturing opportunities for kids
- Croquet
- A body rolling derby on one of the sculpture park hills
- Bob Emser, an internationally recognized artist, will assemble a temporary sculpture

Food will be available for purchase at the GSU cafeteria, which will be open during Sol-a-bration. Water and soft drinks will be also be sold in the sculpture park. Golf carts will be on hand for persons who have trouble getting around the sculpture park.

For information about Sol-a-bration events, including times for the musical performances, visit the [NMSP website](#).

Brainstorming Art



The Intellectual Life Committee and CAS present *A Whole New Mind 2010 – Brainstorm*, a national juried art competition inspired by Daniel Pink's book *A Whole New Mind – Why Right Brainers will Rule the Future*. Artwork documenting, analyzing, and/or inspired by the intellectual activity, thought processes, dysfunctions, and/or problem solving capabilities of the human mind will be favored.

The show runs through June 24 in the Visual Arts Gallery. The opening reception and awards ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 19, from 5 to 7 p.m., following the Summer Sol-a-bration event, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park at GSU.

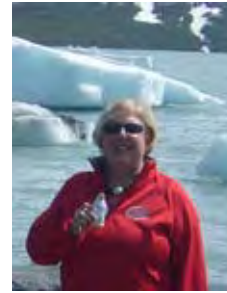
The Visual Arts Gallery is open Monday and Wednesday, from 2 to 7 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday, from 11 to 4 p.m. or by appointment. For an appointment contact the [Gallery](#) at ext. 4021.

Hot and Cold Pierre

GSU's Penguin has experienced quite the variety of climates recently. He went from the



tropical Caribbean to the chilly north. Financial Services' Karen Kissel snapped a photo of Pierre wetting his whistle on the deck of a sundrenched cruise ship. President Elaine P. Maimon showed Pierre the Portage Glacier in Anchorage, Alaska. He brought his own coat.



To learn how you, too, can take Pierre on a special trip this summer and submit a picture, visit the [GSU Take Pierre on Vacation Contest website](#).

Children's Theater by Children

The CPA welcomes Emerald City Theatre of Chicago to present its annual summer music theatre camp for kids. In conjunction with park districts from Crete, Frankfort, Frankfort Square, Oak Forest, and Matteson, The Center will host the workshop from June 21 through June 25 at Governors State University.

A few workshop slots are available and seats are now on sale for the performance, a show featuring 48 local kids performing hit numbers from shows such as *High School Musical*, *Grease*, and *Mama Mia*.

The only public performance of *Juke Box Musical Theatre* will be held at The Center on Friday, June 25, at 7 p.m. All seats are \$10. For more information, call ext. 2222 or visit [The Center website](#).

SPSS Workshops

Two workshops sponsored by COE will teach the use of SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences). Dr. Jean Johnson will serve as facilitator.

Introduction to Using SPSS will be held on June 25, from 9 a.m. to noon, in room D34011. Topics to be covered include an overview of SPSS, coding and entering data, and transferring data as well as recoding, computing, and basic descriptive analysis.

The second workshop, Intermediate Use of SPSS, will be held on July 16, from 9 a.m. to noon, in room D34011. Cross tabulations, comparing means (t-tests and ANOVA), and basic univariate correlation and regression will be covered.

Refreshments will be provided. Reservations are required. Attend either one or both. For more information and to register, contact [Jean Johnson](#).

Economic Achievers Program

The Office of Economic Education at GSU is again sponsoring the Economic Achievers Program. According to special programs manager Sheryl S. Gallaher, Economic Achievers is now in its 16th year. The program teaches junior high school students the basics of economics, financial literacy, and career awareness.

Two weeks of instruction are held in the students' home districts, (Harvey/Dixmoor, South Holland, and



Country Club Hills). During the third week, the students attend GSU, using the library and the computer lab for research. On the last day of the course, the students take a field trip to the Federal Reserve Bank and the Chicago Architecture Foundation, then to lunch at Navy Pier.

In the evening, parents, teachers, and students attend a reception and silent auction at GSU. The students are able to spend the "money" they have earned during the business game they played to purchase school supplies, books, t-shirts, and summer fun items.

Farm Fresh at GSU (06-03-10)



GSU's first-ever outdoor Farmers Market kicked off today, June 3, on the south end of Parking Lot D with fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables, freshly baked bread, honey, and other healthy products. Hours of the farmers market are 1 to 6 p.m., rain or shine, on Thursdays through September.



The farmers market is a project of GSU's SPIRIT Committee, which is looking for ways to increase participation among GSU community members, and in the outside community. Other committee proposals include a community picnic, golf league and tournament, community orchestra, and movies on campus.

Photographer to present at GSU

Photographic artist Larry Kanfer is known for striking images of Midwestern scenes. As part of the Distinguished Lecture Series at Governors State University, he will discuss his new book "Barns of Illinois" on Tuesday, June 8, at 5:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. A reception and book signing will follow at 7 p.m., in E-Lounge.



This presentation will include the images and stories behind the barns and families featured in the book. Presenting with Kanfer will be his wife and co-author Alaina Kanfer. Alaina Kanfer is a social scientist who contributed the text that accompanies the photographs in the book.

The event is free, open to the public, and sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences and the Intellectual Life Committee. For more information, call ext. 6986.

Dr. Rhee Recognized for Humanitarian Efforts

Dr. Sang-O Rhee, Professor of Health Administration, last month received the 2010 Humanitarian Service Award from Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White. The award was presented to Dr. Rhee at the May 20



Asian Pacific American Heritage Month reception at the James Thompson Center in Chicago.

The Humanitarian Service Award recognizes Dr. Rhee's contributions to the Asian American community and for his commitment to the state of Illinois. Secretary of State White cited Dr. Rhee's major role in health administration education at GSU, his pioneering international service for healthcare management technology transfer, and his unselfish dedication to and advancement of Korean heritage education for second generation Korean Americans and other Americans.

Lessons in Art and Life

Peter Schjeldahl, chief art critic for *The New Yorker*, will present a guest lecture on art on Friday, June 11, at 3:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. His understanding of modern art comes from years as an art critic. Using his keen insight and clear eloquence, he will invite the audience into the world of art.



This lecture is free and open to the public.

On Saturday, June 12, Schjeldahl will be the honorary degree recipient at Governors State University's 2010 Spring Commencement.

Gay Pride Month

Student Life, the Diversity Committee, and FSI are sponsoring Gay Pride Month at GSU. Events will take place throughout June.

Gay Pride ribbons are available at the GSU Welcome Center and in the Cafeteria.

On June 14, a Lunch and Learn is scheduled between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. in Engbretson Hall. It will be presented by PFlag Metro Chicago, an organization of parents, families, and friends of lesbians and gays that offers support, education, and advocacy.

A LGBTQ Pride Panel Discussion will take place June 15 at 5 p.m. in Engbretson Hall. Panelists include Dr. Raven James, Shannon Lauridsen, Dr. Cheryl Mejta, Tom Vizzard III, Dr. Jason Zingsheim, and Dr. Jim Howley, who will serve as moderator.

Gay Pride Months events are free and open to the public. For additional information, contact [Sheree Sanderson](#) at ext. 4552.

Pierre Can Hula

GSU's Penguin is enjoying his travels. On a recent tour of Hawaii, Pierre enjoyed the waterfalls, balmy weather, and sun-drenched days. This photo was submitted by Kathy Gustafson of COE.

To learn how you, too, can take Pierre on a special outing, tour, or vacation this summer and submit a



picture, visit the [GSU Take Pierre on Vacation Contest website](#).

Examining Effective Law Enforcement

Dr. James "Chip" Coldren, Criminal Justice Program Chair, has been tapped to help law enforcement agencies across the nation gather and interpret accurate data on program effectiveness.



Dr. Coldren was recently named Project Director for Training and Technical Assistance for the National Smart Policing Initiative sponsored by the U.S. Justice Department's Bureau of Justice. The goal of the Smart Policing Initiative is to build evidence-based, data-driven law enforcement practices that are efficient, effective, and economical. The Bureau of Justice Statistics selected CNA, a non-profit research organization that provides public sector organizations with the tools needed to tackle complex problems and technical assistance associated with the initiative, as well as leading the training.

Dr. Coldren will work with the CNA team to assist the 10 currently funded Smart Policing sites in identifying efficient, effective, and economical crime reduction strategies, and in conducting sound evaluations of their efforts. Linking each program to an effective research partner will enable accurate evaluation of the program's effectiveness. The research will also help identify weaknesses to existing programs.

Dr. Coldren was selected for this position because of his history of research partnerships with law enforcement agencies. As chair of the Criminal Justice Program at GSU, Dr. Coldren has expanded the program to include extensive study and research in restorative justice practices. The recently established master's program in criminal justice at GSU focuses on applied problem solving and communities.

####

This project was supported by Grant No. 2009-DG-BX-K021 awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. Points of view or opinions in this document are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the official position or policies of the U.S. Department of Justice.



Copyright © 2012 Governors State University | [Privacy Policy](#)
1 University Parkway, University Park, Illinois 60484-0975
708.534.5000 | [Email GSUView](#)