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## News and Events

### **Creative Success**

Several CAS faculty members deserve congratulations for recent achievements.

Javier Chavira's artwork is part of a touring exhibition of 130 works by prominent Mexican artists and artists who worked in Mexico. In addition to Chavira, *Miradas: Ancient Roots in Modern Contemporary Mexican Art from the Bank of America*, includes works by Diego Ravira, Rufino Tamayo, and Gabriel Oroasco. Chavira's artwork was also chosen for the collection program cover. The traveling exhibit began in Chicago last year and will be opening soon in Anaheim and then will travel to San Antonio.

"The Bank of America Collection acquired my work for their collection last year through the National Museum of Mexican Art," said Chavira. "I am truly honored to exhibiting with these giants of art history and this will serve as the impetus to push my work forward."

Daniel K Cortese's recent publication *Are We Thinking Straight? The Politics of Straightness in a Lesbian and Gay Social Movement Organization*, highlights the strategies deployment of a straight identity by an LGBT organization. A 20 percent discount is currently being offered on the purchase of this publication. For more information, contact [Dr. Cortese](#).

Bastien Desfriches Doria's submission of a series of five photographs, *Genre Scenes*, was recently shortlisted at the London International Creative Competition™ (LICC). The LICC is a vehicle for facilitating contact between uniquely talented artists and an international audience. As a result, his work will be published in the LICC annual book and projected during the award ceremony in London on September 12.

"I competed as a professional of the photography industry," said Desfriches Doria. "It is a very nice way to start the year."

### **New Reading Tutoring Session**

Governors State University's Graduate Program in Reading is sponsoring The Literacy Zone, a reading tutorial program for students in grades six through high school, on Tuesdays, from September 14 through November 30, from 4:45 to 6:30 p.m. This one-to-one program brings students experiencing reading problems together with teachers who have the skills to help them. Students meet on the GSU campus with certified, experienced teachers enrolled in the Master of Arts Reading Program at GSU.

Enrollment is limited and based on the number of tutors. Students will be accepted in the order in which the completed application and registration fee are received. There is a \$100 registration fee. A refund of \$30 is made to the parents/guardians of those students who complete the program with good attendance and return all Literacy Zone materials. Snacks are provided at each session. Transportation is not provided.

For more information, contact [Dr. Mary Hession](#) at ext. 4129.

## **Free, Confidential Counseling**

Free individual, couples, family, and career counseling is available at Governors State University (GSU). The Division of Psychology and Counseling at GSU offers free, confidential counseling as a service to the community and as part of its training program for advanced graduate counseling students.

Counseling services assist clients with communication issues as well as relationship and school concerns, depression, stress management, loneliness, lack of self-confidence. The GSU counseling lab also provides preventative and growth-oriented services. For example, pre-marital counseling, career counseling, play therapy, and divorce counseling are offered.

The Counseling Lab provides individual, couple, family, and group counseling for adults. 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 708.534.4545 or visit the GSU [counseling lab webpage](#).

## **20 Questions +1 With Shelina Jenkins**

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**Shelina Jenkins**  
**Staff Clerk, Admission Processing**

- **Who was your most inspirational teacher?** Actually, I have two – Mr. Chung, my 10<sup>th</sup> grade English teacher and Marilyn Yirku, here at GSU.
- **What is your favorite yearly event at GSU?** Aside from Christmas break, I would have to say Civil Service Day.
- **A really great night out for me is...** Spending time with family and friends, reminiscing about old times and making new memories.
- **My favorite spot in the Chicago area is...** Grant Park
- **Right now I am driving a...** Chevy Malibu, but only until I get my Bugatti Veyron back. I loaned it to a friend.
- **At the end of the day, I like to listen to...** WNUA while sipping on a cold glass of wine.
- **Regarding superpowers: Would you prefer invisibility or the ability to fly?** I would prefer invisibility because I don't always want people to know where I am.
- **Does Rod Blagojevich deserve a plaque in the Hall of Governors? Explain.** Unfortunately, yes. The hall, after all, is for governors. We can't pick and choose.
- **What was your first job?** Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers.
- **What's a vacation spot you'd recommend to others?** A cruise to the Bahamas.



**The Final Question: Tell us something about yourself that hardly anyone on campus knows.** Until I was 16 years old, I did not, *legally*, have a name.

To participate in GSU View's Twenty Questions Plus One, contact [Tom Houlihan](#).

## **BSU Says Thanks**

The GSU Black Student Union would like to say "thank you" to everyone who supported this year's Back to School Back Pack drive. Thirty filled backpacks and additional school supplies were collected and distributed to students at Lincoln Elementary School in Chicago Heights. The students and staff were all grateful and appreciated the gifts and the generosity.

## **Pierre's Tuxedo Comes in Handy**



Nancy McDaniel of the Upward Bound Program captured a picture of Pierre enjoying himself at her son's wedding. Warren and Alana Stanley were happy to share their day with the "tuxedo" clad Pierre!

Pierre needed gas for his car so he stopped in Paxton, Illinois at the Route 66 museum. The road trip took him further south the



tour and all it a had to offer. company, but not his driving



Pierre on Vacation contest photos to the Office of Public valuable prizes.

Budweiser Brewery in St. Louis where he enjoyed the Lindsay Gladstone of Public Affairs enjoyed Pierre's skills on the road trip.

Alas, all good things must come to an end. The Take ends in a little more than a week. Submit your Pierre Affairs before the September 7 deadline to compete for

