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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

IRiS Project – myGSU Portal (2-28-11)

The IRiS Portal Team has finished the initial setup of GSU's new myGSU portal. The portal go-live date will coincide with student registration for the Fall semester.



myGSU, is your user interface and one-stop shop for conducting day-to-day business at GSU. The easy to use interface brings together your most important daily tasks into a single location. It's the primary online destination for the entire GSU community, and will provide a collaborative environment in which to work and communicate.

The portal will also fully replace the current GSU Intranet site. When fully functional, myGSU will save you time, make your job easier, and help you get things done more efficiently. Not all processes listed below will be available immediately.

The portal will offer access to:

- Your personal Microsoft Outlook calendar and a link to your mailbox via OWA
- University forms (i.e. purchasing, travel, print shop)
- Single sign-on to other frequently used university systems (i.e. WebCT, CMS)
- Real-time news and announcements
- Departmental budget management
- Student grade input
- HR benefit information
- Vacation/sick time status
- IT Helpdesk and tutorials
- Timesheet and hour reporting
- Student services (registration, financial aid, transcripts, grades)
- And more

Expect to hear more in the very near future as the portal team modifies and fine-tunes myGSU.

Kudos for Dual Degree Program

Leaders in Illinois higher education were recently asked to make presentations on how their institutions are meeting the goals of the *Public Agenda*. GSU's Dual Degree Program won praise from Illinois

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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

Board of Higher Education (IBHE) Chair Carrie J. Hightman following a presentation by President Elaine P. Maimon at a recent IBHE meeting.

“Your enthusiastic and informative review of the Dual Degree Program partnerships was well received by Board members as well as others in attendance,” Hightman wrote Dr. Maimon. “The IBHE staff fielded several positive comments about your presentation and what Governors State University is doing. It was fascinating to learn how this single initiative addresses all four goals of the *Public Agenda*.”

During her presentation, Dr. Maimon described GSU’s Dual Degree partnerships with six area community colleges and how they fit in with ISBE’s *Public Agenda*, a statewide initiative designed to improve education in Illinois, and make opportunities for achieving college degrees accessible to promising students regardless of income or background.

[Download Hightman’s Full Letter](#)

Give Your Feedback

Student feedback is being sought on the amounts stipulated for the FY2012 (2011-2012) Student Activity Fee, Student Center Fee, Career Services and Counseling Fee, Computer Technology Fee, and Parking and Walkways Fee. The current recommendation for all fees with the exception of Parking and Walkways Fee is that they remain at the levels of FY2011 (2010-2011). The student advisory referendum will be submitted to the GSU Board of Trustees.

Student Advisory Referendum ballots will be available on March 1 and 2, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. All GSU students are encouraged to participate in this quick and easy way to offer an opinion.

[View the Ballot](#)

University Research Grant Applications Due

University Research Grants (URG) are funded by the Provost’s Office to encourage scholarly research within the GSU community. All faculty, staff, and students are eligible to apply. Students must have a faculty mentor. Student applications will be considered once all faculty applications have been reviewed. All URG projects must take place between July 1, 2011 and May 31, 2012.

Applications for 2011-12 are due on March 21. Applicants will be notified of their status no later than April 30. For more information, contact [Margaret H. Neumann](#), chair of URG Committee at ext. 4968.

[USG Application 2011.](#)

Civic Reflection at GSU

Civic reflection helps create an understanding of the importance and value of community service to both the individual who volunteers and the society who benefits. To increase awareness and understanding of civic reflection and to improve related skills, Governors State University

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is sponsoring a Civic Reflections Workshop. The workshop will be held on March 1, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

Facilitators are members of the GSU Civic Reflection Team. They are Dr. Lorri Glass, assistant professor of Social Work; Dr. Larry Levinson, professor of Political Science; and Sheree Y. Sanderson, Director, Student Engagement and College Relations.

Civic Reflection workshops are held in collaboration with the Illinois Campus Compact, a coalition of college and universities, including GSU, working together to promote the civic development of students and the university as an active member of its community.

This workshop is free and open to the public. Seating is limited. To reserve a space, contact [Sheree Sanderson](#) at ext. 4552.

Creativity in the Classroom

Creativity can live in the classroom even in an era of achievement goals and assessment tests. Dr. John Steers, General Secretary of the National Society for Education in Art and Design in the United Kingdom, will speak about Teaching for Creativity on March 9, at 4:30 p.m., in the E-Lounge. The event is sponsored by the Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education (MILE) and the College of Arts and Sciences and is free and open to the public.

In the face of increased accountability and the demand to produce successful outcomes, many school curricula and individual educators actually inhibit creativity. Dr. Steers will encourage educators to strengthen their focus on creativity and its positive effects on learning outcomes.

For more information, call ext. 4024.

Media March Madness



The Friends of the GSU Library will be sponsoring a book and media drive in March. During the March Madness media drive, the Friends will happily take all books, videos, or DVDs that are currently collecting dust or taking up room on your bookcase.

Just drop off your unwanted items at the Library. Donation forms for tax purposes will be available. Everyone wins! You gain more space and a potential tax deduction and the Friends gain a useful fundraising commodity.

Alumni Spotlight - Chuck Ignarski

Chuck Ignarski found his focus through the lens of a camera. After returning from a year of military service in Iraq, he sought a new career beginning with an associate degree from the College of Lake County and an Interdisciplinary Studies degree from GSU.

In the course of earning his degree with a specialization in photography,

Ignarski took many photos. With the encouragement of his professors, he entered his landscape images of peak foliage in the Upper Peninsula in the 31st annual College Photography Contest. The contest, sponsored by Photographer Forum Magazine, drew more than 14,000 submissions.



Recently, Ignarski learned that one of his images had been chosen to be in the finalist selection group. As a member of this select group, his image will be included in the Photographer's Forum Best of College Photography 2011, a hardbound book published to celebrate young photographers' successful artistry.

"I am very happy and a little surprised to be chosen for the finalist group," said Ignarski. "This is my first big step in the world of photography."

The GSU University Library plans to add the book to its collection.

Regard - Resist - React

The GSU University Visual Arts Gallery will host *Regard – Resist – React*, a major exhibit of artists' creative reactions to the issues that affect them personally, emotionally, and intellectually. The exhibit runs from March 4 through 25 with an opening reception on Saturday, March 5, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

Artists contributing work to this exhibit are some of the most prominent developing voices in the artistic world. Most of the artists are based in Chicago but draw from international roots and influences. Chief among the exhibitors is Wafaa Bilal, Iraqi born artist noted for his unique forms of expression. His video *4th of July* will be shown at the exhibit.

Bilal is assistant arts professor at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. He has a camera mounted in the back of his head, capturing images of where he has been. Bilal uses the images in his art to illustrate what has passed him by. He also has an intricate tattoo on his back honoring the U.S. and Iraqi war dead.

Additional exhibitors include Jane Fulton Alt, Nick Azzaro, Lynn Basa, Holly Cahill, Alexander Bruehl, Cleveland Dean, Frederick Holland, Riley Henderson, Salvador Jimnez, Sioban Lombardi, Jessica Munguia, Yva Neal, Roland Oria, Jennifer Traff, and Monica Wulfers.

The Visual Arts Gallery is open Monday and Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday, from noon to 9 p.m. or by appointment. For more information, visit gsuvisualartsgallery.blogspot.com or call ext. 4021.

Slam Dunk

The GSU Student Senate and Student Life are giving away tickets to the Chicago Bulls vs.



Memphis Grizzlies game on Friday, March 25, at 7 p.m. Transportation to and from the game from the university is also included.

Only current GSU students are eligible to enter the drawing for two free tickets. To enter, visit the Student Advisory Referendum table on March 1 and 2, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Students need not participate in the Advisory Referendum to enter the drawing. Only one entry per student.

IDSS Portfolio Seminar

Students can assess their prior learning and how it can be applied to a college portfolio at a seminar hosted by the Interdisciplinary Studies Program and the College of Arts and Sciences. The Prior Learning Portfolio Seminar takes place Saturday, March 5, from 10 a.m. to noon, in Room D1497.

The seminar will help students:

- Identify learning that may be equivalent to college-level work
- Link this learning to comparable college courses
- Document their learning
- Compile their materials in the proper format to submit a portfolio to GSU

To register, e-mail idss@govst.edu or contact [Tiffini Malvin](#) at 708.534.4092. There is a \$50 registration fee for the seminar, which covers the cost of materials and refreshments.

Thanks for a Memorable Commencement

Karen Caesar-Smith, GSU's Director of Special Events and Commencement Coordinator, recently thanked everyone who helped make the February 5 Commencement a success.

"We had a few challenges due to the blizzard and the construction of the Tinley Park Convention Center, but through the dedication and perseverance of our commencement planning committee, our Emergency Response Team, our Facilities, Development and Management department, our Department of Public Safety, our faculty, staff, students, alumni, volunteers and the convention center staff, we were able to pull through and present an exceptional commencement experience for our students and their guests," wrote Caesar-Smith.

[Download Caesar-Smith's Full Message](#)

Book Lovers Wanted

If you're looking for a lively discussion on the works of great writers, consider joining the new book club at GSU.

Student Julie Pope is initiating the book club, which will be sponsored by the Friends of the GSU Library. The club is open to students, staff, faculty, and community members. It will focus on general interest

books. The time and date of book club meetings will be decided by prospective members and a location will be determined by the availability of space.

Interested persons can contact [Julie Pope](#).

First Battle of the Penny Wars

The first week of GSU's Penny Wars was marked by enthusiastic competition between the departments. The CAS is currently in the lead with 1,221 penny points and Student Life is lagging far behind with minus 159 penny points.

3rd Floor	482
CenterPoint	29
CHHS	93
CAS	1,221
CBPA	88
COE	309
Financial Services	-10
Human Resources	55
Institutional Advancement	494
Library	937
Student Life	-159



There are still three weeks to go, so keep depositing your pocket change. All penny deposits are counted as additions to the total while all silver coin and paper money deposits act as negatives.

And remember, all money raised benefits the Civil Service Scholarship and Student Life.

Big Brunch Today (02-24-11)

It's time to enjoy a very special meal at GSU. FSI is hosting the next Big Brunch today, February 24, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. To cut down on waiting in line, payment will now be accepted in the Cafeteria Annex.

This month the Big Brunch will feature an Omelet Cook Off between FSI director Bill Reich and Chef James, the new FSI Chef Manager.

For just \$6.25, you can enjoy all you wish to eat of made-to-order omelets, bacon, carved turkey, stuffed manicotti, vegetables, mashed potatoes, salad, and dessert.

Bon Appétit!

Celebration Time

There is a lot to celebrate at the Campus Community Campaign wrap up on Monday, February 28, at noon, in the cafeteria. We will be celebrating the generosity of the entire GSU community.

Our new Provost, Dr. Terry Allison, has committed to donating a major gift over the next four years. His donation will establish an endowed fund that supports the



goals of the GSU Promise. At the same time his generous donation is building the endowment, an additional annual donation will be used to immediately fund a scholarship that will be awarded to a GSU student in the creative arts who meets the GSU Promise criteria.

In addition to Provost Allison, many members of the GSU community - faculty, staff, and students – have helped make this year's campaign a great success.

And there is still time for you to participate. You can designate which fund or project you would like to support - from the GSU Promise to the education programs of The Center for Performing Arts or from scholarships to the sculpture park. You can even choose to divide your donation among multiple worthy programs at GSU.

In addition to refreshments, there will also be a drawing for great prizes. Prizes include two GSU parking spaces valid for one year, with the winners picking the spaces; an overnight stay with dinner for two at the Empress Hotel in Joliet; brunch for four at the Odyssey Country Club in Tinley Park; and a one year membership at the GSU Recreation and Fitness Center.

Everyone is eligible to participate in the drawing for prizes, and everyone is invited to celebrate the Campaign's success.

Sign up today for the Campus Community Campaign. Contact your department's CCC volunteer or stop by the GSU Development Office in Room D34200.

CCC volunteers are: [Kyusuk Chung](#); [Cheri Garey](#); [Adrienne Gray](#); [Mary Hession](#); [Rosemary Hulett](#); [Judy Freneau](#); [Julie Labuda](#); [Victoria Lloyd](#); [Nancy Miller](#); [Lydia Morrow Ruetten](#); [Margaret Neumann](#); [Lise Schneider](#); [Jackie Small](#); [Jessica Sprecht](#); [Jill Stanley](#); [Mike Sullivan](#); [Lori Townsend](#); [Merri Wilkerson](#); and [Ayita Woods](#).

Excellence Award Nominations

Nominations for Excellence Awards are currently being accepted. Excellence Awards recognize valued and exceptional faculty member or academic support professional for outstanding achievement in one or more of the following areas: teaching/performance of primary duties, research/creative activity, and service. The awards reflect achievement in academic year 2009-10. Up to three Excellence Awards of \$6,000 (one-time payment) will be awarded.

Letters of nomination should be submitted to the Excellence Awards Committee in care of [Jill Stanley](#) of the Provost's Office. They are due by Thursday, March 10, by 5 p.m. Late nominations will not be considered.

Read the [memo from the Excellence Awards Committee](#).

Read the [evaluation criteria](#).

Summer Session Registration

Registration for summer session is open from March 21 through May 28. Classes begin on May 23 and end on August 7. Applications for admission are currently being accepted.

Students may take classes during the shorter summer term at convenient times to fit busy schedules. Classes are generally offered Monday through Thursday leaving the long weekend open for summertime activities. A full range of courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels is scheduled.

GSU's summer term is ideal for student continuing a GSU degree program. It is also the perfect time for students attending other universities to take classes and fill requirements while they are home for the summer.

For more information, call (708) 534-4490 or visit the [GSU website](#).

Student Advisory Referendum

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Minority Art: Inspiration, Obligation

Minority Art: Inspiration, Obligation is the featured exhibit, discussion, and reception at GSU in celebration of African American History Month. The event will be held on February 28, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., with remarks at 7 p.m., at the Visual Arts Gallery.

This art exhibition will feature the work of world-renowned artist Kehinde Wiley. The artwork is on loan from the Rhona Hoffman Gallery in Chicago.



Wiley's portraits were initially based on photographs taken of young men on the streets of Harlem. The models, dressed in their everyday clothing, are asked to assume poses depicted in paintings or sculptures found in Western Art History. Wiley's art also includes an international view with models found in urban landscapes throughout the world – such as Mumbai, Dakar, and Rio de Janeiro.

In addition to Wiley, "Minority Art: Inspiration, Obligation" also includes the works of regional artists who are African American, or who are doing artwork about the African American experience.

An informal discussion will address issues faced by minority artists, from finding inspiration in their minority status and culture to the pitfalls of feeling creatively stuck or obligated to produce art on limited subjects.

Although African American art is the focus of this event, the discussion topics are relevant to other minority groups and pertinent to the experience of many. Everyone is welcome and the event and reception are free and open to the public.

The Visual Arts Gallery and Student Affairs and Academic Services are sponsors of the event. For more information, contact [Jeff Stevenson](#) at ext. 4021.

KEC Closure

As part of GSU's budget management efforts for the coming fiscal year, the Kankakee Education Center will cease operation as of March 1. All previously scheduled classes have been relocated to alternate facilities. GSU will continue to offer the Kankakee region access to a full range of degree programs and classes at our main campus and through off campus cohorts.

Right Copyright

Join members of the University Copyright Committee in viewing the Webinar, Copyright For Classroom Teaching. The session will cover uses of copyrighted material in the classroom when permission is not necessary; changes needed when a face-to-face course moves online; and opportunities and risks posed by commercial social media sites. All sessions will take place in D2401C in the Library.

Sessions will be offered at:

- 10:30 a.m. to noon, March 1
- 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., March 1
- 10:30 a.m. to noon, March 2
- 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., March 9

Alumni Matters – Benjamin Nuckels

Benjamin Nuckels has had an impressive career in political work. He

recently served as Illinois Governor Pat Quinn's campaign manager. He also worked for former Vermont Governor Howard Dean in the 2004 Iowa Democratic caucuses. In the 2004 general election, he did campaign field work in Wisconsin for Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry. Later he served as the Midwest campaign manager for The League of Conservation Voters. His Wisconsin experience led to a position as chief of staff to Wisconsin's lieutenant governor, Barbara Lawton.

Benjamin received his BA in the Board of Governors Program in 2005.

GSU Authors Celebrated

The University Library is hosting the Faculty Authors Reception on Wednesday, March 2, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., on the library balcony. Faculty published works of scholarship will be on display.

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to attend and celebrate scholarship at GSU.

For more information, contact [Judy Hanacek](#) or [Erin Engelbrecht](#).

M.A. in Reading Info Session

COE will host information sessions for certified teachers interested in earning a Master of Arts in Reading in an on campus graduate cohort program beginning in Fall 2011. An additional, optional bilingual/English as a Second Language endorsement will also be offered. For convenience, two information sessions will be held on March 7, from 1 to 2 p.m. and from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Both will be held in room D34015.

The cohort is open to only 20 successful graduate applicants. The program consists of 12 courses that lead to K-12 certification as a reading specialist, which is required for literacy coach and similar positions. Financial aid is available to qualified applicants.

For more information and to register, contact [John Powers](#), Academic Advisor, at (708) 534-6363.

Writing Center and ARC Services

The Academic Resource Center will open for business during GSU's Spring Break, March 14 to 18.

ARC staffers will be on campus to provide tutoring, counseling, and disability services during Spring Break. The GSU Writing Center will also be open.

For further information, call 708.235.7421.

Meet the Financial Aid Team (02-21-11)

The IRiS Project's Financial Aid Team is preparing for next week's live simulation of the Colleague data processing system. The Financial Aid Team will conduct the test, a major IRiS Project milestone, along with the Records and



Registration Team and the Accounts Receivable/Cash Receipts Team. This is the first live simulation for student teams and is scheduled next Tuesday and Wednesday, March 1 and 2.

The Financial Aid Team is led by Freda Whisenton-Comer, Director of Financial Aid, and Gregory Blevins, Interim Assistant Dean in the College of Health and Human Services. Team members have completed four two-day training sessions – three last fall, and one since January 1. In addition, the team has met “remotely” with its consultant several times in the past few weeks.



The Financial Aid Team is working on testing ISIR processing including the processing of MIEs, verifying that students are receiving the correct codes and paragraphs for the awards, entering award codes, and verifying the general ledger accounts for the award codes. Team members are entering the necessary information so students have access to Pell grants, Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants, Direct Loans, and Work Study programs. They are making sure financial aid forms for 2011-2012 are available online.

Team members are Freda Whisenton-Comer, co-leader; Greg Blevins, co-leader; Omolola Adesanya; Jolander Jeffries; Carol Pierson-Milhou; David Weinberger; Nick Battaglia; Rosemary Hulett; Jan Haan; Jane Siefker; Emma Ziem; and Heidi Yousef.

First Place!

The Governors State University Table Tennis Team has done it again. In another outstanding performance, GSU's co-ed team won the Spring NCTTA Regional Tournament held at the university on Saturday.



This win follows the team's success in November at the Fall Regional Tournament, at which they also took first place. This time, GSU defeated teams from University of Wisconsin-Madison, UIC, Purdue, Northwestern, and University of

Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

The women's team, coached by visiting professor Hongliu (Connie) Cao, from GDUT, China, won second place in the Spring tournament, improving on last Fall's performance. UW-Madison's women's team won first place.

“Thanks go to GSU's co-ed and women's team members for their outstanding performance and representation for the school in these two regional tournaments,” said head coach, Dr. T.J. Wang, associate professor of accounting. “Team members have successfully demonstrated GSU spirit.”

Co-ed team members include Captain Wenjie (Neo) Nie, Yuanfei

(Vergil) Cai, Yuefan (Penn) Lin, Lishun (Leeson) Lu, Rahul Pinninti, and Ravikiran Yerabolu. Women's team members are Captain Jie (Jassie) Wang, Xue Hong (Carmen) Chen, Shuyu (Zoe) Guo, Jing (Jackie) He, and Emily Leary.

One of the Best of the Best

The GSU community knew it was excellent. Now it is official! Film Critic Roger Ebert has named *Chicago Heights* one of the Best Art Films of 2010.



Chicago Heights is an award-winning, experimental, black and white feature film made with a \$1,000 budget for food, equipment on loan



from Governors State University, and during the free time of the all-volunteer cast and crew. The film was directed by

associate professor Sanghoon Lee was the producer and cinematographer.

In his article, Ebert says that art films “require directors with a clear idea of complex purposes. They require subtleties of lighting and sound that create a self-contained world. Most of all, they require sympathy.”



The film is based on *Winesburg, Ohio*, Sherwood Anderson's classic 1919 collection of interconnected short stories. The story is transposed ingeniously to a predominantly African American community in the present-day south Chicago region. It is a gorgeously photographed, beautifully scored film, shot, and edited in and around the region.

“Daniel Nearing accomplishes the uncanny feat of distilling the book's essence,” writes Ebert. “What Nearing does, and it is rather brilliant, is show us Nathan in old age, under a blanket on his bed, remembering, dreaming or hallucinating about the people he has known.”

Congratulations Dan, Sanghoon, and the cast and crew of *Chicago Heights*!

Read [Ebert's entire article](#).

Make a Deposit

Donate your blood and get a free pair of lounge pants and the satisfaction of knowing you may have saved a life. The recent severe winter weather and dropping temperatures has affected blood inventories for patients being treated in area hospitals. Heartland Blood Centers is reporting an urgent need for blood donors to rebuild inventories that have plummeted.

Students, faculty, and staff will have the opportunity to respond to the call for blood donors on February 21, from 3 to 7 p.m., in E-Lounge.

The Master's in Occupational Therapy student club is sponsoring the blood drive.

Photo identification is required to donate blood. Walk-ins are welcome.

Job Prospects

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring an employment fair for people interested in jobs and internship opportunities in education and related fields on Tuesday, February 22, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Current students, alumni, and community members are invited to attend. Potential employers are also invited to register as participants. This is an opportunity to match jobs and internship positions with qualified personnel. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information or to register, call 708.235.3974.

CBPA Grad Programs Open House

CBPA is hosting a graduate programs open house on Saturday, February 26, 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 (MBA), management information systems, and public administration. Participants will also be able to apply for program admission. Breakfast will also be served.

For more information and to RSVP please call 708.534.4391 or e-mail BPAINFO@govst.edu.

Civic Reflection Workshop

Civic reflection creates a deeper understanding of service for individuals and community organizations. Learning civic reflection skills is also a way to develop crucial professional competencies. To increase awareness of civic reflection on campus and to improve individual civic reflection skills, GSU is sponsoring a Civic Reflections Workshop.

The workshop will be held on March 1, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Facilitators Dr. Lorri Glass, Dr. Larry Levinson, and Sheree Y. Sanderson are all members of the GSU Civic Reflection Team. The team hopes that reflective discussion strengthens the reach and effectiveness of the volunteer work that workshop participants are able to achieve.

This workshop is free and open to the public. For additional information, contact [Sheree Sanderson](#) at ext. 4552.

Meditative Minds

Maintain your peace of mind through meditation. Research shows that meditation not only helps reduce stress, anxiety, and depression, but also increases creativity. All sessions are free.

- Monday, from noon to 1, with Barb Gormley, in room D34063
- Tuesday, from 8:30 to 9:20 a.m., with Deb Majewski, in room D2442
- Thursday, from 8:30 to 9:20 a.m., with Tim Pedigo, in room D2441
- Thursday, from 3:30 to 4:20 p.m., with Maristella Zell, in room B1240

Presentation on Human Trafficking

The Illinois Social Work Field Directors' Network, in association with the GSU Social Work Department, will address the global dilemma of human trafficking on Friday, March 4. The presentation will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

The program features the screening of a short film related to the subject and a panel featuring Lisa Fedina, MSW, Rescue and Restore Project Coordinator, Illinois Department of Human Services, and Ellyce Dalberg from the Salvation Army's Stop It Program. Ashley Brooks, MA, and Robert Brooks, JD, will offer a social work and legal perspective on bonded labor in south India.

Program objectives include increasing knowledge of human trafficking; examining legal aspects and service options for victims; and identifying strategies to address the growing concern of human trafficking. Five CEUs will be offered to all licensed social workers who attend the program.

The registration deadline is February 25. Seating is limited. Attendees are encouraged to pre-register online at www.govst.edu/humantrafficking.

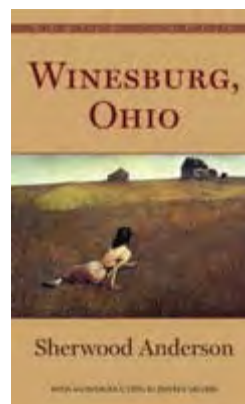
Additional information is available by contacting [JoAnne Smith](#).

Now Read the Book

GSU's One Book, One University event for the spring semester will feature *Winesburg, Ohio* by Sherwood Anderson, which served as the basis for the recent award-winning film *Chicago Heights*.

For the film, GSU associate professor Daniel Nearing and assistant professor Sanghoon Lee adapted Anderson's novel, shifting the story from rural Ohio to suburban Chicago Heights.

The One Book, One University discussion will take place Wednesday, March 9, from 5 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. President Maimon will give a brief introduction. Associate professor Rosemary Johnsen, assistant professor Christopher White, and Nearing will serve on the discussion panel.



Alumni Matters - CBPA Graduate Excels

Ryan Williamson, a 2008 GSU accounting program graduate, has received the prestigious Elijah Watt Sells Award for excellence on the Uniform CPA Examination.

The Elijah Watt Sells Award is presented annually



by the American Association of Certified Public Accountants to candidates who have obtained the 10 highest cumulative scores on all four sections of the computerized Uniform CPA Examination.

Williamson was one of 15 award winners across the country for his performance on the 2009 examination. Nationally, more than 93,000 persons sat for the examination that year.

"GSU helped me gain the skills I needed to enter the world of accounting and succeed on the CPA exam," Williamson said. "I appreciate having learned from many dedicated professors. They wanted to make sure that students not only learned the rudiments of accounting, but also could see how course concepts applied to tasks we would encounter in the workplace."

Williamson also said he appreciated GSU's flexibility in course scheduling. By taking courses at night, he was able to work as an accounting intern while finishing his accounting degree at GSU.

Williamson received a bachelor's degree in Accounting from GSU's College of Business and Public Administration. Williams is currently employed with Groskreutz, Schmidt, Abraham, Eshelman, and Gerretse in Kankakee.

ARC Open During Spring Break

The Academic Resource Center will be open for business during GSU's Spring Break, March 14 to 18. ARC staffers will be on campus to provide tutoring, counseling, and disability services.

For further information, call 708.235.7421.

Student Central is Open for Business (02-17-11)

GSU's new Student Central (D1400 in the Main Entry Atrium) is the one-stop-shop for many of the university's most popular student services.

Services will be available in the new location as follows:

- Office of Admission: Wednesday, February 16
- Interdisciplinary Studies Program (IDSS): Thursday, February 17
- Welcome Center/Information Booth: Friday, February 18
- Office of Financial Aid: Wednesday, February 23



In addition, limited cashier and academic advising services will be available in the near future. Stop by today and join the excitement.

CAS Dean Candidate on Campus

Dr. Abbey Zink, candidate for the position of CAS Dean, will be on campus on Monday, February 21. The candidate will participate in a full

day of interviews, including a public presentation on her vision for CAS. There will also be time for the audience to ask questions of the candidate.

All students, staff, and faculty are invited to the public presentation.

The public presentation by Dr. Zink ([view vitae](#)) ([view bio](#)) will be Monday, February 21, at 1:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. All attendees are asked to complete an evaluation form of Dr. Zink's presentation.

For more information, contact [Penny Perdue](#) at ext. 4130.

Root for GSU

Table Tennis returns to GSU with the Spring NCTTA Regional Tournament on Saturday, February 19. Everyone is welcome to attend, bang those thunder sticks, and cheer GSU's Table Tennis Team to another victory. The tournament is from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Recreation and Fitness Center gymnasium. Admission is free.

Happy Belated New Year



Because of the recent snow storm the celebration of the Chinese New Year was delayed. . Students, faculty, and staff are invited to join the celebration of the Year of the Rabbit on Friday, February 18, from noon to 4 p.m., in the Student Commons.

Information Session on Nursing Programs

The GSU Nursing Department will host an open house and information session for individuals interested in learning more about RN-to-BSN, Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), or Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) programs on today, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

Nursing faculty members and an advisor will be available for individual consultation. Light refreshments will be provided.

Time to Vote



Elected student representatives speak for GSU students as student senators, student trustee on the GSU Board of Trustees, and representative to IBHE. Students may vote for their representatives from February 21 through 25 at the website .

Don't forget to vote and let your voice be heard.

Research Workshop Scheduled

In another of a series of ongoing research workshops, the Health

Disparities Research program of the College of Health and Human Services will host a free program on the *Analysis of Large Data Sets*. The workshop will be held on Tuesday, February 22, from 12:30 to 3 p.m., in the Nursing Laboratory, located in the basement of the Faculty Office Center ("G Building") at GSU.

Richard T. Campbell, Ph.D., Professor of Biostatistics and Sociology in the Institute for Health Research and Policy and the School of Public Health, Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, at the University of Illinois at Chicago, will present at the workshop.

Topics included are advantages and disadvantages of using secondary data; sources of secondary data; data documentation; IRB issues, and pitfalls in analyzing complex surveys.

Boxed lunches will be provided. Space is limited to 25 attendees. To register, contact [Dr. Penny Havlicek](#) at ext. 3082.

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Campaign Celebration

The rescheduling of the Campus Community Campaign wrap up celebration gives everyone a little more time to contribute to the campaign and to participate in the drawings for great prizes. The celebration will be held on Monday, February 28, at noon, in the cafeteria. Everyone is welcome to attend. Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served.

Prizes include two GSU parking spaces valid for one year, with the winners picking the spaces; an overnight stay with dinner for two at the Empress Hotel in Joliet; brunch for four at the Odyssey Country Club in Tinley Park; and a one year membership at the GSU Recreation and Fitness Center. Everyone is eligible to participate in the drawing for prizes. Donations are not required.

Sign up today for the Campus Community Campaign. Contact your department's CCC volunteer or stop by the GSU Development Office in Room D34200.

CCC volunteers are: [Lisa Carra](#); [Kyunuk Chung](#); [Cheri Garey](#); [Adrienne Gray](#); [Mary Hession](#); [Rosemary Hulett](#); [Judy Freneau](#); [Julie Labuda](#); [Victoria Lloyd](#); [Nancy Miller](#); [Lydia Morrow Ruetten](#); [Margaret Neumann](#); [Lise Schneider](#); [Jackie Small](#); [Jessica Sprecht](#); [Jill Stanley](#); [Mike Sullivan](#); [Lori Townsend](#); [Merri Wilkerson](#); and [Ayita Woods](#).

ScholarShip – Karen Peterson, Pam Guimond, Kathy Gillespie

Dr. Karen Peterson of COE will deliver the keynote address at the Illinois New Teacher Collaborative Conference on March 2, in Springfield. The title of Peterson's address is *Continuing the Continuum*.



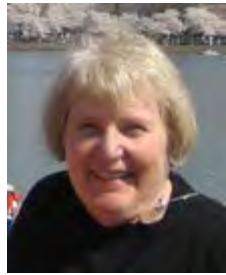
Also in March, Peterson will present at the 2011 National Association of Alternative Certification. With NAAC colleagues Dr. Judith Hayes and Dr. Nell Ingram, she will present a pre-conference workshop, *Construction the Blue Prints for*

Nontraditional Teacher Preparation Programs: Structure, Systems, and Sustainability.

At the conference, Peterson and two graduates of the GSU Alternative Certification Program, Dr. Vickie Person and Pia Conte, will present



Teachers Certified through Governors State University Alternative Certification Program Share their Experiences.



Peterson will also present at the 2011 National Association of Alternative Certification Conference with Dr. Pam Guimond of CAS in a session entitled *High Quality Teacher Preparation: Moving from Internship to Residency*.

Peterson and Kathy Gillespie, GSU Alternative Certification Assessment coordinator and adjunct faculty, are serving on the NAAC Host Committee. GSU Alternative Certification program completer, Mary Jan Kruger, music teacher in West Harvey Dixmoor District 147 and her second and third grade choir will perform at a lunch session during the NAAC Conference.

Talk About Outcomes

Although the snow storm delayed it, the conversation must go on! Faculty and staff are encouraged to join the conversation about general education outcomes for GSU undergraduates on Wednesday, February 23, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Room D34115. Discussion topics include general education goals, learning assessments, and student feedback. No preparation or RSVP required.

This meeting is sponsored by the GSU Committee on Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes (CASLP) and facilitated by members of the HLC Assessment Academy Team.

Eat Well

As part of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, the Academic Resource Center will host an informative workshop on eating disorders on Thursday, February 24, from noon to 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, call ext. 7334.

Dig Up Your Roots

The University Library is offering four genealogy workshops this spring. These workshops may be taken singly or as a series. They are free and open to the public.

Starting Your Family Tree begins the workshop series on February 24, from 2 to 4 p.m., in room D2401B. This workshop helps beginners by providing a comprehensive check list of questions to ask relatives, what documents to collect, and where to find them.

The next workshop topic is *Using FamilySearch.org in Your Genealogy Research*. Family Search is one of the fastest growing free online websites to use in the search for vital family records. Basic computer skills are required for this workshop, which will be held on March 10, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., in the Computer Lab (D2435).

The third workshop in the series, *Finding Those Vital Records in Your Genealogy Research*, is offered on March 31, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., in the Computer Lab (D2435). Participants learn how to find birth, marriage, and death certificates from indexes, online websites, county offices, and archive depositories. Basic computer skills are required for this workshop.

The final workshop on genealogy is *Breaking Down Those Brick Walls in Your Genealogy*. It is offered on April 21, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., in the Computer Lab (D2435). This workshop will help remove roadblocks that may make the discovery of valuable family information difficult. Basic computer skills are required.

Registration may be made online at the [Library workshop](#) website or by contacting [Pam Taylor](#) at ext. 7527.

Alumni Matters - Chasity Wells-Armstrong

Chasity Wells-Armstrong was recently recognized as a 2011 Emerging Leader by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Illinois Chapter. Chasity has worked in a variety of social service settings and in state government serving persons with developmental disabilities, juvenile justice and incarceration issues, substance abuse issues, homelessness, and unemployment issues.

Chasity is a NASW board member, member of Zonta International, was appointed to the Executive Committee of the NAACP (Kankakee Branch), and served as Constituent Services Director for former U.S. Representative Debbie Halvorson. Chasity received her BSW in Social work in '07 and her MSW in '08 from GSU.

Meet the Accounts Receivable and Cash Receipts Team (02-14-11)

The Accounts Receivable and Cash Receipts Team is one of three IRiS Project teams preparing for the Colleague student live simulation on March 1 and 2. AR/CR is working with the Records and Registration Team, the Financial Aid Team, and the Accounts Receivable/Cash Receipts Team so that the live simulation goes smoothly.

The live simulation requires a great deal of data preparation. Existing student demographics and payment options must be in the system when students register. The anticipated Student Registration "go live" date is April 18.



Led by Jane Siefker, Coordinator of Student Accounts in the Financial Services office, the AR/CR Team has completed four two-day training sessions – two in the fall, and two since January 1. The team's last onsite consulting session was scheduled at the

beginning of February, on days that the memorable Groundhog's Day Blizzard hit the region. Team members worked remotely with their consultant during the weather onslaught. Their final sessions are scheduled for Thursday and Friday.

The AR/CR Team is also working on creating tuition tables in the Colleague system, cash receipting, and accounts receivable, including

sponsorships. They are identifying, listing, and testing all the receivable and receipts processes. With only two weeks left to prepare for the live simulation, team members are meeting many times a week to ensure a smooth transition from our legacy system to the Colleague system.

Team members are team leader Jane Siefker, Barry Ryan, Donna Finn, Andrea Gaz, Dale Hobbs, Monique Doyle, Sharon Janssen, Lisa Kundla, Cathy Casson, David Weinberger, Janet Haan, Emma Ziems, and Heidi Yousef.

Leadership Change in Sponsored Programs and Research

At the beginning of Spring Semester 2011, Dean Linda Samson, College of Health and Human Services, completed her double duty as Interim Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Studies. In thanking her for fulfilling multiple roles, President Maimon noted that "Dean Samson oversaw a phenomenal growth in federal funding and put into place a framework on which to build a sustained campus effort to continue to increase grant funding."



Provost Allison added, "I appreciate Dean Samson's tremendous contributions and find it amazing what she was able to achieve in OSPR while managing exceptional growth in her college and contributing nationally to her profession."

Provost Allison has named Professor James "Chip" Coldren as Acting Director of the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research. Using existing funding, Coldren will build a small office of staff and student workers. OSPR will be responsible for pre and post-award grants management and, within its resource limitations, will provide increased assistance to faculty and the university to develop, apply for, and manage grants. Coldren will turn his attention immediately to time and effort accounting of grant-funded faculty and staff, and meeting the growing reporting requirements to federal agencies.



During this transition, Acting Director Coldren, as well as Penny Havlicek, Director of Administration and Operations, Center for the Care and Study of Vulnerable Populations, will be available to assist in grant development, submission, and post-award management. Dr. Becky Nugent, who also assisted in the establishment of OSPR, has resumed full-time responsibility for the Writing Center. Dean Samson's portfolio still includes leadership of GSU's Graduate Council.

Finally, part of Dr. Coldren's charge as Acting Director includes examination of different models of offices of sponsored programs and research. Working with campus constituents, he will develop a set of recommendations about future organization and staffing as GSU seeks to continue to increase its research and sponsored programs.

Weight Watchers at GSU

GSU's Department of Human Resources and the *Let's Get Fit* program

are sponsoring a special Weight Watchers open house on Tuesday, February 15. The free information session is open to all GSU faculty and staff and will take place at 12:30 p.m., in Room F1603.

Current participants in the university's Weight Watchers program have collectively lost more than 90 pounds. Contact [Ayita Woods](#) at ext. 7470 for details.

I know What You'll Do This Summer

With the change to the new academic calendar, students are reminded that summer session registration begins on March 21. This year GSU will again offer coursework at convenient times for both current and new students.

Summer classes begin on May 23 and end by August 7. Classes offered in this session are ideal for current GSU students, college students who are home for the summer, and those wishing to learn more and add to their qualifications. The courses offered during the summer vary in subject and content, providing educational opportunities for everyone.

Summer session courses can be taken on a non-degree seeking basis. Prerequisites are dependent on the course. Students who are currently suspended from GSU and/or who have an unpaid balance on their tuition will not be allowed to enroll.

For more information, visit www.govst.edu/register.

Community College Artists Compete

GSU is hosting the 2011 Illinois Community College Juried Art Exhibition, through February 26, in the Visual Arts Gallery. This exhibition celebrates the creative work of young artists. The exhibiting includes artwork from 99 students representing 16 Illinois community colleges including College of DuPage, Joliet Junior College, Kankakee Community College, Prairie State College, South Suburban College, and the City Colleges of Chicago.

Selected works will include painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, and ceramics.

Doug Stapleton, Associate Curator of Art at the Illinois State Museum Gallery in Chicago and adjunct faculty member at Columbia College, Chicago, will serve as juror of the exhibition. He will select award winners at the exhibition based on artistic merit.

A closing reception to celebrate the show and the artists and present merit awards will be held on Saturday, February 26, from 1 to 4 p.m., in E-Lounge.

The GSU Art Department will also host an open house and portfolio review at that time. The open house will showcase university programs in film, digital imaging, photography, printmaking, painting, ceramics, and art history and the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park.

Portfolio reviews will be available for any interested student. Students do not have to be exhibiting for a review. Appointments are not necessary.

The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. The Visual Arts Gallery is open Monday and Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday, from noon to 9 p.m. or by appointment. For more information or to schedule a portfolio review, call (708) 534-4021.

Babies Need Diapers

GSU students in the Social Work Student Organization (SWSO) are sponsoring *Share the Love*, collecting diapers for families in need through February 24.

Disposable diaper donations can be made to designated boxes on the campus of GSU in University Park and at the First Church of the Nazarene in Gilman. Diapers will be given to the South Suburban Family Shelter in Homewood and Women of Power in Chicago.

For more information, call 815.549.6450.

SURS Rep On Campus

SURS representative Lee Bridges will be available for counseling sessions by appointment on March 16 and 17. He will meet with scheduled employees in the CenterPoint conference room, C3300. These sessions are specifically for employees within four years of retirement who have not had a retirement estimate prepared by SURS within the last 12 months.

To set up an appointment, follow the [attached directions](#).

There will also be an opportunity to learn more about SURS during a retirement seminar conducted by a SURS representative on Thursday, March 17, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., in room D34170. Contributors to SURS are welcome.

Student Gaming Lounge (02-10-11)

Ready to take a break from studying, work, and classes? It is time to chalk that cue, wield that paddle, and have some fun! GSU now offers students, faculty, and staff the chance to relax and enjoy billiards and table tennis in the new Student Gaming Lounge. The new recreation facility is located in A-north hall on the first floor.

Balls, cues, and paddles can be checked out at the Recreation and Fitness Center service counter (A1105). A valid GSU student or employee ID card is required to check out billiard and table tennis equipment.

For more information, call 708.534.4556.

Seeking Honorary Degree Nominees

GSU's Honorary Degree Committee is soliciting nominations for recipients of an Honorary Doctoral Degree from GSU, to be awarded at June's Commencement.

Nominees must reflect the mission and values of GSU in his or her work. Also, consider how their connection to GSU might further the mission and values of the university.

Nominations should include a recommendation and justification statement. Supporting documentation and reputable biographical information may also be submitted.

The Honorary Degree Committee will consider all nominations submitted and send a list of recommended names to President Maimon and the Board of Trustees.

Please submit nominations to [Myisha Meeks](#) by Wednesday, February 16. Thank you in advance for your nominations and recommendations.

Let the Penny Wars Begin

It's time to dig out your loose change and take part in GSU's Penny Wars. The competition begins Monday, February 14 and continues through Friday, March 11.



Employees, students, and visitors may feed the banks placed around the university with pennies to support both the Civil Service Senate and Student Life. One point is earned for each penny gathered by the department. However, competing departments can sabotage a bank by adding nickels, dimes, quarters, and paper 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.

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 Lincoln doll and jumbo penny. At the end of the competition, the department with the greatest number of points will be awarded the doll and jumbo penny to display until the next Penny War.

Please note – there are a few new rules this year. All containers must have a coin slot that is at least two inches long by a quarter inch wide. All containers must be at least 50 percent clear so that any monies inside can easily be seen by all participants. No rolled coins will be accepted. All rolls must be opened and deposited as loose change.

Contact [Lynne Clayton](#) at ext. 3075 if your college, division, or department wishes to participate in Penny Wars.

African American History Month 2011

Student Life is teaming up with other campus organizations and departments to offer a variety of activities as part of GSU's observance and celebration of Black History Month.

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Information about Greek Life will be available on February 23, from 3 to 6:30 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. A Step Show will follow from 6:30 to 9 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

Minority Art: Inspiration, Obligation is the theme of an exhibit at the GSU Visual Arts Gallery on February 28, from 6 to 8 p.m. The exhibit features the work of Kehinde Wiley and other regional artists whose work reflects the African American experience.

These events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact [Sheree Sanderson](#) at ext. 4552.

Author Submissions

The University Library is hosting the Faculty Authors Reception on Wednesday, March 2, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., on the library balcony.

All university faculty are invited to display their published works of scholarship and participate in the reception. Submissions must be received by February 18 for inclusion in the bibliography.

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Career Preparation Week

Get Ready for your future during Career Preparation Week, March 8 through 10, sponsored by the Office of Career Services and the Academic Resource Center.

Career counselors will lead workshops on everything from social networking and interpersonal presentation to writing an effective resume and cover letter. Workshop topics also include preparing for an interview and practicing in a mock interview. Students will also have the opportunity to take the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator test and learn what their results indicate. Students attending any one of the workshops will be entered into a drawing for a flash drive. Refreshments will be served at the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator Seminar on March 10.

All the workshops are free and open to GSU students and alumni. For a complete list of the Career Preparation Week workshops see the Events listing in the View. For more information, contact the Office of Career Services, 708.235.3974.

Meet the Records and Registration Team (02-07-11)

IRIS Project Student Teams are busy readying the Colleague system in preparation for a "live simulation" on March 1 and 2. The Records and Registration Team along with Financial Aid Team and Accounts

Receivable/Cash Receipts Team are preparing Student Registration for a "go live" date of April 18.

Led by Michelle Smith-Williams, Registrar, and Nirmala Connor, Records Management Officer, Records and Registration Team members have completed many training sessions with their consultant. In addition, they have attended remote consulting sessions. Their two-day onsite training sessions took place in November and January and they are scheduled for training again this week on Tuesday and Wednesday.



Much data and decisions go into readying the system for students. They are working on the "rules" of the system, transcript entry, grading scheme, and the listing of all the processes for registration. The team is testing those processes and creating documentation along the way. With only three weeks to go before the live simulation, team members are meeting regularly to ensure all aspects of the student registration process are complete.

Team members are Michelle Smith-Williams, Co-Leader; Nirmala Connor, Co-Leader; Nick Battaglia; Debbie Celmer; Bonnie Gregg; Jan Haan; Bonnie Simpson; Deirdre Webb; Catherine Brady; Brenda Moore; Christina Seymour; Jeanne Hagen; and Heidi Yousef.

President on National Higher Ed Roundtable

GSU President Elaine P. Maimon this month is participating in a national initiative to boost civic learning and democratic engagement in American colleges and universities.



On February 18, Dr. Maimon will take part in a roundtable meeting in Washington, D.C. on how institutions of higher learning can become a force in building new forms of civic capacity and engagement. Citing her "strong leadership to promote civic and democratic learning and engagement," the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) invited Dr. Maimon to the roundtable at the U.S. Department of Education offices.

"Your leadership at Governors State University has put you at the nexus of some of the most innovative thinking and programmatic activity on civic and democratic engagement," AAC&U Senior Vice President Caryn McTighe Musil wrote in Dr. Maimon's invitation. The roundtable, she said, will bring together college and university presidents who have the most power, resources, and authority to influence change. Business and foundation leaders have also been invited.

During the initiative, the AAC&U is partnering with Global Perspective Institute Inc. (GPI) to advise the Department of Education on how to increase higher education's leadership in promoting civic learning and democratic engagement. Roundtable participants will have a chance to respond to a draft policy paper and to weigh in on a proposed national plan of action.

Commencement Memorable for All

More than 650 graduates walked across the stage to receive diplomas at Saturday's Commencement at the Tinley Park Holiday Inn Select and Convention Center. It was one of the largest graduation classes in GSU history and the convention center was filled with family and friends.



The graduates included GSU's second class of doctoral candidates, who received their degrees in Nursing Practices, Physical Therapy, and Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy. Their degrees were awarded to a thundering ovation at the conclusion of the Commencement ceremony.

Mac-Z Zurawski, the student speaker, said her life hasn't always been easy – she is a single mother who has worked as a garbage collector for the city of Chicago. But Zurawski, who received a Master of Arts in Political and Justice Studies, said she knows education is essential if we are to make the world a better place.



Marca Bristo, who received an honorary doctorate, asked graduates and others at Commencement to work to assure equal rights for the nation's 54 million disabled persons. Bristo, a tireless advocate for equal justice and social justice for the disabled, reminded the assembly that the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and other advancements have provided access and opportunities for the disabled, but that much work remains to be done.

Wizard at The Center

Tickets are still available for the Missoula Children's Theater presentation of *The Wizard of Oz* at The Center for Performing Arts. The curtain rises at 7 p.m., on Friday, February 11. Tickets are only \$10.



This special one hour production created by Missoula Children's Theatre features children between the ages of 5 and 13 from the region.

Tickets are available at The Center box office or by calling 708.235.2222.

Order Today



Just in time for Valentine's Day, the Civil Service Senate is selling carnations. The fresh flowers must be ordered by today and will be delivered on February 14. All orders must be paid in full at the cashier's office by February 11.

The carnations are \$1.25 per flower, \$6 for six, and \$12 for a dozen. All proceeds are used to support the programs of the Civil Service

Senate. To order, contact Kelly Robinson.

Sophisticated Ladies

The Center for Performing Arts wants to help you do something special for your Valentine this weekend. With The Center for Performing Arts' special half-price ticket sale, you and your sweetheart can enjoy a night of classic songs and romance at *Duke Ellington's Sophisticated Ladies*. The show is on Saturday, February 12, at 8 p.m.



Half-price tickets go on sale on Tuesday and are available to all GSU students, faculty, and staff at the box office or over the phone at 708.235.2222.

Read-In Tonight

The African American Read In celebrates the written word with the spoken word. Read-In participants celebrate Black History Month by reading aloud a selected excerpt from a favorite book, poem, or other literary work by an African American author.

The Read-In will be held this evening, from 6 to 8 p.m., in Sherman Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Meet the Candidates

The Student Senate candidate forum will be held Wednesday, February 9, at 3 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. This is your opportunity to meet the candidates prior to casting your vote. All students are eligible to vote. Voting is open February 21 through 25 at the website <https://eballot.votenet.com/govst>

Candidates

Andre Barnett, CBPA
Shawnta Young, CBPA
Pamela Hernandez Lombardi, CHHS
Jada Nettle, CAS
Siqi "CK" Wu, CBPA
Megan Clarke, CAS
Brendan Hollandsworth, CAS
Betty Campbell, IDSS
Lisa Wallace, COE
Anthony R. Cozzi, CAS
Adrienne Farmer, CAS
Erin Fletcher, IDSS

B2B for 2011

Brother to Brother, B2B, begins the new year with its first meeting on February 10, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

B2B offers mentoring, guidance, and support. All minority, male students are encouraged to attend.



Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact [Keith White](#) at ext. 2223.

Contributions and Contests

There is still time to contribute to the Campus Community Campaign. The Campaign continues through February 18, when prizes will be awarded and refreshments served at a noon celebration in the GSU Cafeteria.

Prizes include two GSU parking spaces for one year, with the winner picking the spaces; an overnight stay with dinner for two at the Empress Hotel in Joliet; brunch for four at the Odyssey Country Club in Tinley Park; and a one year membership at the GSU Recreation Center. Everyone is eligible to participate in the drawing for prizes. Donations are not required.

Sign up today for the Campus Community Campaign. You can contact your department's CCC volunteer or stop by the GSU Development Office in Room D34200.

CCC volunteers are: [Lisa Carra](#); [Kyunuk Chung](#); [Cheri Garey](#); [Adrienne Gray](#); [Mary Hession](#); [Rosemary Hulett](#); [Judy Freneau](#); [Julie Labuda](#); [Victoria Lloyd](#); [Nancy Miller](#); [Lydia Morrow Ruetten](#); [Margaret Neumann](#); [Lise Schneider](#); [Jackie Small](#); [Jessica Sprecht](#); [Jill Stanley](#); [Mike Sullivan](#); [Lori Townsend](#); [Merri Wilkerson](#); and [Ayita Woods](#).

Tournament Volunteers

Table Tennis returns to GSU with the Spring NCTTA Regional Tournament on February 19. Everyone is welcome to attend and cheer GSU's Table Tennis Team to another victory. The tournament is from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Recreation and Fitness Center gymnasium. Admission is free.

Volunteers are needed to serve as greeters, registration personnel, runners, and scorekeepers. You don't need to know how to play table tennis to help. All volunteers will receive a t-shirt to wear on the day of the event and are asked to pair it with black pants and tennis shoes.

Students, faculty, and staff are all eligible to volunteer. To sign up or for more information, contact [Karen Caesar Smith](#) at 708.534.6360.

Art Out & About at Union Street Gallery

The newest installment in the *ART Out & About*, the program produced and directed by Digital Learning, features Union Street Gallery in Chicago Heights and the exhibit, *Dialogue*. The exhibit includes paintings paired with a juried exhibition of sculptures. The program

focuses on the gallery, the show, and insights into the jurying and hanging process.

Show host Geoff Bates, Director of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park, goes "behind the scenes" to watch the hanging and placement of sculpture and paintings, talks to the show's curator, Marikay Witlockand, and gallery's administrator, Jessica Freudenberg. There are interviews with the artists and the designer of the large, animated, window display currently on view in front of the gallery. In a studio segment, Bates talks with Bob Emser, an internationally recognized sculptor and juror for the show.

ART Out & About is a regular video series produced on location and in the media studios of Digital Learning. Production of the program involves students from GSU's media program as camera, audio, and a variety of crew positions. Students involved in this production include Leia Chapman, Barbara Hogu, Robert Nemitz, Araceli Sharper, and Josh Young.

The program will air during *The Educator*, on Comcast channel 26, in most areas, on
February 8 at 10:30 p.m.
February 9 at 6:30 p.m.
February 10 at 6:30 a.m.
February 11 at 4:30 a.m.
February 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Diapers Needed

GSU students in the Social Work Student Organization (SWSO) are sponsoring *Share the Love*, collecting diapers for families in need through February 24.

Disposable diaper donations can be made to designated boxes on the campus of GSU in University Park and at the First Church of the Nazarene in Gilman. Diapers will be given to the South Suburban Family Shelter in Homewood and Women of Power in Chicago.

For more information, call 815.549.6450.

