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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

Fall 2011 Registration Date Change (03-31-11)

Fall 2011 Registration dates have changed. Registration will now begin on Monday, June 6 and continue until August 27.

The university is moving to a new online registration system; beginning for the Fall semester, students will be able to register by using the new myGSU portal. The date change for fall registration will help ensure that students are provided with an optimal user experience when they log into the new system.

Initially, only student registration will be available in the new system. However financial aid and student account functionality will be available in July. Additional features will be added over the 2011-2012 academic year.

Students will receive additional communication via mail, e-mail, and other electronic mediums. Faculty and staff received a memo from President Elaine P. Maimon on Monday, formally noting the new date for the beginning of fall registration. Online tutorials and help documents will provide all users with step by step instructions for the new online registration process, as well as other uses for myGSU.

Download [President Maimon's Memo](#).

Sculpture returns to GSU

Spiral has returned to the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. The piece, a masterwork by Australian-American sculptor Clement Meadmore, was removed from NMSP for conservation work. On Wednesday, it returned to campus, and in a new location.

Vector Custom Fabricating Co. of Chicago supervised the conservation. The firm is known for creating high-end architectural detail work for exclusive Chicago projects, such as the Poetry Foundation's new building, as well as for area sculptors. After assessing *Spiral*'s condition, Vector and NMSP determined that major sections of the sculpture should be replaced.

Following the conservation work, *Spiral* is returning to the sculpture park with bright orange in sections where the original Cor-Ten steel was replaced. NMSP Director and Curator Geoffrey Bates says the new

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material will quickly rust to match the "mauve-lavender-brown" patina on the rest of the sculpture.

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

Spiral is also being sited in a new location, near the turn-off from the main drive just south of GSU's north entrance entrance. The new location provides greater visibility for visitors and easier accessibility during NMSP tours.

Spiral was a gift of the Art Institute of Chicago through a prior gift of Montgomery Ward and Co.

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

Advice From the Principals

A panel of six area school principals, all GSU graduates, shared advice last week with Educational Administration graduate students at a College of Education internship seminar.

Panelists shared their perspectives on the role of the school principal in a question and answer session designed to help Educational Administration students better understand the top job at elementary and high schools.

A sample question: as a principal, how do you lead teachers in content areas or grade levels outside your own experiences as a teacher? Panelists said principals must learn to trust their teachers, work with teacher leaders, show passion for the job, and "work like heck to scale yourself up" as quickly as possible.

Panelists included Jim Duggan, principal at Nathan Hale Primary and Intermediate Elementary Schools in South Cook District 130; Maricela Ruiz, principal at Griffin Early Childhood Center in Chicago Heights School District 170; Joe Matise, assistant principal and athletic director at Washington School in District 170; Dorith Johnson, co-principal at Thornridge High School in Thornton High School District 205; Tony Ratliff, principal at Thornton High School in District 205; and Beth Reich, principal at Quin School in North Palos School District 117. The panel was led by Dr. John Cook, Assistant Professor of Educational Administration.



DrOT Information Session
June 30
2 p.m.
G127

Gender Matters Conference

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Conference attendees must register by April 5. Discounted registration rates are available for students. The registration fee, (\$25 for students, \$40 other attendees) includes access to all conference proceedings, including paper and panel presentations, keynote address, continental breakfast, lunch, and post conference reception (cash bar).

The GSU Gender Matters Conference is sponsored by CAS. For more information and to register, visit the [Gender Matters](#) website or call 708.235.7493.

Oui Oui Pierre



Intrepid traveller and GSU View co-editor Lindsay Gladstone vacationed in England and France over the past two weeks. As always, GSU's unofficial mascot Pierre the Penguin was by her side. Our trusty travel sidekick was seen trying to get an invitation to William and Kate's nuptials. Turned away by a guard in a furry hat, Pierre ventured into the French countryside undaunted. That's

where he was caught in this photo near a country chalet.

Question of Safety

In the interest of personal safety as well as preservation of GSU property, FDM would like to remind the GSU community that moving of furniture, equipment, or other permanent objects by persons other than FDM staff is strictly prohibited. Doing so may subject the college, unit, or sponsoring organization to a grievance charge with monetary consequences. Only items with rollers/casters may be moved within a classroom or office.

Meanwhile, in the Vending Machines...

New options are available at vending machines around campus. Starbucks canned coffee drinks are now available in vending areas on the third floor of C and D wings and on the second floor of E wing. Rockstar energy drinks are also available in various machines.

Look for new Mountain Dew flavors in machines near the main cafeteria. More healthy snack options have also been added.

The Cafeteria has added several fun options in the Grab and Go cooler, such as strawberry flavored milk and Jello cups with fruit.

Curriculum and Faculty Information Team Reaches Milestone (03-28-11)

As reported in GSU View last week, Curriculum and Faculty Information Team Co-Leaders Colleen Rock and Bonnie Simpson have completed a milestone. All Fall 2011 courses are now loaded into the Colleague system's Production environment. Courses loaded into the Production environment will be ready for students when this feature of the new Colleague system goes live in June for the Fall 2011 registration. Colleague will soon replace GSU's legacy system (Jenzebar CX).



After completing this daunting task, Rock and Simpson have handed the leadership of the CFI Team to Veronica Hunt and Jill Stanley of the GSU Provost's Office. In addition, a new team has evolved – the Curriculum and Faculty Information Maintenance Team. The newly morphed team will complete the course section entry, assign sections to faculty, check and

validate student demographic records, enter prerequisites into all courses, and verify rules for class restrictions. While readying and entering data, the team is also testing processes and creating documentation along the way.

New CFI Maintenance Team members are Cindy Matthias, Karen Sinwelski, Pat Smith, Laura Owens, Dione Wofford, Gail Mosier, Rhonda Jackson, Renee Zdych, and Carol Machura.

Current implementation members who will stay on the CFI Maintenance Team are Co-Leaders Veronica Hunt and Jill Stanley, Bonnie Lunde, Jackie Johnson, Belinda Hudson, Andrea DalPalo, Ilene Baldwin, Debra Kappel, Heidi Yousef, Colleen Rock (ex-officio) and Bonnie Simpson (ex-officio).

Intellectual Life Grants for Fall Semester Offered

Applicants for Intellectual Life Grants have until April 22 to make their case for worthwhile events during the Fall 2011 semester.

GSU's Intellectual Life Committee is again offering grants of up to \$500 for events that promote and increase awareness of the arts, humanities, and other intellectual topics of universal interest. Possible events might include lecture series, faculty research salons, workshops, panel discussions, exhibits, presentations in local communities, and field trips.

Events for the fall semester should take place between September 14 and December 2. The primary audience for these events is GSU students, although the events should be open to all members of the GSU community and the region.

GSU staff and faculty, as well as enrolled GSU students with a faculty collaborator, are invited to apply using the [Intellectual Life Grant Application](#). Events must be promoted as sponsored by the GSU Intellectual Life Committee in addition to any other sponsors.

Selection Criteria include:

- Comparative analysis between grant projects presented

- Value to the GSU community in terms of intellectual life
- Strategies for promoting the event
- Completion of the event within Fall 2011 Semester
- Feasibility of the project based on the support of this grant plus any other sources of funding, and
- Grant funding may not be used to compensate GSU employees or purchase hardware or software.

Submit applications to Diane Dates Casey by April 22. Award winners will be notified by May 6.

Leave a Legacy



The Class of 2011 is leaving a legacy of their achievement and success at GSU. This year's class gift will help provide educational opportunities through the GSU Promise.

Each 2011 graduate is asked to give \$20.11 to the class gift. Free piggy banks will help graduates save the amount. Banks can be picked up at Salute to Grads, on April 6 and 7, in the Hall of Governors, and in the Development Office, room D34200, beginning

April 8.

Banks filled with the \$20.11 contribution should be returned to the Development Office by May 6.

Members of the Class of 2011 may also contribute directly to the class gift at any time. Contributions are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. For more information, call 708.235.2188.

Salute to Spring 2011 Grads

Students participating in the Spring Commencement Ceremony on June 4 are encouraged to attend Salute to Grads on April 6 and 7, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Students can be measured for cap and gown, have professional graduation photos taken, review class ring options, sign up for the graduate picnic celebration, receive a discount on alumni items from Follett Bookstore, and benefit from additional services and information.

Substitute Teacher Prep Workshop

To help develop successful substitute teachers, GSU is sponsoring a daylong Substitute Teacher Academy with Resources on April 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Many school districts are in need of qualified substitute teachers. This workshop will help experienced and new substitutes increase their knowledge and skills.

The academy will teach substitute teachers what to expect when they take over a classroom, what to do in an emergency, how to maintain classroom control, and how to follow the teacher's lesson plans. It will also provide ideas and activities both new and experienced subs can adapt and use in any school and any grade.

The registration fee is \$50, which includes lunch and all materials. Seating is limited to 40 registrants. Advance registration is required.

Call 708.534.4024.

Cinema Speaks - Ignatyi Vishnevetsky

The GSU Honors Program continues its special community lecture series with *Cinema Speaks to Change*, a presentation by Ignatyi Vishnevetsky, film critic and co-host of *Ebert Presents* on WTTW, on Wednesday, April 6, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

The GSU Honors Program community lecture series, *Rhythms and Currents: Changes and Directions*, is designed to provide information and encourage discussion of current global and regional issues and interests. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Commencement Approaching - Submit Your Forms (03-24-11)

As Spring 2011 Commencement week nears, participants need to order regalia for the Commencement and Doctoral Hooding ceremonies. Faculty, professional staff, and administrators need to submit participation and regalia order forms by Friday, April 8.

Commencement will take place Saturday, June 4, at 11 a.m. at the Tinley Park Convention Center. The Doctoral Hooding ceremony is slated for Thursday, June 2, at 6:30 p.m. in GSU's Center for the Performing Arts.

Faculty, professional staff and administrators play an important role in the success of our graduates, and a successful Commencement. All are invited and welcomed to participate in Commencement Week activities. GSU will provide academic attire for faculty, professional staff and administrators who do not have their own cap, gown, and hood.

A Regalia Order Form is attached for use by those of you who did not previously submit one. If you are not sure of your height or cap size, contact Karen Caesar-Smith, Commencement Coordinator, at 708.534.6360 to make an appointment to be measured.

Please complete the [Participation Form](#) and if needed, the [Regalia Order Form](#), electronically or hard copy, and submit to the Advancement Office, Room G325, by Friday, April 8 to ensure timely shipping and delivery from Oak Hall Cap and Gowns, Inc.

If you are participating in the Doctoral Hooding ceremony, regalia attire will be available for pickup in the Center for Performing Arts. If you are participating in Commencement, regalia attire will be available for pickup at the Tinley Park Convention Center on the day of the ceremony. Specific robing rooms for faculty, professional staff, and administrators at both events will be announced at a later date.

Participating faculty, professional staff and administrators will be given one ticket for a guest, if requested.

Eat Healthy at GSU Cafeteria

GSU Dining Services is introducing more options that fit in with healthy lifestyles for busy people.

Starting next week, the Cafeteria will include nutritional information on most entrees. Nutritional information will list calories, calories from fat, total fat and saturated fat, cholesterol, sodium, carbohydrates, dietary fiber, and protein. Labels for all Grab and Go items will also list pricing, calories, fat, and other nutritional information.

Dining Services is introducing new healthy options entrees that change daily to keep customers fit and satisfied.

New signage will alert diners to foods that are heart healthy or vegetarian/vegan items. Foods with a heart-shaped icon will indicate that they meet the American Heart Association's guidelines for fat intake, with less than 30 percent of overall calories coming from fat. An icon with a V-shaped symbol on a yellow background will indicate a vegetarian or vegan item, or that it can be "Made Fresh for You."

New "Fresh for You" items are being added to the menu: pad thai, piping hot pitas, sizzling aalads, and new twists on old favorites like pesto and sun-dried tomatoes at the macaroni and cheese station.

In the coming weeks, Dining Services plans to expand its menu on special occasions with recipes from the guest chefs and GSU staff.

Spring Commencement Student Speaker

Recognize a worthy, exemplary, soon-to-be graduating student! Nominations are now being accepted for the Student Speaker for the Spring Commencement ceremony, to be held on Saturday, June 4.

Nomination forms are available at the [Student Life website](#). Both nomination forms must be completed and sent to [Sheree Sanderson](#) no later than Friday, April 15. Students must be available for an interview on April 29, from noon to 5 p.m.

39 Steps of Thrills and Laughter

GSU's Center for Performing Arts is offering a special deal for Saturday's one-night-only performance of *Alfred Hitchcock's The 39 Steps*.

Buy one, get one free tickets for the Tony Award-winning play will be available from 10 a.m. Friday, March 25 to 7 p.m. Saturday, March 26. You can visit The Center's box office or call 708.235.2222 to take advantage of the offer.

This play, presented at 8 p.m. Saturday, is a comic, suspenseful retelling of Hitchcock's classic film *The 39 Steps*. The play is sponsored by First Midwest Bank.

Hitchcock's film version of *The 39 Steps* will be shown at a free screening – complete with popcorn – on Friday, March 25, at 7 p.m., in Hall of Honors. Following the film, a panel will discuss the film's comedic and thrilling aspects, and the hidden meanings in Hitchcock's work. Admission is free, but call the box office for reservations.

Panelists include GSU Assistant Professor Rosemary Johnson, GSU instructor Tinker Parker, and The Center for Performing Arts Director Burt Dikelsky. This event is sponsored by the GSU Intellectual Life Committee.

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Meet the Curriculum and Faculty Information Team (03-21-11)

After months of preparation, the Curriculum and Faculty Information Team (CFI) has started entering Fall, 2011 courses and sections into the new Colleague system. In addition, team members are working to enter all faculty information into the system beginning today.



Since the start of the IRIS Project, Co-Leaders Colleen Rock, Assistant to the Associate VP of SAAS, and Bonnie Simpson, Assistant to the Registrar, have met demanding challenges in bringing the CFI Team to this milestone. In the past months, the CFI Team has attended many training sessions as well as "remote consulting" sessions. They also meet weekly and sometimes daily to complete their tasks.

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CAS Dean Candidates – Hill and Vess

Two CAS Dean candidates will be on campus this week. Each candidate will participate in a full day of interviews, including a public presentation on their vision for CAS. There will also be time for the audience to ask the candidates questions.

All students, staff, and faculty are invited to the public presentation. All attendees are asked to complete an evaluation form after each presentation.

The public presentation by Dr. Reinhold Hill will be Tuesday, March 22, at 1 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

[Download Hill Bio](#) / [Download Hill Vitae](#)

The public presentation by Dr. Deborah Vess will be Wednesday, March 23, at 1 p.m., in D34115.

[Download Vess Bio](#) / [Download Vess Vitae](#)

Gender Matters Conference at GSU

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Paralympic Athlete Shares His Story

Actor, patient advocate, and Paralympic athlete John Siciliano will discuss his life-altering accident and the road to recovery and success

at an appearance on Monday, April 11, at 11 a.m., in Sherman Recital Hall. The presentation is free and open to the entire GSU community.



Siciliano, originally from Pittsburgh, was a student and the captain of his college soccer team in the summer of 1993, when he was riding in a Jeep that was struck by a drunk driver. Following the accident, his right leg was amputated above the knee. Still, he worked hard to excel as an athlete, receiving tremendous support from his physical therapist and prosthetist. In 1996, he broke the 200-meter record at the Paralympic trials and was named to the U.S. Paralympic team.

For the past 14 years, Siciliano has been a national patient advocate. Siciliano travels the country speaking to healthcare professionals about prosthetics, and how important the team approach was to his success as a world-class athlete.

Siciliano has received numerous awards for his athletic achievements and for his work as patient advocate. As an actor, he has appeared in a number of movies and TV shows, including *NCIS*, *ER*, and *Scrubs*. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife Amy, a GSU graduate.

More information about Siciliano's appearance is available by contacting Dr. Robbie O'Shea at 708.235.3994.

The Olympic Way

Achieving goals – the Olympic way – takes center stage at a professional development meeting this week at GSU.

The session, *Setting and Achieving Personal and Professional Goals: The Art and Science of Goal Setting Used by Olympic Athletes* takes place Tuesday, March 22, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the Hall of Honors.

Randy Warren, coach of the 2010 USA Cycling Large Team of the Year, will discuss the mechanics of setting goals and the methodology used to achieve those goals.

The program is sponsored by the Chicago chapter of APICS, the American Production and Inventory Control Society, in collaboration with GSU's College of Business and Public Administration.

Cost of the program is \$25, which includes dinner. Register at the [APICS Chicago](#) web address.

PT Open House

The Physical Therapy Department will host an open house for individuals interested in learning more about the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) and Transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy (t-DPT) degree programs on Tuesday, April 7, from 4 to 7:30 p.m., in room D34000.

GSU's entry level DPT degree is targeted to students interested in starting a career in physical therapy. The advanced t-DPT is for clinicians who are already licensed and have at least one year of clinical experience.

Advisors and faculty will be on hand for individual consultation and laboratory tours will be available. Light refreshments will be provided.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Mary Tracy at 708.534.7290.

Women Meeting Today's Challenges

Today's women are complex, multifaceted, and dynamic individuals who don't want to be boxed into simple categories like "housewife" or "career woman." Today's women want the freedom to choose what defines them.

Join the discussion about challenges facing today's women at the Women's History Month workshop, on Wednesday, March 23 from noon to 1 p.m. in Room B1241. You'll hear about the challenges facing women attempting to balance work, family, and other issues in our complex world and you'll be able to share your ideas on how to best meet those challenges.

The GSU Academic Resource Center sponsors the workshop, which is free and open to members of the university community. Refreshments will be served.

Further information is available at 708.235.7334.

Panel on the Middle East

The GSU Honors Program is hosting *Community Teach-In: Changes and Directions in the Middle East*, on Tuesday, March 22, from 5 to 7 p.m., in E-Lounge.

The panel discussion will investigate the causes and impact of recent events in the Middle East. It is free and open to the public.

Discussion panel members include Dr. Donald Culverson, Professor of Political and Justice Studies at GSU; Dr. Larry Levinson, Professor of Political and Justice Studies at GSU; Dr. Khalil Marrar, Professor of Political Science at DePaul University; Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab, Executive Director, Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-Chicago); and Dr. Farouk Shaaban, Professor of Business Administration at GSU.

"The situation in the Middle East is changing daily. It is important to understand what is happening half a world away not only for its impact on the United States, but because it represents a major shift in the political character of a key part of the world," says Levinson, who is also coordinator of the GSU Honors Program.

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Qualitative Research Workshop Scheduled

In another of a series of ongoing research workshops hosted by the Health Disparities Research program of the College of Health and Human Services, a free program on *Qualitative Research* will be presented on Thursday, March 31, 2011, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. in Room B2200 at GSU.

The workshop will be presented by Lisa Sharp, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Psychology in Medicine, Health Promotion Research, Department of Medicine, University of Illinois at Chicago.

Topics include: Coding, digital components, design issues, ethical considerations, and software for analysis.

Boxed lunches will be provided. Space is available for only 25 attendees.

To RSVP, please contact [Penny Havlicek](#) at ext. 3982.

Meat Alternatives

The GSU Wellness Club will host an informational table on meatless diets on Wednesday, March 23, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Hall of Governors. *Meatout* is an international education campaign to help people learn about a wholesome, compassionate diet of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains.

Everyone is invited to visit the information table to learn more.

Copyright Essentials CD-ROM

The CD-ROM, *Copyright Essentials for Faculty: Copyright For Classroom Teaching*, is now available for three-day check-out in the Library's Reserve Collection. The CD-ROM can be requested at the Library's Circulation Desk. This is the pre-recorded webinar which the University Copyright Committee recently viewed.

CAS Cruises to Penny Wars Victory (03-17-11)

The cherished Abraham Lincoln doll and giant penny are headed to the College of Arts and Sciences dean's office following a convincing victory by CAS in this year's GSU Penny Wars.

CAS finished the competition with 18,778 points, nearly twice as much as the nearest competitor, the College of Business and Public Administration. CBPA and the College of Health and Human Services made a final push at the end of the competition but couldn't come close to



CAS. The GSU Library also collected a handsome sum of money but much of it was in silver coins and paper, which sent the Library deep into negative territory.

A total of \$547.40 was collected in this year's Penny Wars. It will be split between Student Life and the Civil Service Senate.

Many thanks and kudos to all who played, especially to the top three earners. A special thanks goes out to Andrea Dal Polo and Lynne Clayton, who had to lug all those pennies to the bank each week.

The final Penny Wars vote totals:

3rd Floor: -275

Centerpoint: 173

CHHS: 1,956

CAS: 18,778

CBPA: 9,863

COE: 816

Financial Services: 135

HR: 925

Institutional Advancement: 3,237

Library: -1,413

Student Life: 1,155

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"The situation in the Middle East is changing daily. It is important to understand what is happening half a world away not only for its impact on the United States, but because it represents a major shift in the political character of a key part of the world," says Levinson, who is also coordinator of the GSU Honors Program.

This program is part of the GSU Honors Program community lecture series, *Rhythms and Currents: Changes and Directions*, is designed to provide information and encourage discussion of current global and regional issues and interests. It is free and open to the public.

Assessing math and writing skills

Faculty members will discuss exams and rubrics that assess undergraduate math and writing skills at a Wednesday, March 23 conversation session. The session takes place from 3 to 4 p.m. in Room D34115.

Discussion topics include:

- Which exams/rubrics are used to assess math/writing in GSU undergraduate programs and courses?
- Does the current directed self-placement in math/writing lead to optimal outcomes for GSU undergraduates?
- Are there alternatives to directed self-placement in math/writing that could lead to similar or better outcomes?
- What benefits and difficulties exist to developing and implementing a university-wide rubric/examination to assess undergraduate math/writing skills?

No preparation or RSVP is required for the session. The conversation is sponsored by the GSU Committee on Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes (CASLO) and will be facilitated by members of the HLC Assessment Academy Team.

New Business Reply Format Required

The U.S. Postal Service is making an important change to the format of its business reply mail that will impact many campus departments. Beginning on May 1, all currently printed business reply and courtesy reply envelopes will no longer be useable by the university or its constituents.

The format changes include the addition of an Intelligent Mail Barcode above the address block. The USPS will also not accept modifications to older envelopes (i.e. placing labels over the current design elements).

Please begin working with your department heads immediately to take stock of current inventory and plan for redesign and reprinting needs. Once you've determined your needs, please contact the Office of Public

Affairs to begin the redesign/reorder process.

GSU's Public Affairs, Graphics, and Auxiliary Services departments will work to ensure that the campus' needs are met prior to the May 1, 2011 deadline.

Women Meeting Today's Challenges

Today's women are complex, multifaceted, and dynamic individuals who don't want to be boxed into simple categories like "housewife" or "career woman." Today's women want the freedom to choose what defines them.

Join the discussion about challenges facing today's women at the Women's History Month workshop, on Wednesday, March 23 from noon to 1 p.m. in Room B1241. You'll hear about the challenges facing women attempting to balance work, family, and other issues in our complex world and you'll be able to share your ideas on how to best meet those challenges.

The GSU Academic Resource Center sponsors the workshop, which is free and open to members of the university community. Refreshments will be served.

Further information is available at 708.235.7334.

The 39 Steps in Film

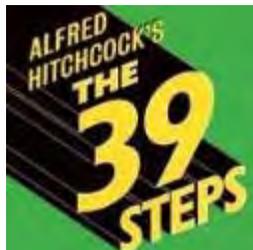
The film version of *The 39 Steps* will be shown at a free screening – complete with popcorn – on Friday, March 25, at 7 p.m., in Hall of Honors. Following the film, a panel will discuss the film's comedic and thrilling aspects, and the hidden meanings in Alfred Hitchcock's work.

Panelists include GSU Associate Professor Rosemary Johnsen, GSU instructor Tinker Parker, and The Center for Performing Arts Director Burt Dikelsky. This event is sponsored by the GSU Intellectual Life Committee.

Hitchcock's The 39 Steps at the CPA

GSU is hosting a thrilling and funny celebration of the Alfred Hitchcock film, *The 39 Steps*.

Key to the festivities is the Tony Award-winning Broadway hit play, *Alfred Hitchcock's The 39 Steps*, at The Center for Performing Arts for one night only, March 26, at 8 p.m.



This comic, suspenseful retelling of Hitchcock's classic film *The 39 Steps*, is full of laughs and thrills as a wrongly-accused hero crosses England to clear his name, only to encounter murderous spies, an icy blonde, and other unforgettable characters. The action never stops as four actors perform 150 parts in this highly-acclaimed show.

Tickets are \$31, \$39, and \$46, and are available by visiting www.centertickets.net or calling 708.235.2222. *Alfred Hitchcock's The*

39 Steps is sponsored by First Midwest Bank.

Interoffice Envelopes

Somewhere out there, beneath the fluorescent lights, empty, unused interoffice envelopes are languishing, waiting for the day when they can be used again. Don't let them fade away with disuse.

Send your unwanted interoffice envelopes to the Mail Room for redistribution to other, envelope-deprived departments. Let's put these envelopes to work!

URG Deadline

University Research Grants (URGs) 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.

[Download the URG Application 2011](#)

Criminal Justice Jobs

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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.

Collecting Cell Phones for Our Troops

Student Life is collecting all makes and models of cell phones, chargers, and accessories to help U.S. Armed Forces personnel. Drop off your donations at the Welcome Center located at Student Central, room D1400, weekdays, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Donations will be collected until May 31 and will be used to purchase calling cards for U.S. troops.

Support our troops and recycle those old phones. For more information, call Student Life at 708.534.4550.

Safety Issue

In the interest of personal safety as well as preservation of GSU property, FDM would like to remind the GSU community that moving of furniture, equipment, and other large items by persons other than FDM

staff is strictly prohibited. Doing so may subject the college, unit, or sponsoring organization to a grievance charge with monetary consequences. Only items with rollers/casters may be moved within a classroom/office.

Copyright Regulation Webinar

Join members of the University Copyright Committee in viewing the pre-recorded webinar, *Copyright Regulation and Fair Use* on Tuesday, March 22, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, or Wednesday, March 30, from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Both sessions will be in D2401C in the Library.

Employee Honors

The Employee of the Month recognizes the outstanding service of a GSU Civil Service employee. Each year, employees who are selected for the monthly honor are eligible for the Civil Service Employee of the Year Recognition.

The GSU community is reminded that nominations can be made by completing the nomination form and returning it to Stephanie Juarez in the Human Resources by the 23rd of each month.

Each nomination will be considered by the Employee of the Month Committee.

[View Employee of the Month Award Criteria](#)

[Download Employee of the Month Nomination Form](#)

BOT Meeting Recap 03-11-11 (03-14-11)

Undergraduate tuition rates at GSU for the 2011-2012 academic year will increase by 2.5 percent. At Friday's meeting, the university's Board of Trustees unanimously approved tuition rates for the upcoming school year.

GSU is the first Illinois state university to approve tuition rates for 2011-2012. It is likely that the state's other public universities will increase their tuition for the coming year and that GSU will again be one of the state's most affordable universities.

Under GSU's new undergraduate rates for Illinois and Indiana residents, tuition is \$243 a credit hour, up from \$237 an hour. In-state tuition for graduate students varies from program to program, with 2011-2012 rates increasing between 2.4 and 2.7 percent.

The Board of Trustees also approved a \$5 per semester increase in the Parking, Walkways, and Transportation Fee.

In other business, the Board of Trustees approved a 2.5 percent salary increase for non-negotiated administrative, professional, and civil service employees. The pay increase goes into effect July 1. The increase covers non-negotiated employees who are not members of the President's Executive Leadership Team – vice presidents and deans. Excluded from this action are employees under the Illinois Department of Children and Family Service's contract with GSU.

The Board of Trustees has entered into collective bargaining agreements, effective until 2013, with five of the university's six unions. All employees covered under these collective bargaining contracts will also receive a 2.5 percent salary increase July 1. The final contract for the sixth union, the Fraternal Order of Police, will be presented to the Board for approval at the Board's June meeting.

Trustees approved a resolution calling for the name of the University Park Metra station to be changed to "University Park/Governors State University." Adding GSU to the name is expected to make it easier for students, faculty, and staff commuting to the university to use the commuter train station. In addition, a number of people use Metra to attend shows at The Center for Performing Arts. Renaming the station is also expected to promote both GSU and University Park as an important destination point in Chicago's Southland.

The University Park Village Board endorsed the name change in February and the Metra Board is expected to take up the request next month.

In other action Friday:

- Board Chair Lorine Samuels thanked Facilities Development and Management for responding so quickly and effectively to the February blizzard that shut down GSU for two days. She also praised the university's Emergency Response Team for wisely deciding to close the campus and doing a good job of informing the GSU community about their decision.
- Vice President for Institutional Advancement Joan Vaughan gave a report on new marketing strategies that will be implemented in the near future. The strategies include a new slogan for promoting the university, "Success by Degrees," and revised versions of the GSU logo that include color.
- Trustees approved Professor Emeritus status for Dr. Marcus Ahmed, a former faculty member in the College of Education.
- Trustees approved a construction contract with Excel Electric, of Frankfort, for exterior lighting work. The project includes the removal and replacement of exterior lights for the main entry drive and other areas on campus, and the installation of new poles, conduit, pull boxes, and wire.
- Trustees approved a change order to the performance contract with Energy Systems Group for the installation of a wind turbine on campus.

Pierre on Spring Break

Pierre, GSU's favorite penguin, loves to travel and plans to spend some of next week's Spring Break eyeing places to go this summer. Meanwhile, he's looking over some favorite destinations closer to home during GSU's first-ever Spring Break.

1. **Taking a dip.** Pierre will head to GSU's Recreation and Fitness Center – and especially the pool – to work off some of this winter's unwanted avoirdupois.

2. **Back to the park.** After a long winter, there's nothing like that first spring trip to the



Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. He's a big fan of Phoenix, a bird-related work. Pierre reminds all non-penguins to wear waterproof boots at this time of year.

3. **Sweet sounds.** On Saturday, March 19, Pierre is recommending a trip to [The Center for Performing Arts](#) to hear songstress Ava Logan.

4. **Sweet tastes.** Pierre's French-Canadian relatives have been making maple syrup for generations. See how it's done at the [Dunes National Lakeshore Maple Syrup Festival](#) on March 12 and 13. Free.

5. **Get your Irish on.** A few days each year, our feathered friend likes to think of himself as Pierre O' Penguin. Look for Pierre in his distinctive kilt at Sunday's [Tinley Park Irish Parade](#), which starts at 2 p.m. along Oak Park Avenue.

6. **House of glass.** It won't be green outside for a few more weeks but it's always green inside at the [Garfield Park Conservatory](#), one of Chicago's great attractions. Giant palms and cacti under the same glass roof as exotic plants from around the planet. Free.



7. **Night hike.** The [Will County Forest Preserve District](#) is sponsoring a Pie in the Sky walk from 6 to 8 p.m. March 17 at Thorn Creek Nature Center, located about a mile from GSU. Participants get a piece of homemade pie after the walk. Pierre, a pie-loving penguin, is very interested. \$5 per person or \$15 per family.

8. **Hello Dali.** Pierre also likes the Modern Wing at the [Art Institute of Chicago](#), an easy trip north on Metra's Electric Line. Thursdays are free from 5 to 8 p.m.

9. **Perked up.** How about one more trip on Metra, this time to hear [LePercolator](#)? It's described as a "hipster gypsy jazz" ensemble, at the Chicago Cultural Center on Friday, March 18 at 12:15 p.m. Free.

10. **Open for business.** Pierre also wants to remind you that campus offices will be open during Spring Break, as well as the [Library](#), [Academic Resource Center](#), and [Writing Center](#).

Pierre photos courtesy of Karen Kissel and Provost Terry Allison.

Final Day of Battle

Today is the final day of the 2011 Penny Wars. Don't forget to deposit your pennies in the jars for a positive addition to that department's total or sabotage another department by adding silver and bills to their jar.



Remember all funds collected support Civil Service Senate programs and scholarships. The winner will be announced next week.

Celebrate Cues and Paddles

The new GSU Student Gaming Lounge is now open. The Student Senate is sponsoring a grand opening celebration – complete with pizza and games of pool and table tennis. Everyone is welcome to join the celebration on March 10, from 2 to 5 p.m.

The new Student Gaming Lounge is located in the lower level of A wing, north of the Rec and Fitness Center. Check out this new GSU facility, savor the pizza, and try your hand with cue and paddle.

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For more information or to register, call 708.235.3974.

In Addition...

Brendan Hollandsworth has been elected to another term on the GSU Student Senate. The new GSU Student Senate will be installed April 5, at the Student Senate meeting. The new senators' term of office runs from April, 2011 until April 2012.

Social Work Students - Advocacy Day 2011

GSU Social Work students were out in full force to support Social Work Advocacy Day in Springfield last week.

GSU tied for first place with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for the greatest number of students participating in the day's events with 119 students attending.



Coordinating the event with members and officers of the GSU Social Work Student Organization was Phyllis West, Ph.D., MPH, MSW, Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Work. Accompanying West were colleagues

Lorri Glass, Ph.D., LCSW, ACSW, Assistant Professor in the Social Work Department and Bachelor of Social Work Program Coordinator, and Asabi Yakini, Ph.D., a lecturer in the Social Work Department.

Commenting on the day's events, Dr. West said, "In addition to learning about urgent financial matters impacting human service organizations, throughout the day students demonstrated an amazing school spirit and a desire to learn more about policy."

According to the Executive Director of the Illinois Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Joel L. Rubin, MSW, CAE, writing on the NASW-IL website, "Our large numbers could not have come at a more important time: serious issues of budget cuts to human services ... are a significant area of focus, in addition to implementation of healthcare reform in Illinois and Medicaid reform in the state."

Thanks were extended to Sheree Sanderson, Director of Student Engagement and College Relations, who provided support services for the trip, and helped secure a second bus needed to transport the large GSU contingent.

ScholarShip – Patty Fu-Giles

In February, Dr. Patty Fu-Giles, assistant professor of chemistry, was invited by the chemistry department of Northern Illinois University to give a seminar on *Nanoencapsulated Drug-Carrying System for Photodynamic Antimicrobial Chemotherapy*. Fu-Giles presented her research on combining photodynamic therapy with nanotechnology to cure chronic wounds. She will also present on this subject at Southern Illinois University later this semester.

Meatout

The GSU Wellness Club will host an informational table on meatless diets on March 23, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Hall of Governors. Meatout is an international education campaign to help people learn about a wholesome, compassionate diet of fruits, vegetables and whole grains.

Everyone is invited to visit the information table to learn more.

Portal Team Completes Usability Study (03-07-11)

The Portal Implementation Team, led by Eric Matanyi, worked with its Datatel Colleague consultant to create and complete a myGSU portal usability study. Eight faculty members, eight staff members, and 14 students, who were randomly selected to partake in the study, completed a test of the myGSU system.

Study participants were observed by members of the Portal Team as they worked through predetermined common tasks based on their demographics. Participants were asked about both substance and style of the portal.

In addition to testing general navigation, the participants were asked to complete specific tasks, mimicking day-to-day use of the



system. Sample tasks included locating a list of medical benefits, travel voucher forms, advising records, cafeteria menu, a professor's e-mail address and office number, and textbooks required for classes.

After completing the study, participant's recommendations included creating more prominent links to various areas and creating specific directories with links to most needed areas. The Portal Team will continue to develop and enhance myGSU for students, faculty, and staff in anticipation of its live date later this spring.

Student Senate 2011 Election Results

The votes are tallied and the results are in. The new GSU Student Senate will be installed April 5, at the Student Senate meeting. The new senators' term of office runs from April, 2011 until April 2012. The Board of Trustee Representative's term is from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.



Election Results

Lisa Wallace, COE – President

Jada Nettle, CAS – Board of Trustee Representative

Anthony R. Cozzi, CAS – IBHE Representative

CAS Senators

Megan Clarke – Senator

Adrienne Farmer – Senator

CBPA Senators

Siqi "CK" Wu – Senator

Andre Barnett – Senator

CHHS Senators

Patricia Hernandez Lombardi – Senator

IDSS Senators

Erin Fletcher – Senator

Betty Campbell – Senator

Senators-at-Large

Willie Stingley, CAS

Shawnta Young, CBPA

Karolina Holota, CAS

Denice Hill, IDSS

Sara Ionescu, CHHS

Grand Opening - New Student Gaming Lounge

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Women's History Month 2011

March is Women's History Month. In observance of National Women and Girls HIV/Aids Awareness Day, Student Life is sponsoring *Stepping into Awareness: A Forum to Raise Awareness for HIV Prevention* on March 8. The event includes an exhibit/information tables from 10 a.m. to noon, in the Hall of Governors and a presentation at noon, in the Hall of Honors. Everyone is welcome.

Rock the Red Pump

In support of the National Women and Girls HIV/Aids Awareness Day, everyone is encouraged to wear red shoes on Thursday, March 10.

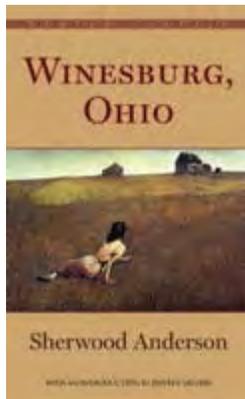
Master of Arts in Reading Information Session

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. The information session will be held today, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., 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 ext. 6363.

Literary Conversation



GSU's One Book, One University event for the spring semester is Winesburg, Ohio by Sherwood Anderson, which served as the basis for the recent award-winning film Chicago Heights. This 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 professors Rosemary Johnsen and Daniel Nearing and assistant professor Christopher White will serve on the discussion panel.

Join the discussion on the book, the film, and the connections between them. One Book, One University is sponsored by the Intellectual Life Committee.

Copyright Review

Join members of the University Copyright Committee in viewing the Webinar, Copyright For Classroom Teaching, on Wednesday, March 9, from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., in D2401C in the Library. 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.

2011 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](#).

The Last Battle

This is the last week of the GSU Penny Wars and your last chance to get into battle. Last week's totals showed a tight race between the Library, Institutional Advancement and CAS but it looks as if COE and the 3rd Floor are gearing up for a final push.

Join the fray. Deposit your pennies in the jars for a positive addition or your silver and bills to contribute a negative addition. Remember all funds collected support Civil Service Senate programs and scholarships. Thursday is the final day of the 2011 Penny Wars. The winner will be announced next week.



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Alumni Spotlight - Linda Veleckis Nussbaum

Linda Veleckis Nussbaum was recently appointed the interim executive director for the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra.

Linda is a longtime principal second violinist and orchestral contractor

for the IPO. She is the orchestra manager of the Lithuanian Opera of Chicago, the president of Candenza Music and a private music teacher. She is an accomplished violinist with a BA and MA in music.

Linda received an MBA from the College of Business and Public Administration in 1995.

Grant Applications Due

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[USG Application 2011](#)

Register Soon for Summer Session (03-03-11)

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 registration website](#).

IDSS – Prior Learning Portfolio Workshop

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.

The Conversation Continues

Please join your faculty colleagues in a conversation about GSU undergraduates and writing-intensive courses on Thursday, March 10, from 3 to 4 p.m., in D34115. No preparation or RSVP is required.

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

For more information, contact [Rebecca Wojcik](#).

Creativity in Education

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 at GSU on 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.

Steers has many years as a secondary school educator. He was president of the International Society for Education through Arts from 1983 to 1996 and on its executive committee through 2005. He was visiting senior research fellow at Roehampton University, London for 10 years and was integral to the development and introduction of the art and design portion of the secondary education curriculum in England from 2007 to 2010.

For more information, call 708.534.4024.

ScholarShip – Dr. Patty Fu-Giles

Dr. Patty Fu-Giles, assistant professor of chemistry, presented at the 2010 International Chemical Congress of Pacific Basin Societies in December on *Comparative Study of Photocytotoxic and Cytotoxic Effects between Natural Henna Extract and Lawsons*.

Her work studied the toxic effects of lawson, the principal coloring agent in henna, when it is exposed to sunlight. "This research explains why so many people who get the henna tattoos while on vacations in sunny climates have serious skin reactions to the dye," said Fu-Giles.



In addition to Fu-Giles, two graduate students in GSU's M.A. in Analytical Chemistry degree program, Diana Harms and David Corcoran, gave a poster presentation of their research into life cell imaging at the conference. Their presentation, *Developing novel nanoparticulated life cell imaging system using luminescence enhancement of Eu(III) and Tb(III) encapsulation*, was named one of the 100 semifinalists in the student poster competition.

"Presenting at a conference like this provides an opportunity to network with the international community of researchers and elevates GSU in the community," said Fu-Giles.

The International Chemical Congress of Pacific Basin Societies is held every five years.

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IDSS Open Over Break

The Interdisciplinary Studies office will be open during spring break. If you would like to schedule an appointment with your academic advisor, please call 708.534.4092. Registration for the summer term begins March 21.

Alumni Spotlight - Chem Grads

Three December graduates of the GSU master's program in analytical chemistry have begun working on their doctorates at Northern Illinois University. Each student was recruited by NIU and received a full stipend. The graduates are Rahul Khanke, Sriram Jakkaraju, and Kalyan Karumanchi.



"This is a great reflection on the quality of our program and the preparation our students receive," said Dr. Patty Fu-Giles, assistant professor of chemistry.

As students at GSU, Rahul presented their research at the 240th American Chemical Society National Meeting and Exposition held in Boston, in August 2010. All of them presented at the 41st Central Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society in Dayton, Ohio, in May 2010.

TIAA-CREF

TIAA-CREF representative Patrick Windle, under the University's 403(b) voluntary retirement plan, will be on campus Friday, March 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Library Conference Room. Call 800.732.8353 to set up an appointment.

TIAA-CREF is one of four vendors GSU 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 VALIC, Fidelity and The Legend Group.



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