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News and Events

[Register Soon for Summer Session](#)

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 Lawsone*.

Her work studied the toxic effects of lawsone, 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.

Criminal Justice Employment/Internship Fair

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring an employment fair for people interested in jobs and internship opportunities in criminal justice and related fields. The Criminal Justice Career and Internship Fair will be held on March 24, 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.

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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