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News and Events

Dr. Mayfield Named ACE Fellow



Dr. Sandra Mayfield, GSU's Assistant Provost and Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, has been named an ACE Fellow for the 20011-2012 academic year. Dr. Mayfield is one of 50 Fellows named last month by the American Council on Education (ACE).

The ACE Fellows Program, established in 1965, is designed to strengthen institutional capacity and build leadership in American higher education by identifying and preparing promising senior faculty and administrators for responsible positions in college and university administration.

"During my Fellowship year, I hope to gain a broader understanding of leadership roles in higher education, including issues of finance and fundraising, management of change, student recruitment and retention, and methods for assessing student learning outcomes," Dr. Mayfield said. She also wants to bring back useful information related to the complex leadership relationships between academics, support services, and facilities as these issues pertain to GSU.

Dr. Mayfield will complete her ACE Fellowship year under the mentorship of DePaul University's president, Fr. Dennis Holtschneider. Her Fellowship period begins September 6. While completing her ACE Fellowship year at DePaul, one of her major GSU responsibilities, liaison to the Illinois Board of Higher Education, will be assumed by Dr James "Chip" Coldren, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice and co-director of GSU's Center for Technology Collaboration.

Dr. Mayfield, a tenured professor of communications disorders at GSU, came to the university 15 years ago. She has held a series of administrative positions, including program coordinator, division chair, and acting dean in the colleges of Health Professions and of Arts and Sciences. In 2005, she was awarded a \$788,500 federal grant to train bilingual and culturally competent speech-language pathologists to work with children in schools and early childhood programs.

Dr. Terry Allison, GSU's Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, nominated Dr. Mayfield for the Fellowship.

On Campus Stories to Commemorate 9-11

GSU is commemorating the 10th anniversary of September 11, 2001 by asking members of the university community to submit stories that will be read aloud at a public ceremony. Participants are asked to tell their stories about "where I was on 9-11."

"Through discussing this anniversary at the university, we already have learned that some of our community experienced very painful personal losses on 9-11" said Reinhold Hill, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "If there are individuals who would like to contribute stories, but who would not like to read aloud their own stories, we encourage you to contribute. We will find someone who will read your story with care and respect."

GSU will host a public reading of the stories on Monday, September 12, from 1 to 3 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

Stories should be sent to Dean Hill by September 2. Stories should be submitted by e-mail or by mailing them to Dean Reinhold Hill, in the College of Arts and Sciences. Stories should be no more than four double-spaced typed pages and no longer than 10 minutes in length.


Persons who are not on campus can also contribute stories. If they cannot read their story at the ceremony, other readers will be located.

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Friends of the GSU Library has been moved to the Hall of Governors. The meeting takes place Wednesday, August 10, from noon until 1 p.m.

Elections for the 2011-2012 officers will be held. Bring your brown bag lunch and ideas for the upcoming fiscal year. All are welcome to attend.

Welcoming Dual Degree Students to Campus

 GSU's first Dual Degree Program students will be on campus next week, and members of the university community are being asked to make them feel at home during their visit. About 50 DDP students will attend an orientation session between 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

"We want the GSU community to make our students feel welcome," said Jose Reyes, Director of Dual Degree and Transfer Articulation. "When DDP students are touring the campus, we want our employees to smile and say, 'welcome to GSU.'"

The students are currently attending community college. After signing up for the DDP, they are receiving financial incentives and university advising that will lead to a seamless transfer after they complete their associate degree. DDP students are also eligible for GSU Promise scholarships.

The DDP, an innovative partnership between the university and six area community college partners, was started last year, and is designed to increase graduation rates both for

associate and bachelor's degrees.

Adult Learning Exchange Classes Return to GSU

The Adult Learning Exchange (T.A.L.E.), a partnership between GSU and JCC Chicago, is starting a new season with classes that provide the opportunity for adults to enjoy intellectual challenges and the joy of acquiring and sharing knowledge.

All classes meet at GSU on Fridays from September 9 to November 18. Morning sessions are from 10 a.m. to noon, and afternoon sessions are from 1 to 3 p.m. Each class is eight sessions long. The cost of the program is \$73 for the first class and \$28 for the second class.

Course topics for the fall session include Freud, topics in science, a film series featuring science fiction and fantasy themes, an examination of love, and a cultural analysis of Herman Melville and his masterpiece, *Moby Dick*.

For more information on T.A.L.E., or to register for classes, contact [Suzanne Patterson](#) by e-mail or by calling 708.420.0563.

Convocation 2011 Next Week

Members of the GSU community – students, faculty, and staff – are invited to attend Convocation 2011, on Thursday, August 18, at 3 p.m., in Sherman Music Hall. President Elaine P. Maimon will deliver the State of the University Address.

Dr. Maimon will announce this year's Baysore Award recipient, recognizing the GSU employee who best demonstrates the qualities of absolute integrity, total competence, generous dedication, and unfailing civility. She will also announce the 2010-2011 Excellence Award winners.

Refreshments will be served beginning at 2:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

'Real Men' Deadline Approaching

Be one of the Real Men of GSU. Students are needed to walk the runway in the Real Men Wear Pink Fashion Show. The fashion show will take place on October 20, at 6:30 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts. Tickets are only \$12 or two for \$20.

The men of GSU will show off their fashion sense and their giving spirit at the show to help the GSU Student Senate raise money for the American Cancer Society and the Jennifer S. Fallick Cancer Support Center in Homewood.

Students interested in joining the fun should contact [Sheree Sanderson](#) at 708.534.4552 by August 12. All names will be put in a lottery and the winners will be notified by August 16.

Ooey, Gooey Learning Experience

The GSU Family Development Center is sponsoring a free presentation by early childhood educator Lisa Murphy on Friday, August 12, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

Murphy, known as the “ooey goeey lady®,” is an advocate of play-based learning. She has taught and worked with children in various educational settings for more than 20 years and has authored four books and created dozens of teacher training DVDs.

Lunch is not provided. For more information or to register, visit the [Family Development Center website](#) or call ext. 7300.



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