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## News and Events

### **Blackboard Workshop Targets Assessment**

The Center for Online Teaching and Learning is offering *Assessments*, the sixth workshop in its Blackboard Training Series, during the week of November 28.

During the workshop, participants will learn:

- How to create exams and quizzes within the Blackboard 9.1 course
- How to use the Assignments tool
- How Assessments and Assignments tie into the Grade Center

Sessions are limited to 16 seats per session. [Register online](#). Please sign up for only one workshop time -- registering more than one time may prevent someone else from participating.

View presentations and handouts from the previous five [Blackboard workshops](#).

For more information, contact [Nikki Roseborough](#).

### **Art Exhibit - Janet Engel-Julian**

The Visual Arts Gallery at GSU presents a graduate thesis exhibition by Janet Engel-Julian, from November 30 to December 9. An opening reception will be held on Friday, December 2, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

Engel-Julian, a Lake Bluff Middle School art teacher, says her family inspires her artwork -- especially her mother's family, which immigrated to the United States from a small town outside of Palermo, Sicily, in 1962.

"I think about the hardships and life-changing experiences my mother went through that make her the person she is today," says Engel-Julian. "My family's traditions, experiences, and influence on my life are what I use to inspire and influence me as I create my work."

The Visual Arts Gallery is open Mondays and Wednesdays, from 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesdays, from 1 to 9 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, from 5 to 9

p.m.; and by appointment.

For more information, call 708.534.4021 or visit [www.govst.edu/gallery](http://www.govst.edu/gallery).

### **FDC Annual Book Fair**

The Family Development Center is making your gift giving a whole lot easier this year. Visit the FDC's annual book fair, from December 2 to 9, to buy the perfect gift for the children in your life. The book fair is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., in the FDC front entrance.

Book fair proceeds will be used to expand classroom libraries and provide dinner or refreshments during family meetings and events.

### **Latest CenterPoint Boot Camp is Success**

More than 125 military veterans attended this month's Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp, sponsored by CenterPoint at GSU. The event's keynote speaker was Patrick Rea, a retired U.S. Army Brigadier General, former Small Business Administration regional administrator, and current Tinley Park village clerk.



Participants, representing all branches of the military, learned from more than 40 CenterPoint staff and Chicago Southland business owners who volunteered their day to share their expertise in starting a business or improving an existing business. About half of the attendees own businesses and had opportunities to share their experiences with attendees wanting to start a business.

"I had a great day today. Thanks for putting on such an amazing program," said Keith French of K French Photography. "The team was top-notch and very professional, yet down to earth and approachable. Well done by all."

More than 550 veterans or family members have attended entrepreneurial boot camps at GSU over the last three years. Following boot camps, many participants have continued to access CenterPoint's consulting and educational services.



### **Junie B. Jones Coming This Weekend**

GSU's Center for Performing Arts celebrates the holidays with *Junie B. Jones: Jingle Bells, Batman Smells!* on Saturday, December 3, at 11 a.m. and Sunday December 4, at 1 p.m.

Emerald City Theatre's adaptation of the best-selling children's book series by Barbara Park was written by Allison Gregory and is directed by Jacqueline Stone. This show is ideal family entertainment and is part of the GSU Center's "Especially for Kids" series. Tickets for the show range from \$10.50 to \$15.50. *Junie B. Jones: Jingle Bells, Batman Smells!* runs approximately 60 minutes and is appropriate for children 3 and older.

In Junie B. Jones' world, things are very clear. Christmas means you get presents, elf costumes are awesome, and May is a blabbermouth tattletale. Things in first grade, and approaching holidays, are going well until Junie B. pulls May as her Secret Santa. With Santa watching her like a hawk, what will Junie B. do?

For tickets, call the box office at 708.235.2222 or visit [www.centertickets.net](http://www.centertickets.net).

### **Critical Thinking Entries Published**



Phyllis Anderson, of CBPA, recently co-authored a book chapter and a journal article on critical thinking. She co-authored the pieces with Joanne R. Reid.

*Critical Thinking: The Foundation of Education in a Technological World* appeared in *Education in a technological world: Communicating current and emerging research and technological efforts*, edited by A Mendez-Vilas.

*Critical Thinking in the Business Classroom* appeared in *Journal of Education for Business*.

CBPA Dean Ellen Foster Curtis congratulated Dr. Anderson and other faculty members who have been published in recent months.

"When it comes to publications, we have had a banner year, a bumper crop, and any other cliché you can think of," she said. "They will need extra room for us at the faculty authors' reception in the spring."

### **Naperville Education Center Adds M.A. in Psych**

GSU is expanding the list of programs offered at its Naperville Education Center with the addition of the Master of Arts in Psychology. This is the first graduate program offered by GSU at the Naperville site. Undergraduate programs currently offered for degree completion are the Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice.

For more information on the master's program at the NEC, attend an

information session on December 8 and January 11, at 6 p.m. The Naperville Education Center is located at 2244 W. 95th Street, Naperville. For more information, contact [Jan Ulner](mailto:Jan.Ulner@govst.edu) at 708.235.2151.

## **Psychotherapy Services**

The Psychology Department is offering free psychotherapy services to members of the community. Conversations with a psychotherapist can help people cope with depression, anxiety, relationship issues, stress, and life transition problems.

Confidential, one-on-one sessions are held with a GSU graduate student in psychology under the supervision of a Licensed Clinical Psychologist. Individuals and couples, 18 years and older, are eligible. All sessions are conducted in Matteson. The number of sessions is determined by the client's needs.

For information or an appointment, call 708.235.2841.

## **The Literacy Zone Offers Reading Tutoring**

GSU's Graduate Program in Reading is sponsoring The Literacy Zone, a reading tutorial program for students in grades six through high school, on Tuesdays, from January 24 through April 17, from 4:45 to 6:30 p.m.

This 12-week, one-to-one program brings students experiencing reading problems together with teachers who have the skills to help them. Students meet on the GSU campus with certified, experienced teachers enrolled in the Master of Arts Reading Program at GSU.

Enrollment is limited and based on the number of tutors. Students will be accepted in the order in which the completed application and registration fee are received. There is a \$70 registration fee. Snacks are provided at each session. Transportation is not provided.

For more information, call 708.534.4122 or e-mail [mhession@govst.edu](mailto:mhession@govst.edu).

## **Constructing Reconstructed**

*Reconstructed*, GSU's online literature and arts journal, is now accepting submissions for the fall issue.

GSU students interested in seeing their creativity showcased are encouraged to submit works of short fiction, creative non-fiction, poetry, or visual artistry for publication in *Reconstructed*.

Literary submissions should be attached as .doc files, and visual art should be submitted in jpeg format. Students may submit one work of

short fiction or creative non-fiction with no more than 5,000 words, six poems, or five visual art images. Please include your name, e-mail address, and phone number in your e-mail. Submissions should be sent via e-mail attachment to: [Reconstructed@govst.edu](mailto:Reconstructed@govst.edu).

Visit <http://www3.govst.edu/reconstructed/> for submission guidelines and more information.



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