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News and Events

[Creativity and Innovation Registration](#)

Faculty and staff are invited to "Innovation and Creativity in General Education," a March 27 workshop that focuses on GSU's General Education planning. The workshop takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the Center for Performing Arts stage, and will include lunch.

RSVPs are essential for the workshop. Participants will be assigned seats at onstage tables and lunch will be served. Interested persons should RSVP to Penny Perdue at 708.534.4130 by Friday, March 23.



Carol Geary Schneider, president of the Association of American Colleges and Universities is the featured speaker. She will discuss the national framework and best national practices of General Education.

The purpose of the event is to provide members of the university's General Education Working Group with input so they can create the GE outcomes statements and recommend the structure for lower division General Education courses, as well as any upper division courses that may fall in that category.

Workshop sessions will concentrate on topics related to General Education at GSU:

- Concepts that guide GSU's General Education program
- Relating LEAP outcomes to GSU's General Education planning
- Exploring high impact learning practices and how they may be integrated into GSU's General Education and first-year experiences

Participants also will discuss a GE Working Group timeline and a possible first-year kickoff event in the week before freshmen start classes in Fall, 2014.

Before the workshop, participants will be asked to do some pre-work on exercise sheets dealing with General education outcomes, themes, and high impact learning.

We urge you to attend and participate in this significant campus event.

[Copier Upgrades](#)

Auxiliary Services and ITS are working with the vendor to upgrading the billing software for the networked copiers. This will improve both billing and reporting detail availability. All billing chargebacks are now complete and will be entered into Datatel. In the future, copier billing will occur monthly.

The new copier software will allow for campus-wide use of your security password at any networked copier and will allow departments to receive a detailed usage reports.

Additional enhancements include longer time out reset features while using copiers and more advanced billing and reports.

If you have any questions regarding copier access codes, training, or billing, please contact Joyce Giroux in the University Print Shop.

Makes Cents

Next time you get thirsty or need that caffeine boost remember the great deal available at the GSU cafeteria. Refills of pop or coffee are only \$.79 for up to a 32 oz. when you bring your own cup, glass, bottle, or mug. You save some money and the Earth gets trashed a bit less.



Student Theater Production Takes Stage Next Month

Stop Kiss, by Diana Son, will be presented as an all-student production on April 11, 12, and 13. The one-act play will be presented at 8 p.m., on Wednesday and Thursday; and 7 p.m., on Friday. All performances are taking place free of charge in Engbretson Hall.

Lauren White, the director of *Stop Kiss*, said the multimedia play, set in modern-day New York City, tells the comedic, dramatic story about “how love and hate can change lives in an instant.”

“This is the first fully-student produced live theater event at GSU in over a quarter of a century,” White said. “It is an honor to bring this production to our university.”

Stop Kiss cast members include Shawnta Young, Niki Kimmel, Joe Butler, Chris Zurales, Dabney Buchanan, Adriene Farmer, and Carla S. Roberson. Other production personnel include filming by Matt Sass and White; film editing by Sass; and publicity and house management by Keyana Marshall.

Stop Kiss contains adult themes and explicit language.

White said *Stop Kiss* is made possible by an Intellectual Life Committee Grant and the support of Dr. Jason Zingsheim, faculty advisor.

Students Strike!

Spare some time for a great game. It will bowl you over and you will have a ball. Join the GSU Bowling League for pins and needles excitement on Fridays, from March 30 through April 27, from 5 to 7 p.m., at Lakewood Bowl, in Richton Park.

Interested students should contact [Dean Jennings](#).

Media Message to Women

The media’s message to women is often interpreted as a call to be skinnier, sexier, and more attractive. Join a special discussion of the media’s message to women, the reasons for it, and its effects on women, men, and society on Tuesday, March 27, from 5 to 7 p.m., in E-Lounge.

Panelists include Dr. Debbie James, Assistant Professor of Media Communication; Vera Barkus, Co-Chair Communications Department, Kennedy King College; and

Bryant Monteilh, GSU alum and WVON Radio Personality.

This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Cafeteria vouchers will be awarded to the first 20 attendees who complete an optional online survey.

This event is the project of GSU student Carla Roberson and is sponsored by a grant from the Intellectual Life Committee.

March GSA Meeting

The GSU Gay Straight Alliance will meet on Thursday March 29, from 3 to 4 p.m. in room E2590. Everyone is welcome.

Science Division Chair Presentations

As part of the interview process, candidates for Science Division Chair will give presentations to the university community.

Dr. Louise Wootton will present on Monday, March 26, from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. in the Hall of Honors. Download [vitae](#).

Dr. Sebastian van Delden will present on Wednesday, March 28, from 2 to 3 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Download [vitae](#).

Dr. Yun-Yau (Steve) Shih, currently serving as interim Division Chair, will present on Thursday, March 29, from 3 to 4 p.m. in room D2441. Download [vitae](#).

Everyone is welcome.

MOT Student Spotlight – Russ Thompson



Graduate student Russ Thompson has been elected vice president of the American Occupational Therapy Association Assembly of Student Delegates. Russ is in the second year of the Master of Occupational Therapy program,

As vice president, he will preside at the national conference meeting in Indianapolis in April. Russ will attend the conference with 18 other GSU students. The MOT program is being honored by the American Occupational Therapy Association for its 100 percent student membership in the organization.

Mindfulness Symposium

Research shows that mindfulness practices lead to greater calmness of mind, enhanced concentration, reduced stress, strengthened immune functions, and decreased anxiety and depression.

Learn more about the power of mindfulness at *Mindfulness in Education and Other Settings*, a free symposium at GSU, on Friday, April 13, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The symposium includes panel discussions, presentations, workshops, and exercises. Seven CEUs are available for psychologists, counselors, and social work professionals.

Meals are not included. Registration is required. Contact [Maristela Zell](#) at 708.235.2235.

Earth Day Award Nominations Due



GSU's Sustainability Committee is seeking nominations for the first-ever Earth Day Award.

The award, to be announced at the university's Earth Day celebration on April 19, recognizes a member of the university community who has demonstrated exceptional leadership, pioneering contributions, and innovations in four areas:

- Grass roots activism – mobilizing individuals in response to environmental problems
- Service – working on committees that have a mission related to sustainability.
- Education – involvement in organized efforts to teach how natural environments function and how people can manage their behavior and ecosystems to live sustainably.
- Research – making a substantial contribution in advancing knowledge about sustainability.

Any person formally associated with GSU is eligible for the Earth Day Award, including current degree-seeking students, alumni, staff, faculty, administrators, and retirees.

Nominations are due March 29 and should be submitted to [Sheree Sanderson](#) in Student Life (A2103). An ad hoc committee of students affiliated with the Student Senate will determine the award recipient.

Creating a More Sustainable Future

Learn more about establishing and maintaining a sustainable future from Jack Byrne, Director of Sustainability Integration Office at Middlebury College, on Tuesday, April 17, from 1 to 2 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

Byrne will discuss his work with a wide range of sustainability projects including green building designs, greenhouse gas reduction strategies, local foods, renewable energy, and transportation initiatives. He is the co-founder of the non-profit Foundation for Our Future at the Center for a Sustainable Future. He oversaw Education for a Sustainable Future, a six-year, \$18 million U.S. Department of Education project.

This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. It is sponsored by the Office of the Provost and the GSU Sustainability Committee.



Scholarship Spotlight – Johnny Burns

Johnny Burns of Chicago received the Monsignor Ignatius D. McDermott Scholarship. He is a graduate student in the College of Health and Human Services working toward his master's in social work. He is currently a certified alcohol and drug abuse counselor.

Johnny's education at GSU has increased his skill level and ability, and has emphasized the need to deliver services in the field of social work from a social justice perspective. He wishes to be an advocate for children and other oppressed and disadvantaged populations.



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