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News and Events

Registration for Summer and Fall

It is time to plan ahead. Registration for the Fall 2012 semester begins on April 16 and runs through September 1. Classes for the fall semester begin on August 27.

There is still time to registration for the summer session classes. Registration continues through May 26. The summer term begins on May 21 and ends on August 5. GSU's summer term is ideal for students continuing a GSU degree program or for students attending other universities to take classes and fill requirements while they are home for the summer.

Applications for admission are currently being accepted.

For more information, call 708.534.4490 or visit the GSU [registration website](#).

Celebrate Our Earth

It is time to celebrate the Earth this week at GSU.

Sustainable Art Exhibit – Earth Week at GSU begins today with the Sustainable Art Exhibit in the Hall of Governors. GSU student work, created with recycled materials, will be on display all week.

Sustainable Future - Learn more about establishing and maintaining a sustainable future from Jack Byrne, Director of the Sustainability Integration Office, Middlebury College, on Tuesday, April 17, from 1 to 2 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. This event is free and open to the public.

Sustainable Curriculum Workshop - Byrne will also lead a workshop on sustainability and curriculum/course development on Wednesday,

April 18, from 9:30 to 11 a.m., in room B-2203. Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend the workshop.

Thorn Creek Clean Up - On Wednesday afternoon, from 1 to 4 p.m., students from the GSU Biology Club, with the assistance of FDM, will clean trash and debris from Thorn Creek along Dralle Road. Everyone is welcome to help. Appropriate clothing and boots are suggested.

Earth Day at GSU - Earth Week events culminate in a day of celebration on April 19, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be music, exhibits, demonstrations, wild animal exhibits, a children's theater production, and organic food served on eco-friendly products. The first annual GSU Earth Day Award honoring environmental activism will be presented.

Kids' Show - Also on April 19, the Kidsworks Touring Theater will present a free, interactive performance celebrating conservation, from 11 a.m. to 11:45, in the Center for Performing Arts.

GSU Earth Day events are sponsored by the Office of the Provost, the GSU Sustainability Committee, and the General Education Task Force. For more information, contact 708.534.4524.

Elevator Inspection and Testing

The State of Illinois will be conducting annual elevator inspections and testing on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Individual elevators will be out of service for 45 to 60 minutes at a time. FDM apologizes for this inconvenience.

OT Awareness

Find out what occupational therapy is all about this afternoon, from noon to 6 p.m. in the Cafeteria Annex. OT students and members of the Student Occupational Therapy Association will be on hand at various "stations" to offer information, advice, and feedback. Test your grip strength, learn about autism and adaptive devices. Find out how that heavy backpack is affecting your back. Learn some stress management techniques and enjoy some games, giveaways, free popcorn, and balloons.

Honors Program Lecture – Dr. Charles Payne

The GSU Honors Program lecture series continues this week with “Urban School Reform: the State of the Debate,” a lecture by Dr. Charles Payne, on Wednesday, April 18, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

Payne is the Frank P. Hixon Distinguished Service Professor in the School of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago, where he is also an affiliate of the Urban Education Institute. He recently published “So Much Reform, So Little Change” concerning the persistence of failure in urban districts, and “Teach Freedom: The African American Tradition of Education For Liberation” on Freedom School-like education. Recently Dr. Payne served as the interim Chief Education Officer for the Chicago Public Schools.

The series concludes with “Riding the Cultural Revolution: Lessons From Chicago’s Southland.” Anne Carvalho will discuss the unexpected observations and benefits found in embracing differences in on Wednesday, April 25, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

Carvalho, FACHE, is vice president of strategic planning and business development at Holy Cross Hospital, a Catholic safety net hospital on Chicago’s south side. She was also the founding executive director of the Center for Multicultural Communities, which focuses on racism and regional development in Chicago’s southern suburbs. Carvalho attended Radcliffe College and received her master’s degree in health policy and management from the Harvard School of Public Health.

Honors Program lectures are free and open to the public.

Faculty Development Day

GSU’s first Faculty Development Day will highlight general education, getting published, mentorship, and other initiatives designed to strengthen teaching at the university. Faculty Development Day takes place Friday, April 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Concurrent morning workshops will focus on:

- Getting connected: a new mentorship initiative.
- Breaking into print: a panel discussion on getting your book published.
- Show me the money: money through grants and other sources.
- What’s new at GSU? General education and freshmen.
- Copied and pasted lately? Turning on to Turnitin.
- The IRB and you: a collaborative experience.

Following lunch, Barry Dahl will present a keynote address, Are We Amusing Ourselves to Death? Dahl will speak on how network television has changed the seriousness of public discourse, how the Internet and information technology are affecting education, and whether we are entering a “Brave New World” future.

Faculty Development Day is sponsored by the Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center in cooperation with the Center for Online Teaching and Learning, and the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research.

To register for the event, contact [Veronica Hunt](#) at 708.534.4985.

GSA Hosts NOH8 Photo Shoot

The Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) will hold a NOH8 Photo Shoot and Fundraiser on April 24, from noon to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

The photo Shoot is inspired by the NOH8 Campaign to encourage awareness of the LGBT Equality. The GSA feels it is important to set a non-discriminatory environment for the students and staff and promote gender and human equality through education.

The NOH8 Campaign began in November of 2008 when Proposition 8 passed in California and amended the state Constitution to ban same-sex marriage. As a silent protest, the LGBT community formed a protest that was organized by celebrity photographer Adam Bouska and partner Jeff Parshley through photographs. Photos feature subjects with duct tape over their mouths, symbolizing their voices being silenced by Prop 8 and similar legislation around the world. NOH8 is painted on one cheek in protest.

For more information, contact gsa.govst@yahoo.com.

Graduate Student Success

Graduate student Kamala Bharathi Madavarapu was recently honored for her oral presentation on a new potential treatment for prostate cancer. Madavarapu and two fellow graduate students in analytical chemistry from GSU presented at the Illinois State Academy of Sciences (ISAC) Conference in Galesburg, Illinois. The students presented information on their master’s program research projects. ISAS was founded in 1907 to promote scientific research, the diffusion of scientific knowledge, and the unification of scientific interests in Illinois.



Madavarapu earned a second place for her oral presentation, "Using Photoactivated Nanoparticles as Photodynamic Therapeutic Agent to Treat Prostate Cancer."

Madavarapu conducted this research project with graduate student Bharadwaj Keesari. At the conference, Keesari presented their research in a poster presentation.

Graduate student Nikhil Bayanna also gave an oral presentation of his research, "Photodynamic Therapy for Skin Carcinomas."

Dr. Patty Fu-Giles, assistant professor and student project advisor, accompanied her students to the conference. "Their research may have dramatic impact on how we treat various forms of cancer. The goal is to make the treatment more effective while reducing the side effects at the same time. We are very proud of their accomplishments," she said.

We are the Champions



For the fourth year in a row, GSU showed its commitment to recycling and reducing waste by winning first place among all Illinois university competitors in RecycleMania.

RecycleMania is a nationwide challenge for colleges and universities to increase awareness of waste reduction and recycling initiatives.

Competing in the Waste Minimization category, GSU once again placed first among Illinois schools in the competition and 25th out of 180 schools at the national level.

The university's efforts were measured by adding the weight of our recyclables to the weight of our trash and dividing that number by the number of students and employees of GSU.

Congratulations to the GSU community for remembering to recycle whenever possible. Keep up the good work!