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News and Events

Register for Summer and Fall

Don't let the summer pass without taking a few classes. Summer registration continues through May 26. The summer term begins on May 21 and ends on August 5.

Now is also the time to register for Fall 2012 to get the greatest selection of classes and times. Registration continues through August 25. Classes for the fall semester begin on August 20.

Applications for admission are currently being accepted.

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

Food Donations Needed

Help stock the shelves of the GSU Student Food Pantry. Please bring non-perishable food items to help those in need. Food collection containers are located near the elevator in the Hall of Governors and in the Student Commons (A2140).

The pantry is open on the first and third Mondays of the month through June.

Upside Down, Kneeling Makes NMSP Debut

Rabbit-eared, human-limbed, and clearly visible from the Hall of Governors, *Upside Down, Kneeling* arrived this week at the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park.

The sculpture, by British artist Sophie Ryder, is on loan from Robert and Karen Duncan. It is the third offering in NMSP's ongoing Solo Exhibition Series presentations sponsored, in part, by BMO Harris Bank.



Like nearly all the monumental artwork at NMSP, *Upside Down, Kneeling* offers few concrete clues as to what exactly it represents. Mythological trickster? Fertility symbol? Aztec rabbit god taking a breather? You're free to draw your own conclusions.

What we know is that the artwork consists of bound, galvanized wire over a steel frame. Ryder created a surface that is akin to a three dimensional drawing. It appears solid from a distance and then dissolves into a flurry of riotous lines as the viewer approaches.

Upside Down, Kneeling is split into two halves and it is possible to "enter" the sculpture. Like many NMSP pieces, it is interactive. Once inside the sculpture, you can look through it to the outside world.

NMSP Director and Curator Geoffrey Bates said Ryder has created many works in bronze and that allegorical images – minotaurs, horses, and dogs – are often found in her art. Bates said Ryder will be in Chicago for the International Sculpture Conference in October and will almost certainly visit NMSP.

Upside Down, Kneeling will be on display at NMSP through October.

Table Tennis Team Shines at National Tournament

GSU's table tennis team successfully competed in last weekend's National Collegiate Table Tennis Championship in Plano, Texas. GSU's coed team defeated the University of Maryland, University of Texas-Austin, New York University, Western Ontario, and Ohio State University to finish in sixth place in the championship bracket. The women's team finished the tournament in 12th place.



Coach TJ Wang praised the team members. "All our players exhibited their best behavior and demonstrated their GSU spirit during the Nationals," he said. "GSU achieved another strong appearance in the

NCTTA Nationals this year.”

One of GSU’s top players, Yuefan Lin, injured his hand during a heated match with the University of Texas squad. He accidentally hit the table with his thumb, causing some bleeding. After receiving some medical attention to his thumb, Coach Wang said, “Yuefan went back and defeated the top-seeded player from Texas.”

As a result of their success at the tournament, GSU’s team members won a new table tennis robot, which will arrive soon on campus.

Congratulations to Coach Wang and the entire table tennis team for a job well done!

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Red Tails Panel Discussion

The Tuskegee Airmen and the recent film *Red Tails* will take center stage during a panel discussion on Monday, April 23, at 5 p.m. in Engbretson Hall.

Presentations include:

- *A Window, Not a Wall: Red Tails as History*, by Donald Culverson, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice at GSU.
- *Red Tails as Multicultural Social Studies Content via the Medium of Popular Film*, by Dan Hechenberger, Assistant Professor of Social Studies Education, at GSU.
- *The Black Knights: A Story of Faith and Fight!*, by Rashidah Jaami’ Muhammad, Professor of English and Secondary Education at GSU.
- *Red Tails as Black Post-Race Cinema*, by Timeka N. Williams, Doctoral Candidate in Communications Studies, University of Michigan

David Hamilton Golland, Assistant Professor of History at GSU, is panel chair and moderator.

The panel discussion is free and open to the public.

The Cultural Revolution Continues

The GSU Honors Program lecture series continues next week with "Riding the Cultural Revolution: Lessons From Chicago's Southland." Anna 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.

NMSP Chief Addresses Florida Symposium

Geoffrey Bates, director and curator of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park, gave the keynote address at last weekend's Sarasota Season of Sculpture Symposium in Sarasota, Fla. His address, *The Enduring Role of Sculpture in the Public Sphere*, made the case that monumental art, through the ages, has given the public greater accessibility to great artistic works. That accessibility continues today in spaces like NMSP.

Bates spoke to upwards of 100 persons at the symposium, which attracted collectors, artists, arts supporters, and museum officials coming together for a day of spirited panel discussions and presentations about the future of public art on Florida's Suncoast. He praised Susan McLeod, chair of Sarasota Season of Sculpture, and its board. "They are working hard to elevate dialogue about contemporary sculpture in the Sarasota area," he said.



Artist John Henry, whose Illinois Landscape No. 5 is one of NMSP's most famous works, delivered a talk on *Why Sculpture Matters*. "He energized the entire group with his continued commitment to art in the public sphere," Bates said.

Susan Ormsby, president of the NMSP Board, also attended the symposium. Bates said several attendees are former residents of the Chicago area and expressed interest in both NMSP and Governors State University. Some indicated they are interested in attending this fall's Carts and Cocktails event in the sculpture park, he said.

Face Value



The Visual Arts Gallery is pleased to present "Face Value," a graduate art exhibit of recent work by three dimensional clay artist Becki Moffett-Moore. The exhibit runs from April 25 to 30. An opening reception celebrating the artist will be held on Thursday, April 26 from 5:50 pm -8:30 pm. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public.

The artwork displayed in "Face Value" is inspired by the human face. The human face is the most universally important focus of communication. It is a significant source of identity and the most expressive means of nonverbal communication. Moffett-Moore has sculpted, cast, and hand built one to eight inch heads made of porcelain, stoneware, and terra cotta clays utilizing a combination of low and high firing techniques and surface treatments.

The Visual Arts Gallery is open Mondays and Wednesdays, from 5 to 7 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 1 to 9 p.m.; Fridays, from 5 to 9 p.m.; and by appointment. For more information, call (708) 534-4021 or visit www.govst.edu/gallery.

'Re-Spiced' Creator Speaks at GSU

Jamil Khoury, the creator of *Re-Spiced: A Silk Road Cabaret*, will appear at a discussion of the production on Thursday, April 26, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in Engbretson Hall.



Re-Spiced, a production of Chicago's Silk Road Rising theatrical troupe, will be presented at GSU's Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, April 28 at 8 p.m.

Khoury is Silk Road Rising's creative director. During his Thursday appearance, he will discuss the creative process and the development of

Re-Spiced. The discussion is free and open to the public.

The show uses songs, poetry, and prose to explore popular image of the lands and people of the Silk Road – the ancient trade route that links Europe with the Middle East and Far East. In a recent review, Chicago Sun-Times called the production “well-spiced, thought-provoking entertainment.”

Re-Spiced is the final show in GSU Center’s 2011-2012 *One More Night* series, which has brought the finest in Chicago area theatre to local audiences. *One More Night* is made possible by a generous grant from The Chicago Community Trust.

Tickets to *Re-Spiced* range in price from \$15 to \$39, with special \$15 tickets for students, and are available by calling 708.235.2222 or visiting the Center’s [website](#).

Read the recent [rave reviews](#) for *Re-Spiced*.

NOH8 Photo Shoot Scheduled

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 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.

Faculty Development Day – April 27

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.

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.

Writing Teachers Unite

The Writing Consortium of the South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium recognizes that teaching writing is tough. The group is sponsoring a workshop on the resources and supports available for educators involved in the teaching of writing on Friday, April 27, from 1 to 3 p.m., in E-Lounge.

Adjunct writing instructors, non-writing teachers who grade writing, and writing professors are invited to join the discussion and learn about writing guidelines, detecting plagiarism, and accessing support and assistance for both the educator and the student.

For more information and to register, contact [Lori Townsend](#) at 708.235.7382 or visit the workshop [website](#).

Computer Networking Career Series

Build the groundwork for a new career this summer with GSU's non-credit Computer Networking Career Series. In just three weeks, participants will receive training to begin their path toward technical certifications such as Comptia's A+ and Cisco's Certified Network Administrator.

All three courses will be held between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at GSU's main campus. Courses may be taken individually or as a group, depending on personal goals and needs.

Computer Hardware, on June 4 to 8, provides a comprehensive overview of computer hardware and best practices. Topics include a hands-on installation and configuration of motherboards, hard drives, memory and multi-media devices.

Networking Fundamentals, on June 11, 13, and 15, provides an overview of computer networking and networking standards. Topics include the OSI reference model for networking, TCI/IP addressing and subnetting, and the basic concepts and terminology.

Networking Switches and Routing, on June 18 to 22, covers the basic function and setup of network switches and routers. Students will receive a comprehensive overview of network infrastructure setup and configuration. Other topics include hands-on installation and configuration of Cisco switches and router and commands, and concepts aligning with Cisco's CCNA certification exam.

The fee if all three courses are taken is \$3,200. If the two networking courses are taken, the fee is \$1,798.

To register, or for further information, contact GSU Continuing Education and Professional Development at (708) 534.4099 or www.govst.edu/oce.

Mileage Reimbursement Rate Increase

This notice is to all university employees who travel on official university business. Effective April 17, the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) has increased the mileage reimbursement rate for the use of vehicles in the conduct of official business to \$0.555 per mile.

According to Illinois Higher Education Travel Control Board rules,

Governors State University must increase its mileage rate accordingly. Effective April 17, any mileage reimbursement claims for travel occurring on or after this date will be reimbursed at the new rate. An updated travel voucher is available at this [website](#).

If you have any questions, please call Katie Frossard Fisher at 708-235-7411 or e-mail gsuttravel@govst.edu.

Scholarship Spotlight - William Daniels



William Daniels of Matteson received the Scholarship for Finance and Accounting Students. He is an undergraduate student in business and finance.

William believes that an ethical person must be absolutely objective, be entirely truthful and know what to do, how to do it, and when to do it.



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