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Don't leave home without him! Pierre the Penguin is ready for another summer of fun and excitement. This little penguin is eager to see the sights, relax in the sun, and enjoy the nightlife. When you make your summer plans - include Pierre the Penguin.



Take Pierre on a trip – anywhere – and take a photo of him enjoying your vacation.

GSU View is once again sponsoring the *Take Pierre on Vacation Contest*. Take the GSU Penguin with you on vacation and send your best photo of him in a fun, unique, or exotic locale to GSU View. Even if your vacation plans are local excursions, Pierre would love to join you and we would love to see a picture.

All images become property of the university and will be shared online and in GSU View.

The contest, open to students, faculty, and staff, will run from May 28 through September 14. All entries must be received by September 14.

Pick up your very own Pierre the Penguin from the Office of Marketing and Communication (C1310).

On September 27, or thereabouts, one grand prize winner and two runners-up will be chosen. Fantastic prizes will be awarded to the winners. Decisions by judges are final.

To see the complete contest rules, go to the Pierre contest [website](#).

Bon Voyage, Pierre!

## **Earth Day Award goes to Former FDM Chief**



accepted the award.

Susan Rakstang, former associate vice president of facilities development and management, has received GSU's first Earth Day Award. The award was presented at last week's Earth Day celebration. Bob Rakstang, Susan's husband,

The Earth Day Award 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. Susan Rakstang retired last year as head of FDM.

The award was presented by GSU Provost Terry Allison. During the presentation ceremony, graduate student Jamie Viebach spoke about the history of Earth Day. Professor John Yunger served as emcee for the event.

## **Reconstructed Arrives**



*Reconstructed* is GSU's new online art and literary journal and it is full of creativity. Student work is highlighted throughout the journal with presentations of poetry, fiction, no-fiction, artwork, and spoken word .

According to student editor Dan Petersohn, *Reconstructed* "is a place for students from any major to have an outlet for

their creative work.”

Students interested in contributing their work to the next issue of *Reconstructed*, scheduled for publication in Fall 2012, are encouraged to contact the editors at [reconstructed@govst.edu](mailto:reconstructed@govst.edu).

The inaugural issue of *Reconstructed* was showcased in the April 18 edition of *The Phoenix*.

View *Reconstructed* at <http://www3.govst.edu/reconstructed>.

## **Red Tails 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.

## **Re-Spiced Discussed and Performed This Week**

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.

*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 This Week**

The Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) will hold a NOH8 Photo Shoot and Fundraiser on Tuesday, 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. For more information, contact [gsa.govst@yahoo.com](mailto:gsa.govst@yahoo.com).

## **Anna Carvalho Speaks at Lecture Series**

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 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.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

## **Register for 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.

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.

## **Recycling Dead Batteries – Free of Charge**



Even though Earth Day is over, GSU's commitment to recycling, reusing, and reducing is still strong. Don't forget to deposit paper, plastic, and aluminum in the designated recycling containers around campus. Also now it is easy to recycle dead batteries at GSU.

GSU's battery recycling program collects small device batteries such as A, AA, AAA, C, D, cell phone batteries, watch batteries, etc.

Components of recycled batteries are reclaimed and reused.

Six battery collection tubes have been placed throughout campus to make recycling easy for the GSU community. Collection tubes can be found in Building C near DPS and HR; Building G in the vending room; Building F near the first floor elevator; Building A in the north study area; and in ITS and the FDC.

If a small device battery does not fit inside a battery collection tube, please take it to the Environmental Health and Safety Office, E-2583. This program does not include large machine and automobile batteries.

### **Student Senate President Speaks in Springfield**

Lisa Wallace, president of GSU's Student Senate, made the case for continued funding of the Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP) during two appearances in Springfield last week. She spoke at a Thursday rally in support of MAP, and also at GSU's annual budget hearing before Illinois House members.

Wallace accompanied President Maimon and Karen Kissel, vice president for administration and finance, to the Illinois Capitol. A number of GSU students traveled to Springfield last Thursday to voice their support at the rally for continued MAP funding.

"The MAP grant has aided me in the process of fulfilling my dreams," Wallace told the legislative hearing. With assistance from MAP, she has been able to complete an associate, bachelor's, and master's degree, and is in the process of transitioning to a doctoral program.

"If the MAP grant had not been available when I started my college journey, I would have relied on student loans and my educational journey would have ended with my bachelor's degree."

While in Springfield, Wallace was also interviewed by a Champaign television station.

For more than 50 years, MAP has provided financial assistance to Illinois students wishing to attend state colleges and universities. According to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, MAP currently serves about 147,000 students are receiving MAP grants during the 2011-12 school year. Under the current legislative budget, about 141,000 students would be

expected to receive aid, with all grants likely reduced more than the current 5 percent reduction. Further proposed House cuts could mean even more drastic cuts to MAP.

Read an Illinois Board of Higher Education [report on the rally](#).

## **Printer Cartridges**

To dispose of used printer cartridges responsibly, faculty and staff members are encouraged to contact [Dave Erickson](#) at ext. 7425.

Desk Jet print cartridges may also be taken to the Facilities Office, B1230, for recycling.



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