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News and Events



[September 25th Voter Registration Day Celebration](#)

National Voters Registration Day on Tuesday, September 25, will be marked with a number of events at GSU. Activities will take place in the Hall of Governors between 4 and 7 p.m. The afternoon includes voter registration, refreshments, raffles, a DJ, line dancing, and a National Anthem sing-off. The event is open to the public.

National Voters Registration Day is sponsored by the StrictlyteenzUSA, Rock the Vote, National Congress of Black Women, and Mass Vote.

With Election Day nearing, make sure your voter registration is in order. The GSU Student Senate is sponsoring a voter registration drive, which continues through September 27. Registrars will be available from 1 to 7 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, in the Hall of Governors or front entrance atrium.

[September 26th Women in Political Discourse Panel](#)

GSU will present "Women in Political Discourse," a panel discussion, on Wednesday, September 26, at 5 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. The discussion is free and open to the public.

The panel discussion is designed to open up a dialogue on women in the political arena. Panel members will address issues such as the gender gap, how women are portrayed in politics, the need for more women in politics, and the negative rhetoric some politicians are using towards or about women.

"There is a distinct gender gap in the political process," said Arness Krause, an adjunct professor of communications at GSU and a panel organizer and participant. "This panel will address the rhetoric of politicians and open up dialogue regarding the gender gap and how it can be improved."

Other panel members are Debbie James, assistant professor of media communications; Marilyn Yirku, academic coordinator of communications programs; Donald Culverson, associate professor of political and justice studies; Tammara Winn, university lecturer, Interdisciplinary Studies; and Debbie Halvorson, former member of the United States Congress.

Krause said audience members will be an important part of "Women in Political Discourse" and will be able to ask questions and participate in the discussion.

For additional information, contact Arness Krause at akrause@govst.edu.

September 27th Business, Communications, Technology Career Fair

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a career fair for people interested in careers in business, communications, and technology. In addition to employment opportunities, the fair will also include internship opportunities.

The 2012 Business/Communications/Technology Career and Internship Fair is on Thursday, September 27, from 2 to 5 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Current students, alumni, and community members are invited to attend. The event is free. Potential employers are also invited to register as participants. This is an opportunity to match jobs and internships positions with qualified personnel.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, call 708.235.3974.

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

GSU is a proud supporter of the Hispanic Heritage Organization and will be recognized at the opening ceremonies on September 28 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

September 28th Student Sustainability Conference at GSU Friday

GSU will host the 2012 Student Sustainability Summit, sponsored by the South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium (SMHEC). The free summit will take place at GSU on Friday, September 28, from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Students from area colleges and universities will introduce sustainability efforts and initiatives. SMHEC is comprised of 12 colleges and universities that service the Chicago Southland region.

You can register at [this link](#).

For additional information, contact [Genny Boesen](#) or [Sheree Sanderson](#).

Sustainability in Action at GSU Celebrating the First Anniversary of the Wind Turbine

GSU celebrates sustainability in action on campus! The E/F Renovation project will be GSU's first LEED-certified project, targeted for LEED "Silver" certification. Certification requires compliance with a number of criteria, one of which is that at least 50 percent or 75 percent (for extra credit!) of all construction debris, by weight, be diverted from landfills. GSU has not only met these criteria – it has excelled. With over 330 tons of debris removed so far from the renovation project, GSU has diverted to recycling opportunities more than 95 percent of the debris. More than half of that material was concrete and brick. The concrete is crushed and reused as aggregate in new concrete. Broken brick are reused in a similar way, while whole bricks are sorted and used to construct new projects.

Also, last week marked the one year anniversary of the wind turbine's start-up. In the past year the turbine has produced 121,640 kWh of energy, or enough to power about 12 Illinois households for the year. Bravo, GSU!

[New Dean of Students Aurelio Valente's Family Profiled in Sports Illustrated](#)

We are proud to share the link to the recent Sports Illustrated article profiling the Valente's family pursuit of the American dream.

[Click here](#) to read the inspirational story.

[Protect Yourself During Flu Season](#)

Free flu shots for eligible state members are being offered on Thursday, October 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

State employees, retirees and university staff who have health insurance through the Quality Care Health Plan (QCHP) or a state-sponsored managed care plan are eligible for the shots.

Dependents, spouses, survivors, contractual workers, consultants, students and employees who opted out of the health insurance through the state are NOT eligible for the free seasonal flu shot through this program.

To receive the shots, employees must present their health insurance card and state ID card. Retirees must present their health insurance card and another form of identification.

For additional dates and locations, go to www.benefitschoice.il.gov.

[Election 2012 Forums](#)

The Political and Justice Studies Program and the Consortium for Civic Engagement are co-sponsoring two community forums on the 2012 elections.

The first, *The Changing Political Terrain of American Elections* will be held Monday, October 8, from 5 to 7 p.m., in Sherman Hall. Panelists include Dr. Larry Levinson, professor of political science; Dr. Donald Culverson, associate professor of political and justice studies; Dr. Chelsea Haring, assistant professor of political science; Dr. Daniel Cortese, assistant professor of political and justice studies; and Debbie James, assistant professor of media and communications.

The second open community forum, *Issues of the 2012 Election*, will be held on Monday, October 29, from 5 to 7 p.m., in Sherman Hall. Panelists are Levinson, Culverson, Haring, and David Golland, assistant professor of history.

These conversations are free and open to the public. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate.

Escape from Alcatraz



Pierre and The Rock

Pierre the GSU Penguin continued his summer travels when he accompanied student Judith

Wallace and her family to San Francisco and other spots in Northern California.

Pierre visited the original “Rock” – the former federal penitentiary at Alcatraz – and was glad to “escape” without having to paddle across San Francisco Bay.



Redwood Forest

Our penguin also went hiking through the breathtaking redwood forest at Hendy Woods State Park in Mendocino County, known for its old growth coast redwoods. The giant trees reminded Pierre that the world is immensely huge, and provides more wonderful opportunities than any one person (or penguin) can experience – even though he’s giving it a good try.

31 days, 31 icons

In conjunction with LGBT History Month, an exhibit sponsored by Equality Forum will be on display in the Student Life Center (A2100) from October 1 through October 31.

The national *31 days, 31 icons* exhibit recognizes an LGBT icon for each day of LGBT History Month which is nationally celebrated during October.

To learn more about Equity Forum, visit www.equalityforum.com/.

ScholarShip – Caron Jacobson



Caron Jacobson

University Lecturer Caron Jacobson has been asked to give expert testimony for the Cook County Women's Commission at a public hearing to be held October 18, from 9 to 1230 p.m., at the George W. Dunne Administration Building in Chicago.

The public hearing will explore the revolving door for women in the criminal justice system and seeks to develop solutions to ending the cycle. Jacobson is considered an expert due to her 10 years of experience working with women involved in the criminal justice system, most recently as an executive director of a re-entry program in Detroit and as a member of the Governors Re-entry Initiative task force in Michigan.

The event is free and open to the public.

Be a More Inclusive Educator

The Office of Disability Services is offering a webinar, *Supporting ADA Accommodations: Manageable Solutions for Faculty*, on Thursday, September 27 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Hall of Honors.

The webinar is specifically designed for faculty and offers specific ideas and information on how best to facilitate necessary and appropriate Americans With Disabilities Act accommodations in the classroom.

This program will give faculty the information and ideas necessary to successfully aid students in their academic process. The webinar speaker, Dr. Brian Van Brunt, has worked in the counseling field for more than 15 years and currently serves as Director of Counseling and Testing at Western Kentucky University.

Interested persons should contact [Robin Sweeney](#) at 708.235.3968.

Calling All Student Leaders

GSU students can apply to participate in the Student Leadership Institute (SLI), a co-curricular certificate program designed for upper-class students looking for leadership development opportunities that will contribute to their personal development and help achieve their leadership potential.

Applications for the certificate program will be accepted October 1 through November 1. Interested persons can [apply here](#).

Students must be currently enrolled and in good standing. Participating students will be selected based on information submitted in their application

[Click here](#) for additional information.

GS2U Workshop Targets Teaching Skills

You can refresh, revise, and renew your skills at a GS2U workshop on Tuesday, October 2, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

The workshop, a collaboration between GS2U, Online Teaching and Learning, and the Colleague Project Management Office, offers assistance with Blackboard, the GSU portal, and online learning.

For more information, to register, or to suggest a future workshop topic, email gs2u@govst.edu.

Computer Network Classes

The Computer Networking Series at GSU offers participants the opportunity to gain career enhancing skills through non-credit courses. Students will receive training preparing them for Network Administration and a variety of other positions. Courses may be taken individually or in sequence, depending on individual career and education goals.

Course topics include Networking Fundamentals, Networking Switches and Routing, Wireless Networking, Windows Seven Operating System, and Windows Server Operating System.

For more information about the Computer Networking Series, contact the School of Continuing Education at 708.534.4099 or visit www.govst.edu/oce/.

