

Governors State University
OPUS Open Portal to University Scholarship

GSU View

University Newsletters

10-1-2012

GSU View, 2012-10-01

Office of Marketing and Communications

Follow this and additional works at: <http://opus.govst.edu/gsuview>

Recommended Citation

Governors State University Office of Marketing and Communications, GSU View (2012, October 1). <http://opus.govst.edu/gsuview/500>

This Newsletter is brought to you for free and open access by the University Newsletters at OPUS Open Portal to University Scholarship. It has been accepted for inclusion in GSU View by an authorized administrator of OPUS Open Portal to University Scholarship. For more information, please contact opus@govst.edu.



News and Events

Election Forums Examine 2012 Campaign

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 Dr. 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 Dr. David Golland, assistant professor of history.

These conversations are free and open to the public. Co-sponsors are the Political and Justice Studies Program and the Consortium for Civic Engagement. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate.

GSU Board of Trustees meets Friday

The full Board of Trustees meeting will take place on Friday, October 5, in the William D. McGee Hall of Honors.

GSU will honor retired Trustee Lois Mayer with a breakfast beginning at 8 a.m. The meeting will begin after the breakfast, at approximately 8:30 a.m.

For further information, contact [Joan Johns Maloney](#) at 708.534.4131.

Planning for 2014 Takes Center Stage

All GSU faculty and staff are invited to "The Essentials of First-Year Student Success: Planning for 2014," an informational forum, on Friday, October 19. The event, taking place on the Center for Performing Arts stage, begins with a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. The program will start at 9 a.m.

Two nationally known experts from the John N. Gardner Institute for Excellence in Undergraduate Education, Betsy Barefoot and John Gardner, will speak at the event.

The campus-wide discussion regarding planning for GSU's first freshman class in 2014 began with last March's forum featuring Carol Geary Schneider. The October 19 event will continue that conversation.

Lunch will also be served. The day's activities should be finished by 4:30 p.m.

RSVPs are required for this event. To RSVP, contact Joan Johns Maloney at 708.534.4131.

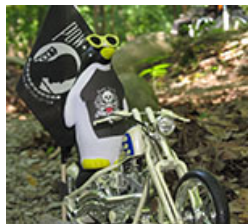
GS2U Workshop on Tuesday

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, e-mail gs2u@govst.edu.

Pierre Tests The Tail of the Dragon



A penguin and his bike

Occupational Therapy student Jackie Ryon provided this narrative about Pierre the Penguin's trip to the mountains this summer. GSU View is reproducing it in its entirety.

"Pierre had the time of his life during his trip to our nation's most visited National Park, The Great Smoky Mountains.

"He got his 'wild thing' on and slayed 'the Tail of the Dragon-Deals Gap,' aka Route 129 through

Tennessee and North Carolina, on his own motorcycle with the big boyz, while riding for our POWS. The Tail of the Dragon-Deals Gap is a world-renowned stretch of highway that is 11 miles long with 318 twisting and turning curves. He did awesome!



Captain Pierre

“Afterward, Pierre got some R & R in from ‘the day of the adrenaline rush’ and rafted down the Little River in Townsend, Tennessee.

“He also had the experience of being captain for the day, as he navigated his way through the back hills of Tennessee!!! He had sooooo much fun; he can’t wait to go back and do it again when the fall colors are at their peak!”

Magical Kickoff to Campus Community Campaign

Simply magical.

When you contribute to GSU’s 2012-2013 Campus Community Campaign, you’ll create the best kind of magic. Your contributions provide important funding for scholarships and worthwhile projects at our university.

The annual Campus Community Fund starts Tuesday, October 9 with a gala kickoff event at 12:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria Annex. This year’s theme is Making a Greater Individual Commitment – M.A.G.I.C.

President Elaine P. Maimon will speak at the kickoff. A magician will perform amazing feats and audience members will get a chance to do a magic trick. Door prizes will be offered during random drawings at the event, with an iPad available as the grand prize. Refreshments will be served at the end of the event.

All employees who want to participate in these drawings should have their Campus Community Campaign forms filled out and submitted before 12 noon on October 9. They will receive their raffle tickets which will good throughout the entire campaign, including the final drawings at the end of the campaign. Winners of prizes awarded at the kickoff must be present.

To sign up for the M.A.G.I.C. campaign or for more information, employees may contact their respective Campus Community Campaign volunteer, come to the Development Office in room D34200, or contact [Jackie Small](#) at ext. 2188.

Application Period Starts for Intellectual Life Grants

The Intellectual Life Committee is again offering Intellectual Life Grants. Intellectual Life Grants will be awarded for up to \$500 for events taking

place between January 22 and May 3, 2013, that promote and increase awareness of the arts, humanities and other intellectual topics of universal interest. Possible events might include lecture series, faculty research salons, workshops, panel discussions, film screenings, exhibits, presentations in local communities and field trips.

The primary audience for these events is GSU students, although the events should be open to all members of the GSU community and the region.

GSU staff and faculty, as well as enrolled GSU students with a faculty collaborator, are invited to apply using the Intellectual Life Grant Application. Events must be promoted as sponsored by the GSU Intellectual Life Committee in addition to any other sponsors.

Selection criteria include:

- Comparative analysis between grant projects presented
- Value to the GSU community in terms of intellectual life,
- Strategies for promoting the event,
- Completion of the event within Spring 2013 Semester, and
- Feasibility of the project based on the support of this grant plus any other sources of funding.

Grant funding may not be used to compensate GSU employees or purchase hardware or software.

Submissions are due October 26. Please fill out the [linked form](#) in Microsoft Word and e-mail it to lruetten@govst.edu. Award winners will be notified by November 9.

Fostering Psychological Healing

In a special presentation, GSU will host Dr. Rony Berger, clinical psychologist, family and child therapist, and internationally recognized expert in dealing with the psychological preparation for and the aftermath of terrorism and other major disasters.



Dr. Rony Berger

Dr. Berger will discuss *Fostering Psychological Healing in the Aftermath of Terrorism and Other Major Disasters*, on Monday, October 15, from 6 to 7 p.m., in Sherman Hall. The event will also include a screening of the trailer for the film, "10-Percent: What Makes A Hero? – A Documentary" on Dr. Berger's collaborative research with Stanford Professor Philip Zimbardo. The film, currently in production, is being directed by Yoav

Shamir and produced by Michael Moore.

Dr. Berger is on the faculty of Emergency Medicine at Ben Gurion University as well as on the faculty of the Stress, Crisis and Trauma program at Tel Aviv University. He serves as a Fellow of Psychology beyond Borders; a humanitarian organization that aims at alleviating the psychological suffering in the aftermath of traumatic events.

This event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Intellectual Life Committee; the Department of Psychology and Counseling; and the Division of Communication, Visual, and Performing Arts.

IT Power Improvements Will Affect Online Systems

Online systems will be affected by power improvements at the university's IT Building between 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 6 through 6 a.m. on Sunday, October 7. The improvement is necessary in order to ensure continued service in the event of a power outage.

This implementation will affect all GSU systems, including e-mail, the GSU website, Blackboard, and Colleague.

Users of the Faculty/Staff Exchange E-mail system should anticipate some delays and rejections of sent e-mails. It may be necessary for users to contact individuals to resend important e-mail messages. If possible, users should avoid sending e-mails during the implementation period.

For further information, contact the GSU Helpdesk, at 708.534-H-E-L-P (4357).

GSU Students Present Film and Discussion on Life after Prison

Students in the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice degree program are hosting a special program to encourage discussion and understanding of the adjustment problems facing women after incarceration. The program begins at 6 p.m., on October 17, with the screening of *Throwaways*, a documentary film made by GSU students. The film follows the lives of several women as they adjust to life after prison.

Immediately following the film, the students and the women featured in *Throwaways* will participate in a discussion of the film's message and a question and answer session.

The program will be held in the Center for Performing Arts. It is free and open to the public. To help the women transition to community life, donations of gift cards for groceries, gas, and household goods will be gratefully accepted.

This event was coordinated by Caron Jacobson of the GSU Criminal Justice Department. The project was funded by Andrea A. Raila & Associates and a GSU Intellectual Life Grant. Special thanks to the Cook County Commission on Women's Issues Districts 5, 6, and 12.

For more information, contact Caron Jacobson at 708.235.2136.

Master Academic Calendar Posted in Portal

The Office of the Provost has produced a calendar of important deadlines in the academic area. It is now posted in the portal and is accessible under the "announcements" section. Timelines for Retention/Promotion/Tenure/PAI processes, Assignment of Duties, Faculty Search processes, and more, are included.

Don't be late in completing important processes and paperwork – make the calendar a place you visit regularly. Please note that a key to the acronyms used for many of the calendar entries is available at the end of the calendar.

New Issue of Reconstructed Under Construction

Attention aspiring writers and artists. *Reconstructed*, GSU's online literature and arts journal, is looking for submissions for its next issue.

If you're interested in more exposure for your poetry, short stories, artwork, or short films—we're here to help. Visit <http://www3.govst.edu/reconstructed/> to view the current issue and for submission guidelines under the "Submit" tab.

Send submissions or any inquiries to: reconstructed@govst.edu. Submissions deadline for the next issue is December 2.

Flu Fighters

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.



Copyright © 2012 Governors State University | [Privacy Policy](#)
1 University Parkway, University Park, Illinois 60484-0975
708.534.5000 | [Email GSUView](#)