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## News and Events

### **Get Your Tickets for Chicago Live! – November 1**



*Chicago Live!*, a live stage show, is coming to Governors State University Center for Performing Arts on Thursday, November 1, at 7 p.m.

*Chicago Live!* is produced by the *Chicago Tribune* for WGN-AM Radio. Hosted by veteran reporter and author Rick Kogan, this 90-minute, multiplatform show features news interviews, arts performances, and comedy presented with a unique Chicago perspective. The show that is taped at GSU will be broadcast on WGN-AM November 3, at 11 a.m.

When *Chicago Live!* comes to GSU, it will be the first time that the program has been produced outside the city limits. This is an event everyone will enjoy!

Tickets for *Chicago Live!* at GSU are \$20 and can be purchased at the [Center for Performing Arts box office](#).

### **Hear from the Candidates – October 18**

Political hopefuls seeking state and congressional offices will speak at the 2012 Candidates Forum on Thursday, October 18, in Sherman Hall. The forum, free and open to the public, is sponsored by GSU and the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce.

Learn what the candidates have to say about the economy, health care, education, transportation, and other issues of importance to our region.

To register for a seat at the forum, visit [www.chicagosouthland.com](http://www.chicagosouthland.com).

### **First Year Student Success – October 19**

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.

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

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### **Handicap This! – October 17**

The GSU community is invited to attend a free, live stage show, *Handicap This!* on Wednesday, October 17, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts.

The show stars 23-year-old Mike Berkson, a funny, optimistic genius who, while living with Cerebral Palsy, refuses to “dwell on limitations. Instead I ponder unlimited possibilities.”

Joining Berkson in this stage show is his former middle school teacher and now friend, Tim Wambach. With music and humor, together Berkson and Wambach share their inspirational message of challenging stereotypes, breaking down barriers, coping with handicaps and living up to one’s potential – and beyond.

*Handicap This!* debuted in January, 2010. Since then the show has received rave reviews and standing ovations all across the country.

This event is sponsored by the Intellectual Life Grant, the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Health and Human Services, the Academic Resource Center, and the GSU Office of Student Life.

For more information, contact Dr. [Robbie O’Shea](#), Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy.

### **Shoe Collection – October 17**

Donate new and gently used shoes to the Kids Wish Network on Wednesday, October 17, from 1 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The shoe collection is a Wellness Club community service project.

The Kids Wish Network is an international charitable organization dedicated to infusing hope, creating happy memories, and improving quality of life for children experiencing life-altering situations.

Monetary donations will also be accepted. For further information, contact [Vanessa Newby](#) at 708.534.4551.

### **CUG Meeting – October 17**

The next meeting of the Colleague Users Group (CUG) is Wednesday, October 17, at 2 p.m., in D34115.

CUG provides a monthly forum for GSU community members to share and discuss their experiences using the system. Membership in CUG is open to all faculty and staff.

The forum will include a demonstration of Automated Class Wait Listing. Please come to learn about this new registration enhancement and to share your comments and questions.

Contact the [Colleague Project Office](#) with any questions about the meeting.

## **Throwaways Screening – October 17**

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.

## **Flu Free for Free – October 18**

Free flu shots for state employees and retirees will be administered Thursday, October 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 pm in Engbretson Hall.

Free flu shots will be available to state employees, retirees, and university staff with health insurance through the Quality Care Health Plan (QCHP) or State-sponsored managed care plan.

To receive the seasonal vaccination at no charge:

- Each employee must present his/her state health insurance card and his/her state ID card.
- Each retiree must present his/her state health insurance card and another form of ID.

The following are not eligible for free flu shots: dependents, spouses, contractual workers, consultants, and students. Employees who have opted out of health coverage through the state are not eligible.

## **Quilting the Black Eyed Pea – November 7**

In honor of the appearance at GSU of Nikki Giovanni on November 7, the Intellectual Life Committee has chosen her book *Quilting the Black-Eyed Pea* for this semester's *One Book One University* selection. Copies of the book are available

at the University Library.

Before Giovanni's 7 p.m. performance at the Center for Performing Arts, everyone is invited to join the discussion of her book and hear some of her poems recited at the *One Book One University* program beginning at 3:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.



Members of the discussion panel include Dr. Christopher White, Assistant Professor of English and Dr. Elizabeth Johnson, Assistant Professor of History. Dr. Rashidah Muhammad will serve as moderator. Dr. Muhammad will also lead students in a choral reading of the title poem. Individual students will read selected Giovanni poems.

Nikki Giovanni

Refreshments will be served. Both this event and the evening presentation are free and open to the public.

### **'8' - October 25, 26**

"8," a play chronicling the historic trial in the federal constitutional challenge to California's Proposition 8, is coming to Governors State University for two performances in Sherman Hall, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 25 and Friday, October 26.

"8," written by Academy Award-winning screenwriter Dustin Lance Black, is a production of the Southland Area Theater Ensemble (SLATE).

The play is an unprecedented account of the Federal District Court trial in *Perry v. Schwarzenegger* (now *Perry v. Brown*), the case filed to overturn Proposition 8, which stripped gay and lesbian Californians of the freedom to marry.

Admission to "8" is free with reservations. To reserve tickets, contact the GSU Center for Performing Arts at [www.centertickets.net](http://www.centertickets.net) or 708.235.2222.

### **Makeover Conference - October 23**

Give your dreams a jump-start at the third annual Professional Image Makeover Conference, on Tuesday, October 23 through Thursday, October 25 in Engbretson Hall. This exciting series of events is presented

by the GSU's Office of Career Services and the Academic Resource Center.

Tuesday's activities start with *Creating a Better You*. Learn how to build your confidence and improve your plan. This session will be presented in two parts – from 10 to 11 a.m., and from 11 a.m. to noon.

The *Myers-Briggs Type Indicator Seminar* will show you how to make your personality work for you and people around you. The assessment, with refreshments, is Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m. followed by a workshop from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Wednesday's schedule starts with *What will you do with YOUR major?*, from 10 to 11 a.m. You'll learn strategies for navigating a successful job search in *Searching, Researching, and Networking? Oh my!*, from 11 a.m. to noon.

*Creating Effective Resumes and Cover Letters* takes place from 12:30 to 2 p.m., and Wednesday's activities conclude with *LinkedIn: Get Connected!*, from 2 to 3 p.m.

On Thursday, *Improving Your Behavioral Interviewing Skills* is scheduled from 10 to 11 a.m. *Individual Mock Interview Appointments* follow, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Internship 101: What you need to know!*, from 1:30 to 3 p.m., is Thursday's final event.

To RSVP, or for further information, contact to GSU [Office of Career Services](#) at 708.235.3974.

## **Before and After Deployment - October 29**

A free public forum, *Before and After Deployment: Trauma and the Impact on the Military Family*, will be held on Monday, October 29, from 3 to 6:30 p.m. in the GSU Center for Performing Arts.

This event is being sponsored by the College of Health and Human Services, the Department of Social Work, the College of Education, Governors State University Intellectual Life Committee, the University Honors Program and the Wounded Warriors Project.

Featured speakers and their topics include:

- Michael Johnson: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Marquell Smith: Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual and Transgender (GLBT) persons serving under the Don't Ask Don't Tell (DADT) Policy
- Nicole McCoy: Women serving in leadership roles in the military
- Sharon Orsborn: Family members of combat victims
- Adam Widner, Wounded Warrior Project: After Deployment - Warriors to Work through Economic Empowerment

RSVP for this event by contacting Michael Griffin at 630.201.3485, or [militaryforum2@yahoo.com](mailto:militaryforum2@yahoo.com). Please leave your name, e-mail address, and the number of people who will be attending.

## **Cookie Dough and Popcorn**

It is time to stock you shelves with the ingredients that make a delicious holiday season. The Family Development Center is sponsoring a Savory Foods Fresh Homemade Ready-to-Bake Cookie Dough, Gourmet Caramel Popcorn, and Lava-alicious Fudge Cake fundraiser.

The cookie dough comes in 15 different flavors and each tub makes four dozen cookies. There are four types of popcorn plus bundt and fudge cakes. Orders must be placed by October 24. Products will be delivered on November 15.

For more information or to place an order, contact the FDC at 708.235.7300.



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