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News and Events

SLATE Presents '8' on 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 Center for Performing Arts for two performances, 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 or 708.235.2222.

Chicago Live! On the Road at GSU – November 1



The Chicago Tribune is taking *Chicago Live! On the road* to GSU on November 1, at 7 p.m. Tickets for this exciting, live state show are only \$20 and available at the Center for Performing

Arts box office or www.centertickets.net.

Get your tickets today for the family-friendly show. Get ready to enjoy the masters of improvisation, The Second City, as they get us all in the mood for Election Day. Host Rick Kogan, veteran reporter and author, will guide us through conversations with and performances with Cliff Kelly, WVON radio host and former Chicago alderman; Barnaby Struve; vice president of Three Floyds Beer; travel and beer writer Josh Noel; Tribune columnist Dawn Turner Trice; and hip-hop artist Psalm One.

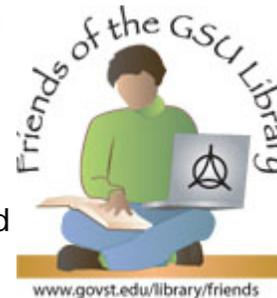
This will be the first time *Chicago Live!* has been produced outside the

city limits. The show at GSU will be broadcast on WGN-AM on November 3, at 11 a.m. Don't miss this opportunity to see a live taping of a radio show and enjoy exceptional talent, conversation, and entertainment.

Friends Book Sale - October 24

Find the perfect book for yourself or a friend at the annual GSU Friends of the Library fall book sale on Wednesday, October 24, from noon to 5 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Members of the Friends of the Library will be able to preview the sale items from 11 a.m. until noon.

A vast selection of books on subjects including, psychology, counseling, health services, English and literature will be for sale. Teacher's materials, books, and videotapes from the library will also be on sale.



Buy a small bag of book for only \$3 or supersize it to a large bag of books for only \$5. Individual hard copy books are a \$1 and paperbacks are 50 cents. Items from the library are only 25 cents each.

To make your book shopping more enjoyable, buy something delicious from the Civil Service taffy apple and bake sale, also in the Hall of Governors, on October 24, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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. Please leave your name, e-mail address, and the number of people who will be attending.

Election Issues In Spotlight



On Monday October 29, GSU will host a community forum on the *Issues of the 2012 Elections* 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; and Dr. David Golland, assistant professor of history.

The forum is 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.

Giovanni Here on November 7

Nikki Giovanni, world-renowned American poet, writer, activist, and educator, will appear at the Governors State University Center for Performing Arts on Wednesday, November 7, at 7 p.m. She will speak on *The Courage for Equality:*

Love, Work, Society.

The event is free and open to the public. Ms. Giovanni's presentation will be followed by a question and answer period and book signing.

Register online to reserve a space at nikkigiovanni.eventbrite.com. For more information call 708.534.4024.



Nikki Giovanni

Nikki Giovanni's appearance is sponsored by the GSU College of Education, College of Arts and Science, Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education, and Illinois Counseling Association. WVON-1690 AM is the media sponsor.

E & F Winging to Completion

It was one year ago when GSU "tore down the walls" at the ceremonial groundbreaking for the E/F Renovation Project.

Great progress has been made:

- The F atrium infill is complete
- New drain lines are installed beneath the slab
- Duct work is hung

- Copper lines for hot and cold water, plus science gases, are being installed
- New windows on the second floor offer a panorama to GSU's lake
- Metal stud walls are framed
- Classroom F1622 is gutted
- Tons (literally) of new mechanical equipment have been installed on the roof

A committee of stakeholders is meeting regularly this fall to finalize furniture, equipment, and technology needs to coordinate orders, deliveries, and movers for occupancy of Phase 1 next Spring.

See Bruce Crooks' [photos](#) of the renovation progress.

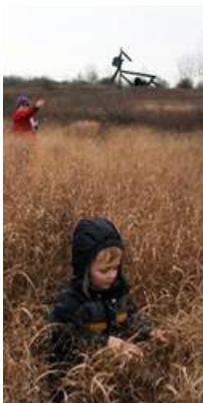
One Book, One University – Quilting the Black Eyed Pea

In honor of Nikki Giovanni's appearance at GSU 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.

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



NMSP Prairie Project

Reclaim the Prairie! – November 11

It is a perfect time of the year to spend some time outdoors doing something good for the earth that does not involve raking leaves or cleaning gutters. The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park at Governors State University is seeking willing volunteers to help "Reclaim the Prairie!" on November 11.

This event is perfect for everyone, old and young, as we expand our prairie flora. No experience is necessary. If you can pick a flower, rub it between your fingers, and scatter the seed, you can do this.

The activity begins at 1 p.m. in the University's Cafeteria Annex with a short introduction on how and why of prairie restoration by GSU Superintendent of Grounds Kevin Barto. Participants will then fan out in a specified area of the sculpture part to harvest, then sow prairie seed.

Once seeding is completed, light refreshments of hot cider and pumpkin squares will be served. Join us for an afternoon of fun with a purpose. Reservations are requested for this free activity. RSVP to 708.534.3084.

Mindfulness and Psychotherapy Certificate Open House – November 16

Beginning in the Summer 2013 term, GSU's College of Education and College of Health and Human Services will offer a two-year (18 credit hours) certificate program in Mindfulness and Psychotherapy.

Learn more about this new program at an Open House on Friday, November 16, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the E-Lounge. You will have the opportunity to meet program faculty, learn about the program structure and goals, as well as review the admissions process and eligibility requirements. Light refreshments will be served.

General Education Conversation - November 7

Members of the General Education (GE) Task Force, in collaboration with the Faculty Center for Teaching and Scholarship, will host a Brown Bag Lunch at which the GSU community may discuss the Curriculum Plan report. The conversation takes place on November 7, from noon to 1 p.m., in D1496.

This report represents many months of development by the GE Task Force, and integrates many best practices in undergraduate education. The recommendations that will be discussed at the Brown Bag span the full undergraduate experience and prepare us to serve our incoming lower division students who will arrive in 2014.

The Curriculum Plan is still a work in progress, and the task force encourages input and questions. In addition to attending the Brown Bag Lunch, the Task Force also invites you to respond to the report at gened@govst.edu.

View the [Curriculum Plan report](#).

