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News and Events

Learn from Chicago Live!

Chicago Live! at GSU poses a unique and entertaining education opportunity for students at GSU. Multiple curricula are demonstrated through the production itself and its varied and informative content.



To enable as many students as possible to benefit from this experience, the administration is encouraging faculty to incorporate this event into their teaching and is providing a free ticket to each student in any class that has a Chicago Live! assignment or project.

Faculty members interested in tickets for their class should contact [Sheree Sanderson](#). Distribution of the tickets will be the responsibility of the faculty member.

Attend the Chicago Live! Private Reception



There are two wonderful ways to add to your enjoyment of Chicago Live! at GSU. In addition to this fabulous live taping of the show, you can also enjoy a private pre-show reception with host Rick Kogan, the Chicago Tribune's Bruce Dold, and invited Chicago Live! performers.

Faculty and staff can attend the reception and enjoy VIP performance seating, and reserved parking, is if you have donated or contribute \$1000 or more through the 2012-2013 Campus Community Campaign designated to the GSU Promise.

Another way you can purchase a private reception ticket for \$100, which includes the reception, VIP performance seating, reserved parking, and a \$50 tax deductible donation to the GSU Promise.

For more information, or to reserve your VIP reception tickets, contact [Gina Ragland](#) at 708.235.7559.

8, A Play - 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.

Haunted Harvest Fest – October 26

It is time to have a frighteningly good time at the Annual GSU Haunted Harvest Fest on Friday, October 26, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The fest includes lots of fun activities for the whole family and delicious foods to satisfy everyone's Halloween cravings. There will be face painting, a bouncy house, and laser tag. The Association of Latin American Students (ALAS) is sponsoring a pumpkin carving contest. And a DJ will provide music all night long. You can even drop by Engbretson Hall to see how the GSU's Got Talent contest is going.

The event takes place in the Hall of Governors. It is free and open to students and their families. Student Life and the GSU Student Senate are event sponsors.

Information Security Presentation – October 25

Students from the Information Security Policy course will present on the topic of Wireless Security today, from 5 to 7 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. Demonstrations on how to stay safe while online will also be presented. A special demonstration on how wireless networks are hacked will be performed live. Members of the Information Technology department will also discuss the security of GSU's network and student security.

Everyone is welcome to come and learn from this free, student sponsored workshop.

Chicago Tribune Comes Alive – Chicago Live! November 1

Five days before the presidential election, on November 1, GSU invites the south suburban community to see the Chicago Tribune come to life on stage. GSU's Center for Performing Arts was selected as the first on the road venue for the new format of Chicago Live! Hosted by Chicago's Tribune's Rick Kogan, Chicago Live! is a live stage show recorded for WGN AM.

Rick Kogan will lead audiences on a unique tour of the city, engaging with local newsmakers and uncovering fascinating stories and characters. Kogan's masterful hosting has been described as a "tour de force" and his wildly popular "Almanac" segment will be expanded. The evening will



feature nationally recognized improv company Second City, one of Chicago's most influential people Bruce Dold the Tribune's editorial editor; Cliff Kelley WVON Radio host and beloved past alderman; Barnaby Struve Vice President of Three Floyds Brewing Company; music, interviews, news and entertainment and much more.

Politics, the arts, and comedic wit come to life in a radio variety show format which brings reporters, newsmakers artists and more together all in one show. This is a one of a kind opportunity for the southland community to experience the live taping up close and personal. Tickets are \$20 and for audience members of all ages.

The curtain rises at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by visiting the Chicago Live website at www.chicagolive.com or call 708.235.2222 to purchase tickets at the box office.

Lincoln Laureate – Katherine Rhea Baggarly

This year, GSU honors student Katherine Rhea Baggarly as the Lincoln Laureate for 2012. Each year an outstanding senior from each of the four-year degree granting institutions of higher learning in Illinois is named a Student Laureate of The Lincoln Academy of Illinois. Student Lincoln Laureates are chosen for their commitment to the principles of democracy and humanity as embodied by Abraham Lincoln.

This year's Lincoln Laureate from GSU was honored for her academic accomplishments and her passion for humanity and education. Baggarly was nominated by Dr. Susan Burke of the College of Education.

Baggarley and Burke have been invited to attend the Student Lincoln Laureate Award Ceremony in Springfield, on November 3.

GSU's Got Talent - October 26

Student Life is seeking the most talented GSU student to perform with the Chicago Tribune Chicago Live! At the Center for Performing Arts on November 1. To discover the GSU star, a contest will be held on October 26, at 7 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

While registration is closed, you can still attend the contest and cheer on talented GSU performers. Everyone is welcome.

Blackboard Collaborate Web-Conferencing Software

Learn how to effectively use Blackboard Collaborate (live conferencing software) in a Blackboard course, at workshops offered by the Center for

Online Teaching and Learning.

Workshops will be held on:

Monday, October 29, from 10 a.m. to noon, in D2430 (ACS lab)

Tuesday, October 30, from 2 to 4 p.m., in D2438 (ACS lab)

This is an introductory-level workshop for those who would like to become more familiar with Blackboard's web-conferencing software, Collaborate.

To register for a workshop, visit the [COTL website](#). For more information, contact [Nikki Roseborough](#).

Faculty Lunch – The Times in Class

Student Life and The New York Times are inviting faculty to attend a complimentary faculty luncheon and workshop hosted by Norm Wave, Regional Education Manager for the New York Times, on November 8, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

The New York Times' prize-winning coverage of national and global events provides an invaluable classroom resource. Workshop includes:

- Igniting students' intellectual curiosity and critical thinking
- Inspiring students to become better informed and engaged world citizens
- Dynamic ways to integrate The Times into your curriculum
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More than 2,000 college educators across the country, from every discipline, have adopted The New York Times for their classes. Those who include The Times in their course syllabus receive a complimentary subscription for the duration of their course.

R.S.V.P. to [Johnsie McAuley](#) by Monday, November 5.

ScholarShip – Dr. Natalia Ermasova

Dr. Ermasova successfully defended her doctoral dissertation, "Capital Budgeting at the State Level: An Empirical Analysis from the Economic Downturn through the Present" on October 17, 2012 in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University.

The Impact of Trauma Discussed – 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 Discussed - October 29

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.

Poetry and Presentation - Nikki Giovanni

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. Registration is not required to the

OneBook, One University event. To registration for the Giovanni presentation, go to <http://nikkigiovanni.eventbrite.com/>.



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