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News and Events

Chicago Live! Coming to CPA Tonight

It's not too late to order tickets for tonight's exciting *Chicago Live!* presentation at GSU's Center for Performing Arts. The live stage show, a production of the Chicago Tribune, will be recorded for broadcast in the CPA at 7 p.m.

Chicago Tribune



Host Rick Kogan, a veteran Chicago Tribune reporter, will lead audiences on a unique tour of the city, engaging with local newsmakers and uncovering fascinating stories and characters. He will introduce undergraduate Audrey LaBranche, the winner of last week's *GSU's Got Talent* competition; she will perform an original song, *Love You*, that she wrote two years ago. Kogan will also discuss recent successes at GSU with President Elaine P. Maimon.

Second City, the legendary improv comedy troupe, is one of the *Chicago Live!* headline acts. Other performers and guests include Grammy Award-winning blues musician Sugar Blue; WVON radio host and former Chicago alderman Cliff Kelley; rapper and humanitarian Psalm One; Barnaby Struve, vice president of Three Floyds Brewing Company; and, from the Tribune, editorial page editor Bruce Dold, columnist Dawn Turner Trice, and travel and beer writer Josh Noel.

Thursday's show is the first time that *Chicago Live!* has been presented outside Chicago. The show will be broadcast on WGN-AM at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 3.

Tickets for *Chicago Live!* are \$20 and can be purchased at the Center for Performing Arts [box office](#) at 708.235.2222.

Counseling in the Himalayas

Dr. Shannon Dermer and GSU doctoral student Deborah Watson are bringing their counseling skills to a higher plateau. Dr. Dermer, associate professor and chair of the Division of Psychology and



Dr. Shannon Dermer
and Deborah Watson



Counseling, and Watson, who is working on a doctorate in Counselor Education and Supervision, are in Bhutan, a small Asian country nestled between India and China with an average elevation of 8,000 feet. Buddha Point Above Thimphu Bhutan

Dr. Dermer and Watson will be in Bhutan for two-and-a-half weeks. They are part of a group working with the Thunder Dragon Institute, an organization that was established through the National Board of Certified Counselors. "We are here to do clinical and administrative work related to counseling and the advancement of counseling in Bhutan," Dr. Dermer said.

Watson is using the experience in Bhutan as part of her doctoral internship. She is working with students and parents at a local high school.

Dr. Dermer is working with an organization called RENEW, which advocates for the prevention of domestic violence and offers intervention services and shelter.

"[title of show]" at CPA this Weekend

Laughter is definitely on the agenda when GSU's Center for Performing Arts presents an acclaimed musical comedy, *[title of show]*, for two performances, at 8 p.m., on Saturday, November 3, and 4 p.m., on Sunday, November 4.

[title of show] is a production of the Southland Area Theatre Ensemble (SLATE). Audience members will be seated on stage for this cabaret-style production.

The play is a post-modern homage to backstage musicals like *A Chorus Line* and *Kiss Me Kate*. Two struggling writers, Hunter and Jeff, decide to create a completely original musical starring themselves and their talented lady friends, Susan and Heidi. Their musical, also called *[title of show]*, gets into the New York Musical Theatre Festival, and becomes a hit. By play's end, it's headed for Broadway.

[title of show] received a Tony Award nomination for Best Book of a Musical in 2009.

Tickets for *[title of show]* are \$27. To purchase tickets, or for further information, contact the GSU Center box office at www.centertickets.net or (708) 235-2222.

Civil Service Shopping Extravaganza

Just in time to help you get your holiday shopping done early, the GSU Civil Service Senate is sponsoring the GSU Annual Fall Vendor Fair. The shoppers' paradise will feature arts and crafts, perfect gifts, and unique creations on November 15, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The event is free and open to the public.

Interested vendors and crafters are encouraged to participate. Space is limited. For more information or to register, call 708.235.7559.

It's Time to Take the Spotlight

Can you sing, dance, or juggle? If so, the Civil Service Senate wants you.

The Senate will host the GSU Community Revue and Variety Show 2012 at Civil Service Day festivities on Wednesday, December 5. The event starts at 10 a.m., with the Revue starting at 10:45 a.m. The performances should not exceed five minutes. However, longer performances may be allowed if time permits.

GSU faculty, staff, and students can participate in the show. Please contact [Lynne Clayton](#) at 708.534.3075 by November 21, to reserve your spot in the show.

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, November 10 to 18, is co-sponsored by National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness.

Student Life is sponsoring a massive food drive, inclusive of a competition between GSU student clubs and organizations to take a stand against hunger. During the drive, members of the GSU community are asked to take a stand against hunger by bringing in non-perishable foods and placing them in the food bins located in the Hall of Governors, A-wing, E-wing, and on the third floor of D-Wing. All donations will support the GSU Food Pantry.

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week events include:

- Hunger and Homelessness Poster Presentation
November 12, Hall of Governors
- Hunger and Homeless Documentary and Discussion
Facilitated by Dr. Phyllis West
November 14, 5 p.m., TBD
- GSU Food Pantry Grand Re-opening
November 15, 3 to 6 p.m., Student Commons

The events are sponsored by Student Life and Student Senate. For additional information contact [Christopher Cook](#). Events are free and open to the public.

SURS Hosts Retirement Seminar

The State Universities Retirement System (SURS) will present a retirement seminar for Tier 1 members (who were hired before January 1, 2011) on Monday, November 5, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

Film Festival to Screen GSU Grad's Documentary

Mercedes Kane, a Governors State MFA graduate, will present her documentary, "Today We Saw the Face of God," at the



Mercedes Kane

Illinois International Film Festival (IIFF) in December. Kane, a 2009 MFA graduate, has been invited to seven film festivals.

The documentary is about a medical mission team in Haiti that experienced the devastating earthquake in 2010. "Today We Saw the Face of God," had its world premiere at Commfest Community Film Festival in Toronto on September 22, where Kane received the MADA Humanitarian Award.

The local premiere will be at IIFF, at the Viaduct Theater in Chicago, on Saturday, December 1, at 6 p.m. There will be another screening on Sunday, December 2, with the time to be determined. The theater is located at 3111 N. Western Avenue.

Follow this link for more information on the documentary and screenings - <http://todaywesawthefaceofgod.com/>.

Students Make Solid Case at APICS Competition

Three CBPA students participated in the fourth annual Student Business Case Competition sponsored by the Chicago Chapter of the Association for Operations Management (APICS). The competition took place October 23 at APICS headquarters in Chicago.

Participating in the competition were undergraduates Laura Burke and Donna Thompson (undergraduate students), and MBA student Adekunmi Keleko. They were coached by Dr. John Simon, Associate Professor of Operations Management.

The students were given a case about a company looking to expand its operations, and were required to provide a written paper as well as make a presentation to the APICS members. Three other area universities -- IIT, Loyola, and Northeastern Illinois -- also participated in the competition.

GSU's students were well-prepared and gave a solid presentation. The competition was also an opportunity to meet with other students and APICS members. The three GSU students will receive certificates of participation from APICS-Chicago. The GSU APICS Club will receive a monetary award.

Mindfulness and Psychotherapy Open House

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.

Planning Team Members Needed

Black History and Women's history months are fast approaching and Student Life is making plans to observe and celebrate. To help make these events informative, meaningful, and enjoyable, Student Life is looking for volunteers to serve on planning committees.

Committees will begin meeting at the end of November. For more information or to volunteer, contact Vanessa Newby at vnewby@govst.edu.

SVA Sets November Meetings

GSU's Student Veterans Association will meet on November 7, 14, and 28 in the Veterans Center Conference Room, A2109.

Meetings begin at 1500 hours sharp, or 3 p.m. according to the civilian clock.



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