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News and Events

RSVP for Prairie Place Groundbreaking (03-28-13)

Mindfulness,
Meditation
Through May 9
Thursdays
3:30-4:30 p.m.
A2110
708.534.4089

HLC Forums
April 2, 9:30 a.m.
2:30 p.m.
April 3, 9:30 a.m.
Cafeteria Annex

GSU Regalia
Fitting Event
April 2, 3
1 a.m. - 7 p.m.-
E-Lounge

Healthcare
Leadership
April 2
Dr. Ann Blouin
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Sherman Hall

Rape Defense Class
Wednesdays
April 3-May 1
3-4:30 p.m.,
6-7:30 p.m.
Rec. Fitness Ctr.

Common Ground
in Gun Debate
Discussion
April 4, 5 p.m.
Engbretson Hall

Prairie Place
GSU Housing
Groundbreaking
April 5, 3:30 p.m.



Be a part of history as GSU takes a giant step toward building Prairie Place, the university's first on-campus housing. You can attend the groundbreaking ceremony for Prairie Place on Friday, April 5. This once-in-a-lifetime event is open to all members of the campus community.

The afternoon's activities begin at 3:30 p.m. in GSU's Hall of Governors, where light refreshments will be served. At 4

p.m., President Elaine P. Maimon and special guests will speak about the significance of GSU's first student housing. Guests will then be escorted to the construction site for the groundbreaking ceremony.

RSVP by March 31 for the Prairie Place groundbreaking at 708.534.6364 or pperdue@govst.edu.

Prairie Place will be ready for occupancy in Summer, 2014.

Bringing GSU's Message to Springfield

President Maimon joined other representatives from Illinois universities last week in testifying before state House and Senate Appropriations Committees in the Capitol in Springfield.

"I appeal to you to see the relationship among reduced appropriations, the possible increase in university contributions to the normal costs of pensions, and the concern to keep tuition increases to a minimum," Dr. Maimon said, providing lawmakers with a context for their decision making for the upcoming 2014 fiscal year appropriations for Illinois public universities.

During her six years as president of GSU, Dr. Maimon said, the university has reallocated resources to fulfill its mission as a comprehensive university, even as state appropriations have declined. GSU remains the most affordable university in Illinois. Enrollment is on the rise – the Fall 2012 enrollment was up 2.59 percent in credit hours; full-time undergrad transfer student have increased 10 percent; and undergraduate applications have increased 30 percent.

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Alliance Meets
Wednesdays
3 p.m., E2590

GSU is seeking planning funds for a multi-purpose classroom building. The university is at capacity during the evening, and the first freshman class in 2014 plus other daytime classes that have been added will soon fill classrooms during the day, Dr. Maimon said.

Erin Fletcher, student trustee on the GSU Board of Trustees, also testified in Springfield.

"As a student this is part of my education outside of the classroom," Fletcher said. "This experience has allowed me the opportunity to understand the operational processes that our president and all of the university presidents here today do to make sure that their student's educational needs are met.

"As a student leader it is my responsibility to make sure that the values and mission statement of our institution are being met and reflected in the best interest of the student body. This experience is one that I will share with the student body so that they can be just as informed about what happens at this level."

SBA Regional Chief Tours Clients of Illinois International Trade Center at GSU

Marianne Markowitz, Regional Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, last Friday completed a two-day tour of Chicago area small business exporters.

The four companies on the tour are all clients of the Illinois International Trade Center at Governors State University. The companies -- Chicago Export Packing Company, of Chicago; Automated Design Corporation, of Romeoville; PARC Corporation, of Romeoville; and Pactrans Air & Sea, of Bensenville – have benefited from SBA's export assistance programs that enabled them to grow and create jobs.

"We are very proud of the success of our clients' export businesses," said Hongxia (Mary) Ma, director of Illinois International Trade Center at GSU. "They have created positive economic impact in our business community. At the Illinois International Trade Center, we are committed to share our specialty, the experience and resources to serve more local small businesses and promote U.S. products and services to export into the global marketplace."

Markowitz and Ma were joined on the tour by federal, state and local officials including district directors from the U.S. Congressional Offices of Bobby Rush, Danny Davis and Tammy Duckworth; Romeoville Mayor John Noak; Daniel Goff, Deputy Director of the Office of Trade and Investment for Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity; and Mark Petrilli, State Director Illinois Small Business Development Center.

SBA offers loan programs such as Export Express, Export Working Capital and International Trade loans to help business exporters gain the access to the capital they need and encourage lenders to provide support for small businesses to see market potential abroad.

All four companies participated in a Chinese Trade Mission last summer, which led to incredible growth opportunities for each of them.

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For further information, contact [Sheree Sanderson](#).

Get Fitted for Regalia – April 2 and 3

GSU has announced the university's official Custom Academic Regalia Purchase Program.

Fitting for GSU regalia takes place April 2 and 3, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in E-Lounge. Faculty, administrators, and staff can be measured for regalia, place orders, and make payments at this event. If you are unable to attend, please contact Karen Caesar-Smith at 708.534.6360.



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Reconstructed Returns



It's been a long time coming, but *Reconstructed* has published its second issue. To view the provocative poetry, stunning visual art, and a new short film, visit www3.govst.edu/reconstructed/.

As always, *Reconstructed* is looking for submissions for the next issue. If you're a writer, poet, artist, or aspiring filmmaker, visit the *Reconstructed* website and click on the "submit" tab for details on how to get your work published.

For further information, contact reconstructed@govst.edu.

Social Policy Class Sponsors Fundraiser

GSU's Social Work Social Policy II class is hosting a forum and fundraiser for the Palestine Children's Relief Fund on Monday, April 1, from 4:30 to 6 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

The Palestine Children's Relief Fund is a registered non-political, non-profit, 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization that was established in 1991 by concerned people in the U.S. to address the medical and humanitarian crisis facing Palestinian youths in the Middle East. It has

since expanded to help suffering children from the region, based only on their medical needs.

Rania Sadeq from the PCRFB will make a presentation. The Debka Dancers will perform and samplers of Middle Eastern food will be available for purchase. The fundraiser is free and open to the public.

Healthcare Leadership in Reform Era



Dr. Ann Blouin

GSU's Student Healthcare Management Association will sponsor a presentation by Dr. Ann Scott Blouin, RN, Ph.D., FACHE, Executive Vice President of Customer Relations, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, on Tuesday, April 2, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

Dr. Blouin will discuss *Leadership in an Era of Health Care Reform: Quality and Patient Safety Implications*. She has more than 30 years of health care administration, consulting, and nursing experience, and has held several leadership positions.

Dr. Blouin has also published and taught at nursing and medical schools and serves on the National Patient Safety Foundation Board of Governors.

The event is free and open to the public.

Rape Aggression Defense Class Starts April 3

Be prepared. The Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) class includes lecture, discussion, and hands-on self-defense techniques suitable for women of all abilities.

The class is offered Wednesdays between April 3 and May 1 in the Recreation and Fitness Center. Two times are available – 3 to 4:30 p.m. and 6 to 7:30 p.m. The class is sponsored by the Recreation and Fitness Center. For more information, visit www.govst.edu/wellnessprograms.

Finding Common Ground in Gun Debate

The GSU Forensics Team will host a panel discussion, *Communicating Possibilities: Reframing the Gun Debate and Finding Common Ground*, on Thursday, April 4, at 5 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

The discussion is part of *Enough is Enough*, a college campaign against violence in our society. It is free and open to the public.

Arness Krause, Forensics Team Coach and Adjunct Professor in the Division of Communication, Visual, and Performing Arts, said the discussion will attempt to reframe the debate over guns in our society. Panel members will address issues surrounding the current debate over guns from their areas of expertise – politics, history, language, and mass media.

Panel members include Dr. David Rhea, Assistant Professor of Communications Studies; Dr. Donald Culverson, Associate Professor of Political Justice Studies; Dr. David Golland, Assistant Professor of History; Arness Krause; and Etta Oben, Forensics Team Graduate Assistant Coach.

Substitute Teacher Academy – April 27

GSU is sponsoring a daylong Substitute Teacher Academy with Resources on April 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Many school districts are in need of qualified substitute teachers. This workshop will help experienced and new substitutes increase their knowledge and skills.

The academy will teach substitute teachers what to expect in the classroom, what to do in an emergency, how to maintain classroom control, and how to follow the teacher's lesson plans. It will also provide ideas and activities for both new and experienced substitutes that can be adapted and used in any school and any grade.

Participants must have a bachelor's degree. The \$50 registration fee includes lunch and all materials. Seating is limited to 40 registrants. Advance registration is required. Call 708.534.4536. Registration deadline is April 8.

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GSU Unveils Regalia Purchase Program

GSU is proud to announce the university's official Custom Academic

Regalia Purchase Program. Many prominent schools design their own distinctive regalia for their faculty, the administration, and staff in academic appointments to wear during Commencement, Convocation, and other ceremonies. GSU is now part of that distinguished group.

A great number of GSU faculty, administration, and staff members are expected to debut their new regalia at this year's Commencement on Saturday, June 8.



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Brown Bag Workshop Focuses on Student Writing

The next Faculty Scholarship & Teaching Center Brown Bag Workshop, on Wednesday, March 27, focuses on innovative methods for helping students improve their writing. The session takes place from noon to 1 p.m. in the Hall of Honors.

Kerri Morris, this year's Faculty in Residence Kerri Morris, will present *Write to Learn*.

Writing Across the Curriculum doesn't have to mean facing a stack of papers that requires time-intensive grading. Students can improve their writing and improve their learning of content material by writing in class without instructor feedback or with brief, focused feedback.

This workshop will focus on techniques and strategies to using writing to learn in your classroom and to improve your students' understanding of content material.

Bring a syllabus for your course and learning objectives to get the conversation going. Leave with teaching and learning strategies that use writing to help your students learn.

For more information, contact Faculty Scholarship & Teaching Center coordinators [Tony Labriola](#) and [Raven James](#).

HLC Forums on Tuesday, Wednesday

Faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend an open forum about the Higher Learning Commission site visit. For your convenience, eight HLC forums have been scheduled. The dates, times, and locations of the eight forums are provided below.

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The scheduled forums will provide the university community with an opportunity to ask questions about both the Focused Visit Report and the Substantive Change Report. The questions and conversations will help us prepare for the HLC visit and help us shape a series of Town Hall gatherings that will be planned for spring and fall related to welcoming our "FC14" (First Class 2014) students. Questions can be directed to the Provost's Office.

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Sign Up for Student Sustainability Summit

The South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium is presenting the 2013 Student Sustainability Summit at Prairie State College on Friday, April 12, from 9:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. This event is planned for students and by students. The theme is *Sustainability in Our Communities – What’s Your Community?*

In past years, GSU students have made presentations and attended workshops at the annual summit. Participants from Governors State are needed for the 2013 conference.

GSU students can register for the event, which features presentations and workshops demonstrating how area colleges and universities are working to expand sustainable practices on their campuses. The registration deadline is April 5. All registrants will be entered in a drawing for an iPad. Winners must be present when the drawing occurs at the end of the conference.

Chad Pregracke, the conference’s keynote speaker, is president and founder of Living Lands & Waters (LL&W), the world’s only “industrial strength” not-for-profit river cleanup organization. Over the last 15 years, Pregracke, along with his crew and 70,000 volunteers, have removed 7 million pounds of garbage from our nation’s rivers.

Salute to Women Veterans – March 28

Women who have served our nation will be honored at a reception on Thursday, March 28, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Student Commons.

Salute to Women Veterans is sponsored by the Office of the Coordinator for Veterans and Military Personnel, Student Senate, Student Life, and SVA@GSU.

For more information, contact Keith White at 708.235.2223.

‘Celtic Crossroads’ Takes Irish Music to New Heights



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Information Sessions This Week on China Trip

Join the College of Education on an educational trip to China in May, 2013. The two-week trip will focus on education and psychology, with visits to South China Normal University in Guangzhou, a variety of cultural events and exchanges, trips to see the Terra Cotta Warriors and the Great Wall of China, and much more.

Learn more at information sessions on Tuesday, March 26, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., in E-Lounge, and Wednesday, March 27, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., at the G262 (CBPA Conference Room).

The trip is open to all GSU students, alumni, and community members. Estimated cost of the trip including all transportation, lodging, and some meals is approximately \$2,500 to \$2,700. Exact dates, itinerary, and cost will be determined soon.

Contributions to a Global Society – March 26

Women's History Month at GSU continues with *International Coffee Hour: Women and Innovation in a Global Society*, on Tuesday, March 26, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

The coffee hour is sponsored by Student Life, the Office of International Services, and the International Cultural Organization.

Presentations will be made on the many contributions that women, all around the world, have made in the areas of science, politics, and human rights.

Refreshments will be served.

Movie Night Presents 'The Impossible'

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Holistic Health Symposium 2013

You can discover the power of holistic healing and non-traditional health remedies at the Holistic Health Symposium 2013 on Saturday, April 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Recreation and Fitness Center Gymnasium.

You can learn about holistic health lifestyle options at this daylong event, which includes presentations, demonstrations, and exhibits. This event is free and open to the public.

The Holistic Health Symposium is sponsored by Recreation and Fitness Center, the College of Health and Human Services, and the Wellness Club.

For information or to be an exhibitor, visit www.govst.edu/wellnessprograms.

Eat Healthy, Feel Better

A month of healthy living activities at GSU starts April 3 and 4 with two workshops on foods and meals that can make you feel better.

Executive Eating, on Wednesday, April 3, from noon to 1 p.m. in A2110, will offer ideas for those who work and want to eat healthy, too. The session is presented by Kim Kramer, an Ingalls Wellness dietician.

Eat Chic, Chicago: Fuel Your Body and Feed Your Soul will be presented Thursday April 4, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Student Commons, A2140. Registered dietician Amari Cheffer will give a presentation, including cooking demonstrations, that show how you can increase your energy through by eating foods that fuel you through the day.

The workshops are sponsored by the GSU Recreation and Fitness Center and the Wellness Club. More information is available at www.govst.edu/wellnessprograms.

Be Prepared for Speaking in Public

Get pointers on how to prepare for a speech or presentation at *Public Speaking for the Graduate Student*, on Thursday, April 4, at 3 p.m. in Engbretson Hall. This is the second of four events sponsored by the GSU Graduate Student Organization during the spring semester.

This workshop is for you if you need to know the basics of a presentation, or if you feel anxiety when you speak in front of an audience. You'll learn how to better understand your material and identify talking points in delivering your message.

Get Ready, Get Set for Mini Biathlon

GSU will host an Indoor Mini Biathlon April 7 through 12 in the Recreation and Fitness Center. Participants can compete at their own convenience by completing a 3-mile bike ride and 2-mile run.

The competition is open to all GSU students and members of the Recreation and Fitness Center. Prizes will be awarded for best category time and best combined time. All participants will receive a gift. There

will be competition in two divisions: 10 to 50 years of age, and 50 years of age and above.

Runs must be completed on the Recreation and Fitness Center Stex treadmill and biking must be complete on the center's recumbent bike. Times must be verified by a center staff member.

Register in Room A1106 or by calling 708.534.4945.

Proceeds of the event benefit the Illinois Special Olympics.

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The scheduled forums will provide the university community with an opportunity to ask questions about both the Focused Visit Report and the Substantive Change Report. The questions and conversations will help us prepare for the HLC visit and help us shape a series of Town Hall gatherings that will be planned for spring and fall related to welcoming our "FC14" (First Class 2014) students. Questions can be directed to the Provost's Office.

HLC forums will be held:

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Regalia – Buy Now or Rent Later

GSU is proud to announce the university's official Custom Academic Regalia Purchase Program. Many prominent schools design their own distinctive regalia for their faculty, the administration, and staff in academic appointments to wear during Commencement, Convocation,

and other ceremonies. GSU is now part of that distinguished group.



A great number of GSU faculty, administration, and staff members are expected to debut their new regalia at this year's Commencement on Saturday, June 8.

You can check for updates regarding Regalia on the Commencement website.

GSU regalia fitting takes place April 2 and 3, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in E-Lounge. Interested persons can be measured for regalia, place orders, and make payments at this event. If you are unable to attend, please contact [Karen Caesar-Smith](#) at 708.534.6360.

The university will no longer provide rented regalia to faculty, staff, or administrators. If faculty, staff, or administrators are planning on participating in Commencement, they will either need to purchase regalia (if they don't already own their own regalia) or rent regalia (at their own cost).

GSU Alumni Club Forms in China

Governors State University graduates in Guangzhou, China, have formed a GSU Alumni Club. Club members recently met in Guangzhou with Dr. Gebeyehu Ejigu, Executive Vice President, and Dr. Steve Shih, Professor of Computer Science, Chair of the Science Division, and Chair of the university's Global Affairs Committee.



Alumni Club, Guangzhou, China connected," Dr. Ejigu said.

During his Fulbright stay in China in the Fall, 2012, semester, Dr. Ejigu met with GSU alumni in Guangzhou. At that time, they promised to form a GSU alumni club.

"I was delighted to observe first hand that our alums hold high the GSU spirit across the oceans all the way to Guangzhou, China, and inspired by their strong commitment to stay

Siqi "CK" Wu, who graduated from GSU with an MBA in 2012, is president of the Alumni Club. She served as a senator on GSU's Student Senate during the 2011-2012 academic years.

In the photo, seated in the front row are, left to right: Siqi Wu, Dr. Ejigu, Dr. Shih, and Sydney Zhang. Standing in the back row are, left to right: Cheng "Vincent" Wei Yu, Tom Xie, Zutao Shao, and Ruohuai "Roger" Zheng.

Educational Trip to China

Join the College of Education on an educational trip to China in May, 2013. The two-week trip will focus on education and psychology, with

visits to South China Normal University in Guangzhou, a variety of cultural events and exchanges, trips to see the Terra Cotta Warriors and the Great Wall of China, and much more.

Learn more at information sessions on Tuesday, March 26, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., in E-Lounge, and Wednesday, March 27, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., at the G262 (CBPA Conference Room).

The trip is open to all GSU students, alumni, and community members. Estimated cost of the trip including all transportation, lodging, and some meals is approximately \$2,500 to \$2,700. Exact dates, itinerary, and cost will be determined soon.

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Write to Learn is Brown Bag Topic

The next Faculty Scholarship & Teaching Center Brown Bag Workshop, on Wednesday, March 27, focuses on innovative methods for helping students improve their writing. The session takes place from noon to 1 p.m. in the Hall of Honors.

Kerri Morris, this year's Faculty in Residence Kerri Morris, will present *Write to Learn*.

Writing Across the Curriculum doesn't have to mean facing a stack of papers that requires time-intensive grading. Students can improve their writing and improve their learning of content material by writing in class without instructor feedback or with brief, focused feedback.

This workshop will focus on techniques and strategies to using writing to learn in your classroom and to improve your students' understanding of content material.

Bring a syllabus for your course and learning objectives to get the conversation going. Leave with teaching and learning strategies that use writing to help your students learn.

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Graduate Program Open House – April 6

GSU is hosting a graduate programs open house on Saturday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the G building Lobby. GSU has 35 master's, doctorate, and specialist degree programs, and is experienced at providing graduate education opportunities for working adults.

Information will be available on graduate programs offered in business, public administration, education, psychology and counseling, liberal arts, sciences, and health professions. Program advisors, faculty, and staff will be on hand to answer questions. Information and representatives from Becker, GMAT, and GRE will also be present. Tours of the campus will also be offered.

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Dr. Stephen Wagner Selected for Louis O. Kelso Fellowship (03-18-13)

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This fellowship is awarded by the School of Management and Labor Relations at Rutgers University. As a member of the fellowship program, Dr. Wagner will participate in the Beyster Fellows Symposium in June in La Jolla, California, and the Mid-Year Fellows Workshop in honor of Louis O. Kelso at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey, in January of 2014.

Dr. Stephen Wagner At the conference Dr. Wagner will present a paper about his work related to employee stock ownership programs and will have the opportunity to network with the other current and past recipients of the Beyster and Kelso fellowships.

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For information or group arrangements, contact Ann Nagel at 708.235.7353.

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Do you know the first woman to win a Nobel Prize for literature? Who was the first African American U.S. Congresswoman? Answers to these and other questions on the quiz can be found in your GSU Library databases, which can be accessed either in the library or online.

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Donations Needed for Adolescent Center

Social Policy 2 students are having a bake sale on Wednesday, April 3, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors, to help raise money

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Donations are also needed for the following items: clothing, hygiene products, bedding, educational items, home entertainment equipment, and bowling and movie tickets in the Robbins/Crestwood area.

Donations can be made at on-campus boxes. For more information, call Yuvonia Hunt at 708.287.7185, Deatrice Peoples at 708.821.5567, or Judy Allen at 815.451.0264.

GSU's First Dale Carnegie Leadership Class Completes Training



Carnegie Leadership Class 2013

Members of GSU's first Dale Carnegie Leadership Class recently completed training and received certificates from the program.

Participants in the leadership program were Kevn Barto, Elizabeth Briggs, Rhonda Brown, John Buenger, Karen Caesar-Smith, Darcie Campos, Yakeea Daniels, Jennifer Davidson, Melinda Gieseke, Kristy Goodwin, Bonnie Gregg, Jonathan Lee, Aida Martinez, Courtney Sanders, Adam Schauer, Tamekia Scott, Renee Zdych, Lisa Helm, Latonya Holmes, Michael Horvath, Pulchratia Kinney-Smith, Kelly McCarthy, Sylvia Ponce De Leon, Colleen Rock, Roshaunda Ross, Bonnie Simpson, Pamela Stipanich, Tracy Sullivan, Jennifer Taylor, and James Zumerchik.

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This year's spring book sale will take place on Tuesday, April 16

Donations are tax deductible, but in order to receive a letter acknowledging your contribution, please make sure that you fill out the form which is on the Friends table, and place it in the book where it can be seen.

Donations will be accepted during library hours: Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. During Spring Break, the library will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and closed Saturday and Sunday.

Computer Upgrade Slated for March 21

An upgrade of the university's computer network equipment will take place Thursday, March 21 between 9 p.m. and midnight. All systems will remain available from off-campus. However, there is a possibility of a very brief disruption during this time period.

For further information, contact the ITS Helpdesk at 708.534.4357.

University's First Student Leadership Program is a Success (03-14-13)

GSU's first student leadership programs – the Student Leadership Institute and the Graduate Leadership Scholars – came to a close Tuesday as more than 50 undergraduate and graduate students were recognized for their participation in the program.



Student Leadership Program 2013

administrators, and staff – were honored for their guidance during the program.

"We are here to celebrate what you have done, and to ask, 'What Next?'" said Dean of Students Aurelio Valente.

Student Shawnta Young and her mentor, former Provost David Curtis, reflected on their time together in the program. "Going to sessions, I started thinking, 'this is great,'" she said. "I can use all this to help change things in the world."

Student Suzette Shepherd and her mentor, University Lecturer Tammarra Winn, reversed their roles in making their presentation at the ceremony.

Undergraduate participants in the program were: Michael Alexander, Imani Aloway, Machel Anderson, Terry Banies, Brittani Barnett, Shaneice Berry, Beblon Bobo-Thomas, Kolandra Carpenter, Rebecca Condrey, Angelique Crockett, Greg Dole, Daniel Ellington, Cassandra Garner, Amber Gocken, April Grammer, Sandra Gustafson, Diane Humes, Charles Kresno, Rafiah Muhammad, Lydia Quinones, Maria Ramirez, Kayla Randolph-Clark, Akiah Robinson, Suzette Shepherd, Stephanie Snow, Sharon Starks, James Starks, Craig Sweet, Donna Thompson, Emily Tschiggfrie, Samuel Villasenor, Sylvia Vines, Ina Whalen, Tanya White, and Shawnta Young.

Graduate students in the program were Lisa Wallace, Monique Burey-Ballard, Latrice Baker, Kenneth Dixon, Jennifer Pate, Ashley Cosentino, Robert Mason, Regina Haynes, Tamisha Rose, Michael Contreras, NaTasha Dillard, Carla Roberson, Gretchen Carthans, LaKesia Graham, Lisa Schwarz, and Shaniqua Anderson.

Student Portal Enhancements Arrive in Time for

Registration

The myGSU Student Portal navigation options will be upgraded Friday, March 15.

The registration process remains unchanged. Students will be able to access all of their GSU personal and academic information by clicking directly into the Online Services tab to view their Financial Information, Financial Aid, Registration, and Academic Profile.

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Spring Break 2013

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Where's he headed?

During Spring Break, GSU View will continue to publish – our travel plans, for now, go no further than looking at brochures for sunny resorts far to the south.

We're not so sure about our office mate Pierre, GSU's favorite penguin. He loves to

travel but it's been a while since he was on the road. Recently, we heard him mumbling about "South Beach" and how he needs a new set of sunglasses.

Most GSU offices will be open during Spring Break. The GSU Library will be closed March 16, 17, 23, and 24. Monday through Friday of next week, the library will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Recreation and Fitness Center will be open. It will be business as usual at the Family Development Center, except for the half-day pre-K program (canceled for the week) and the evening program, which will end each day at 6 p.m.

One more thing. If you run into Pierre on your travels, take his picture and send it to GSU View. We like to know he's behaving himself.

GSU's First Black Women Rock Awards

Five GSU students who continue to make significant contributions to our society were honored at the inaugural GSU Black Women Rock award ceremony.

The awards program was sponsored by Student Life during Black History Month.

Black Women Rock award winners are:

- Creative Soul – Diana Muhammad

Muhammad has completed a screenplay and currently working on completing a film called *Unspoken Truth* as an independent film project for her Digital Film Production class. She has produced and directed more than 100 television talk shows.

- Literary Expressionis - Nneka J. Howell

Nneka Howell is a graduate student at GSU in the Public Administration Program. Across the globe (especially on social networks) she is known as Lady Poet. Since 2009 she has published three books: *A Poet's Heart*, *Real Women Get Their Hands Dirty*, and *Hidden Candor*.

- Miz Entrepreneur - Cynthia Gail Frye

Cynthia Frye started her career with Century 21 Enterprise, where she received over 75 awards including Outstanding Achievement, Top Producer, Multi-million Dollar Producer, Sales Associate of the Year, and Top Selling Agent. In 1999 she opened the doors to Cynthia Frye Realty, where her objective is to educate, enlighten, and empower prospective buyers and sellers.

- Passionate Advocate - Sharon Starks

Sharon Starks is the mother of two children and is helping to raise her three grandchildren. She decided to return to school to earn her bachelor's and master's degree so she can make a difference in her community. She has worked professionally as an LPN at Rush Medical Center, and now believes her true calling is to be a counselor.

- Sistah Philanthropist - Shirley Faye Davis

Shirley Davis returned to school to obtain her degree after many years in corporate America, hoping to find another way to make a difference in the community. More than 20 years ago, she started a not-for-profit organization on the southeast side of Chicago. She established a food pantry when she saw that one was needed in the community.

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Do you have almost new or gently used books, text books, DVDs or CDs that are looking for a new home? Bring them to the Friends of the GSU Library table located in the library.

This year's spring book sale will take place on Tuesday, April 16.

Donations are tax deductible, but in order to receive a letter acknowledging your contribution, please make sure that you fill out the form which is on the Friends table, and place it in the book where it can be seen.

Donations will be accepted during library hours: Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. During Spring Break, the library will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and closed Saturday and Sunday.

Take the Bookstore Survey

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Health Care Leadership in Reform Era



Dr. Ann Blouin

GSU's Student Healthcare Management Association will sponsor a presentation by Dr. Ann Scott Blouin, RN, Ph.D., FACHE, Executive Vice President of Customer Relations, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, on Tuesday, April 2, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

Dr. Blouin will discuss *Leadership in an Era of Health Care Reform: Quality and Patient Safety Implications*. She has more than 30 years of health care administration, consulting, and nursing experience, and has held several leadership positions. Dr. Blouin has also published and taught at nursing and medical schools and serves on the National Patient Safety Foundation Board of Governors.

The event is free and open to the public.

Ways of Making: Digital Art Exhibit at GSU Gallery

The GSU Visual Arts Gallery is presenting *Ways of Making: Digital Art*, featuring the work of artists Kate Friedman, Kate Ingold, and Anne Hayden Stevens, through March 27, 2013. A closing reception celebrating the exhibition will be held on Wednesday, March 27, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The exhibit and the reception are free and open to the public.

The exhibition, the fifth in the gallery's *Ways of Making* series, features three artists who use digital images and tools to make their art. "The resulting work transcends the medium and rewards the viewer with rich narratives, intoxicating visual experiences, and reflective social commentary," said Gallery Director Jeff Stevenson.

Kate Friedman, Kate Ingold and Anne Hayden Stevens first met in 2010 through a professional artists' group. They found correspondences of technique, content and form in each other's work because they all use digital tools as a core component of process and production.

The Visual Arts Gallery hours during the Spring, 2013 semester are Monday, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Thursday, from 9 to 7 p.m.; and Friday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, call (708) 534-4021 or visit www.govst.edu/gallery.

Student Research Conference – April 9

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Deployment, Homecoming, and Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome – March 20

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John E. Mundt, Ph.D., a staff psychiatrist at Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in Chicago, will speak at the program. A question and answer session will follow his presentation.

For information or group arrangements, contact [Ann Nagel](#) at 708.235.7353.

The program is sponsored by Friends of Governors State University Library, the Intellectual Life Committee, the Office of Veterans and Military Personnel, and GSU Student Senate.

Recycle Your Batteries



As Earth Day approaches next month, GSU's commitment to recycling, reusing, and reducing remains strong. Don't forget to deposit paper, plastic, and aluminum in the designated recycling containers around campus. Also now it is easy to recycle dead batteries at GSU.

GSU's battery recycling program collects small device batteries such as A, AA, AAA, C, D, cell phone batteries, watch batteries, etc. Components of recycled batteries are reclaimed and reused.

Six battery collection tubes have been placed throughout campus to make recycling easy for the GSU community. Collection tubes can be found in Building C near DPS and HR; Building G in the vending room; Building F near the first floor elevator; Building A in the north study

area; and in ITS and the FDC.

If a small device battery does not fit inside a battery collection tube, please take it to the Environmental Health and Safety Office, E-2583. This program does not include large machine and automobile batteries.

Search for a New Provost Begins (03-11-13)

President Elaine P. Maimon last week appointed 17 faculty and administrative staff members to the Provost Search Committee. The committee conducted its first meeting last Thursday.

Applications for the post of GSU Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs are due April 1. [Applications will be accepted online.](#)

Dr. Maimon said the committee's goal is to bring finalists to campus in May. GSU plans to have the new provost in place by the beginning of the new academic year.

"Many thanks to Dean Beth Cada, the committee chair, and all search committee members for agreeing to serve," Dr. Maimon said. "The committee is already working efficiently to develop a pool of first-rate candidates, who will undoubtedly be attracted by the positive momentum of the campus."

Provost Terry Allison last week was named Chancellor of Indiana University South Bend. He assumes that post this summer.

More information on the provost search is available at the [Chronicle of Higher Education ad](#) on the position.

Members of the Provost Search Committee are: Elizabeth Cada, Dean, CHHS, Chair; Javier Chavira, Associate Professor, CAS; Larry Cross, Associate Professor, COE; Shannon Dermer, Division Chair, Psychology, COE; Gebeyehu Ejigu, Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff; Susan Gaffney, Associate Professor, CBPA; Linda Geller, Associate Professor, University Library; Sandra Mayfield, Associate Provost; Brian McKenna, Associate Professor, CBPA; Rashidah Muhammad, President, Faculty Senate; Laura Owens, President, Civil Service Senate; Aurelio Valente, Dean of Students; Ann Vendrely, Full Professor, CHHS; Lisa Wallace, President, Student Senate; John Yunger, Full Professor, CAS; Kristina Houston, Human Resources Representative; and Joan Johns Maloney, Administrative Support.

Dr. Roberta Ness Offers Tools for Innovation

Dr. Roberta Ness' two-day visit to GSU laid the groundwork for innovative practices that will be part of the university's curriculum and practices for years to come.

Innovative thinking can be taught, Dr. Ness said, and she encouraged GSU to include it as part of the university's learning programs. She said only a handful of universities offer innovative thinking classes. Dr. Ness, the author of *Innovation Generation*, teaches one such course at the University of Texas in Houston, where she is dean of the School of



Public Health.

Roberta Ness

On Thursday night, in the Center for Performing Arts, she gave a public lecture, *So You Think You Know Innovation?* On Friday, she was keynote speaker at GSU's third symposium on the university's First Year experience. More than 100 faculty and staff were on hand as she described steps that can be taken to jump-start creative and innovative thinking.

In introducing Dr. Ness on Thursday, President Elaine P. Maimon said GSU was founded in the spirit of innovation. "We are committed to getting innovative research into our classrooms," Dr. Maimon said. "Dr. Ness is helping us prepare the most innovative freshman program in the nation."

A recent study found that United States risks the loss of its "creative ecosystem," Dr. Ness said. Although American IQ scores continue to go up, tests that measure creative thinking show an overall decline. Dr. Ness said it is important to foster creative thinking. "Creative training programs work," she said. "People who go through these programs go back to their workplace with a greater ability to solve problems."

Dr. Ness said it is necessary to think outside of conventional "frames" – those places where we are most comfortable in our assumptions and expectations – and offered a number of tools to transform our thinking. For starters, we have to know how to ask the right questions. Good observations are all-important. So is adopting the proper point of view. Brainstorming sessions are a proven way to break away from the frames that dominate our everyday thinking.

"I am delighted that GSU is going to imbed this type of thinking into its curriculum," Dr. Ness said.

Regional Accreditation Reports now Available Online

Under the direction of Provost Terry Allison, GSU has prepared two reports for the North Central Association's Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The *Focused Visit Report* and the *Substantive Change Request* are now posted on the university's HLC website..

"From these two reports it's clear that GSU has a strong record of using a research- and evidence-based approach to decision-making and that the university is preparing well to serve lower division students with a well-conceived, state-of-the-art general education program," Dr. Allison said.

The *Focused Visit Report* provides a follow-up to the 2009-2010 HLC self-study and 10-year reaccreditation process. While GSU received full reaccreditation for the next decade, HLC also prescribed a visit "focused on assessment and institutional effectiveness including attention to general education and to comparative outcomes for students in online programs." The *Focused Visit Report* constitutes

GSU's response to HLC's request for more information and demonstration of effectiveness in these areas.

The *Substantive Change Request* report was submitted to HLC as a final stage in the approval process for GSU's plans to add a lower division program for 2014-2015. GSU requested that the same team of visitors who will come for the focused visit also address the university's request to serve a new population of students, the first year and sophomore students in the university's new lower division program.

Dr. Elizabeth Stevens of Kansas State University and Dr. Sally Digman of West Virginia University will be here on April 15 and 16 to review the two reports with GSU faculty, administrators, staff, and students.

A diverse group of faculty and staff who serve on the Institutional Effectiveness Committee prepared the focused visit report while a smaller group adapted GSU's presentation to the Board of Trustees and Illinois Board of Higher Education to the format requested by HLC for the substantive change request.

Please take the time to read through the two documents. In the week prior to the focused visit, GSU will hold open meetings on the reports. Faculty, staff, administrators, and students are encouraged to attend at least one of the open meetings to discuss the content of the reports. HLC visiting teams usually approach faculty, staff, and students to engage in informal discussion of aspects of the reports.

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For more information about the event, contact Morrow Ruetten at 708.534.4110 or her e-mail address.

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Set Your Sights on European Art Tour

Interested in engaging works of European artworks of theatre, music, dance, architecture, painting, and sculpture? Would you like to travel to Europe while earning course credit?

If so, plan to attend an information meeting on European Arts – Summer 2014 on Wednesday, March 13, at noon, in D2446.

If you can't attend the meeting, or would like further information, contact [Dr. Patrick Santoro](#) at ext 2842.

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2013 Student Sustainability Summit

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In past years, GSU students have made presentations and attended

workshops at the annual summit. Participants from Governors State are needed for the 2013 conference.

GSU students can [register for the event](#), which features presentations and workshops demonstrating how area colleges and universities are working to expand sustainable practices on their campuses. The registration deadline is April 5. All registrants will be entered in a drawing for an iPad. Winners must be present when the drawing occurs at the end of the conference.

Chad Pregracke, the conference's keynote speaker, is president and founder of Living Lands & Waters (LL&W), the world's only "industrial strength" not-for-profit river cleanup organization. Over the last 15 years, Pregracke, along with his crew and 70,000 volunteers, have removed 7 million pounds of garbage from our nation's rivers.

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Professor's Cautionary Tale on Investments is Being Published (03-7-13)

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The co-authored peer-reviewed paper, *Returns Transmission, Value at Risk, and Diversification Benefits in International REITs: Evidence from the Financial Crisis* will be published in an upcoming issue of the *Review of Quantitative Finance and Accounting* (Volume 40, Issue 2). This article is coauthored with Dr. Yiuman Tse of the University of Missouri - St. Louis and Dr. Chiuling Lu of the National Taiwan University.

REITs are stock-like assets that mimic the behavior of real-estate

investments. REITs offer a low-cost way of gaining exposure, and hopefully the returns, of real estate assets such as shopping centers, and commercial buildings. REITs have been touted in the past for their ability to lower overall investor risk when included in a basket of "traditional" stocks such as IBM, General Electric, and Apple.

Yet, unlike the prior literature, Dr. Williams and company find that REIT-investors were harmed during the recent crisis by being exposed to heightened risk potential. This paper serves as a cautionary tale that investors' benefits from holding alternative assets can disappear when they are needed most.

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For information, contact 708.534.4130.

First Year Experience at Center Stage Friday

The third symposium on planning GSU's first year experience takes place Friday, March 8 in the Center for Performing Arts. The symposium is open to faculty and staff.

Just like the 2012 symposiums featuring Carol Geary Schneider and John Gardner and Betsy Barefoot, March 8 will bring together faculty and staff for a day-long look at GSU's first year experience.

Dr. Roberta Ness is featured speaker and will talk about how to infuse innovation into your work and your life.

A continental breakfast will be served beginning at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will also be provided and the day's work should conclude by 4:30 p.m.

Due to the nature of the event, RSVPs are required. Please e-mail [Penny Perdue](mailto:Penny.Perdue@gsu.edu) or call her at ext. 4130.

Mindfulness and Meditation Starts Today

Students – you can ease your mind and find some peace through *Mindfulness and Meditation*, a free, eight week course on Thursdays between March 7 and May 9. The program take place from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Student Life Conference Room, A2110.

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Learn about the world's largest professional network. With more than 200 million members, LinkedIn can help you to manage your professional identity, while building and engaging a professional network. Find out how LinkedIn can help you to access knowledge, insights, and opportunities.

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How *do* you solve a problem like Maria?

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Women and Innovation, Paving the Road (03-04-13)

Governors State University will celebrate Women's History Month with a series of events throughout March with the theme *Women and Innovation, Paving the Road*.

Women's History Month events are:

- *So You Think You Can Innovate?*

Dr. Roberta Ness

Thursday, March 7; 7p.m. Center for Performing Arts

- *Going Gaga with Gender*

Thursday, March 7; 4:30 to 6 p.m.; Engbretson Hall

Sponsored by Student Life and College of Arts and Sciences

- *Open Class: Language & Voice*

Monday, March 11; 12:30 to 3:20 p.m.; B2203

Hosted by Professor Jason Zingsheim

- *Open Class: Ways of Making: Digital Art*

Friday, March 15; 1 to 3 p.m.; E1581

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- *International Coffee Hour: Women and Innovation in a Global Society*

Tuesday, March 26; 3 to 4 p.m.; Engbretson Hall

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- *Celebrating Women Veterans*

Thursday, March 28; 3 to 5 p.m.; Student Commons (A2132)

Sponsored by the Office of the Coordinator for Veterans and Military Affairs, Student Senate and Student Veterans Association (SVA)

All Women's History Month events are free and open to everyone.

Honors Program Represented at HCIR Conference

GSU's Honors Program is sending 11 students to the Honors Council of the Illinois Region Spring Student Research (HCIR) Conference on Tuesday, March 2 at Millikin University.

Nine students are presenting. They are:

- Gregory Dole: *ABC's of ACO's (Accountable Care Organizations)*. Dole is also presenting at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research.
- Stephanie Snow: *Two's Company: The Viability of the Two-State Solution for the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*.
- Lena Cummins: *Autism and its Impact on the Development Domains of Children from Birth to 5 Years Old*.
- Craig Sweet: *Effects of Soil Management Practices in Relation to Bacterial Abundance and Diversity*.
- Rachel Moore and Gina Corona: *The War at Home- A Look at Domestic Violence and the Military*.
- Michael Griffin and Lydia Quinones: *Student Driven Social Action Project: Before and After Deployment – Trauma and the Impact on the Military Family*.
- Maria Ramirez: *Colorism*.

The other GSU students attending the HCIR conference are Teresa Patton and Luceta Richards.

Dr. Larry Levinson is director of the University Honors Program.

Congratulations to the students taking part in the conference.

Innovation Talk with Dr. Roberta Ness

Chart your course to the future at *So You Think You*



Dr. Ness

Know Innovation? on Thursday, March 7 at 7 p.m. at GSU's Center for Performing Arts.

Join Dr. Roberta Ness, the renowned author of *Innovation Generation*, as she demonstrates how to expand your ability to generate original ideas. The discussion is free and open to the public.

Dr. Ness, a recognized expert in women's health research, is dean of The University of Texas School of Public Health.

For information, contact 708.534.4130.

Planning GSU's First Year Experience

The third symposium on planning GSU's first year experience takes place Friday, March 8 in the Center for Performing Arts. The symposium is open to faculty and staff.

Just like the 2012 symposiums featuring Carol Geary Schneider and John Gardner and Betsy Barefoot, March 8 will bring together faculty and staff for a day-long look at GSU's first year experience.

Dr. Roberta Ness is featured speaker and will talk about how to infuse innovation into your work and your life.

A continental breakfast will be served beginning at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will also be provided and the day's work should conclude by 4:30 p.m.

Due to the nature of the event, RSVPs are required. Please e-mail [Penny Perdue](#) or call her at ext. 4130.

Futurist to Speak Wednesday

David Houle, a well-known futurist, will discuss *Challenging Structures, Changing Paradigms* during an appearance on Wednesday, March 6, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.



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Houle's appearance is part of the University Honors Program's Community Speakers Series. His presentation is free and open to the public.

Houle believes we now live in the Shift Age, a time of transformation that will be regarded by future historians as one of the most significant periods in human history. The Shift Age, he says, is one of those times when much of humanity will change its ways of living, thinking, and interacting with one another.

For further information, contact [Dr. Larry Levinson](#).

Mindfulness and Meditation Course Starts This Week

Students – you can ease your mind and find some peace through

Mindfulness and Meditation, a free, eight week course on Thursdays between March 7 and May 9. The program take place from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Student Life Conference Room, A2110.

The course is based on the book, *Mindfulness: An Eight Week Plan for Finding Peace in a Frantic World*. It will be led by Dr. Maristela Zell and Dr. Tim Pedigo.

To register, call 708.534.4090. The program is sponsored by the Academic Resource Center and the College of Education.

A Few of Our Favorite Things

How *do* you solve a problem like Maria?

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Generating Hope

GSU's Social Work Department is sponsoring an open forum on the challenges and struggles of the formerly incarcerated, as well as their family members. *Generating Hope: Struggles, Challenges, Change ... Facing Life in Spite of Our Past*, takes place Monday, March 11, from 3 to 5:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. The program is free and open to the public.

"We're presenting this forum for several reasons," noted Dr. Lorri Glass, Associate Professor of Social Work at GSU, and Program Coordinator of the BSW Program. "We're trying to increase awareness of the issues of students with criminal backgrounds, as well as the challenges for those who have family members who have been or are incarcerated. This issue can have a significant impact on a student's education, as well as career options."

The forum is made possible by a grant from the GSU Intellectual Life Committee.

European Arts – Summer 2014

Interested in engaging works of European artworks of theatre, music, dance, architecture, painting, and sculpture? Would you like to travel to Europe while earning course credit?

If so, plan to attend an information meeting on *European Arts – Summer 2014* on Wednesday, March 13, at noon, in D2446.

If you can't attend the meeting, or would like further information, contact Dr. Patrick Santoro at ext 2842.

Learning How to Cope after Serving the Nation

Deployment, Homecoming, and Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome will be presented Wednesday, March 20, from 1 to 4:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. The program is free and open to the public.

John E. Mundt, Ph.D., a staff psychiatrist at Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in Chicago, will speak at the program. A question and answer session will follow his presentation.

For information or group arrangements, contact Ann Nagel at 708.235.7353.

The program is sponsored by Friends of Governors State University Library, the Intellectual Life Committee, the Office of Veterans and Military Personnel, and GSU Student Senate.

MOT Information Session - March 28

The GSU Department of Occupational Therapy will sponsor an information session for its Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) degree program on Thursday, March 28, from 5 to 6 p.m., in Room G127.

Attendees are encouraged to bring unofficial copies of transcripts.

For more information, contact Patricia Kalvelage at 708.534.7294. Additional information may be obtained at www.govst.edu/chhs/dot/mot/.

Scholastic Book Fair sponsored by the Student Education Association

The Student Education Association is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on March 12 and 13, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and March 14, from 9 a.m. to noon. It will take place in the Hall of Governors.

Books for children and adults will be on sale, including books in Spanish and English, picture books, chapter books, teen fiction, and non-fiction. Other interesting items will be on sale, including posters, pens, and project kits.

Gay Straight Alliance Meets Wednesdays

GSU's Gay Straight Alliance meets every Wednesday at 3 p.m. in E2590.

The Gay Straight Alliance is an organization of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, and heterosexual individuals who have joined together to create a community, within GSU, of acceptance and respect toward the LGBT community.

You can contact the Gay Straight Alliance at Gsa.govst@gmail.com.

March Dining Coupons Available Online

Check out the Food Service [website](#) for its calendar of daily hot entrees and two dining service coupons that are valid during the month of March.



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