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News and Events

[Women and Innovation, Paving the Road](#)

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

Hosted by Professor Jeff Stevenson

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

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

Sponsored by Student Life, the Office of International Services, and the International Cultural Organization

- *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



Dr. Ness

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



David Houle

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?



You'll find out when *Sing-A-Long Sound of Music* brings an afternoon of participatory fun for the whole family to GSU's Center for Performing Arts on Saturday, March 9, at 2 p.m.

The beloved 1965 film, winner of multiple Oscars and based on the real-life story of Austria's Von Trapp family, will be shown in all its big-screen, Technicolor glory at GSU Center, with subtitles for lyrics and dialogue that you can follow throughout the entire show.

Sing-A-Long Sound of Music is all about audience participation. With each paid admission, audience members get a fun pack, filled with props. If you have a favorite character, come dressed for the part. At previous *Sing-A-Long Sound of Music* showings, participants have brought – or worn – brown paper packages, tied up with string. People with snow on their nose and eyelashes are also a common sight.

Tickets for *Sing-A-Long Sound of Music* are \$15 to \$25. To purchase tickets, or for further information, contact the GSU Center box office at www.centertickets.net or (708) 235-2222.

Music from DuSable to Obama

Orbert Davis' monumental score, *Music from DuSable to Obama*, will be presented in concert at GSU's Center for Performing Arts for one performance only, on Sunday, March 10, at 4 p.m.



Orbert Davis

Trumpet virtuoso Davis will lead the Chicago Jazz Philharmonic Chamber Ensemble in an unforgettable presentation of the Emmy-winning music from the 2010 WTTW documentary *DuSable to Obama: Chicago's Black Metropolis*. The performance, which incorporates jazz and classical techniques, integrates video highlights from the documentary to tell its tale of Chicago's uniquely African American history.

Orbert Davis is co-founder, conductor, and artistic director of the Chicago Jazz Philharmonic, a 55-plus piece jazz-symphonic orchestra dedicated to multi-genre projects.

Music from DuSable to Obama is the fourth and final One More Night production during GSU Center's 2012-2013 season. One More Night brings the best in Chicago theatre, music, and dance to Chicago Southland audiences; Quality performances are always affordable and close to home. The series is funded by a generous grant from The Chicago Community Trust.

Tickets for *Music from DuSable to Obama* are \$30 and \$10 for students, with 10 percent savings for seniors and 20 percent savings for groups of 10 or more. To purchase tickets, or for further information, contact the GSU Center box office at www.centertickets.net or (708) 235-2222.

What is Next for Chicago's Black Metropolis?

A panel discussion, *What is Next for Chicago's Black Metropolis?* will take place from 6 to 7 p.m., on Sunday, March 10, in GSU's Center for Performing Arts. The panel discussion will follow *Music from DuSable to Obama*, presented by Orbert Davis and the Chicago Jazz Philharmonic.

Craig Gilmore, Director of Multi-Cultural Markets for State Farm Insurance, will moderate the discussion. Confirmed panelists are Bennett Johnson II, Third World Press; Melody Spann-Cooper, Chairman, Midway Broadcasting, and President, WVON Radio; the Rev. Michael G. Sykes, Pastor, Faith United Protestant Church in Park Forest; Orbert Davis; James Montgomery, Attorney and Managing Partner, Cochran, Cherry, Givens Smith and Montgomery, L.L.C.; and Andrea Zopp, President and CEO, Chicago Urban League.

The panel discussion is free and open to the public.

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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