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Public Affairs Services		<p>For Immediate Release</p>					
Events		<p>International Nurse Leader Appointed Director and Chair of Nursing at GSU</p>					
Production Procedures		<p>University Park, Illinois, October 26, 2011 – Dr. Martha Mathews Libster has been appointed Chair and Director of Nursing for the College of Health and Human Services (CHHS) at Governors State University (GSU).</p>					
Image Standards		<p>Libster comes to GSU from Humboldt State University in Arcata, CA, where she served as Director and Chair of Nursing. She is an international nurse leader in the field of nursing history, cultural diplomacy, and holistic nursing — particularly healing traditions, nurse-herbalism, and foot reflexology. She has authored numerous journal publications and five books, including <i>Herbal Diplomats</i>, for which she received the prestigious 2005 Lavinia Dock Award for Excellence in Research and Writing from the American Association for the History of Nursing.</p>					
Font and Typeface Guidelines		<p>“The College of Health and Human Services is extremely pleased to welcome Dr. Libster to our College,” stated Dr. Elizabeth Cada, Interim Dean of CHHS. “Our students are going to benefit from Dr. Libster’s 25 years of teaching and research experience, as well as her knowledge of holistic nursing and the humanities. Dr. Libster also understands the importance of developing academic-practice partnerships, which is something that we value in our College, as well.”</p>					
Editorial Style Guide		<p>Libster is founding director of The Bamboo Bridge, an international online learning community dedicated to cultural diplomacy in nursing and the complementary relationship between nursing and indigenous/traditional healing practices. She also served as Visiting Research Scientist in 2010 at Northwest University in Mafeking, South Africa.</p>					
Downloads		<p>Over the course of her career in education, Libster has had extensive experience in distance learning and online community building, and has received funding for innovative projects in the humanities, nursing, and the healing arts. She has also served on the faculties of East Carolina University — a National League for Nursing Center of Excellence in Education — Purdue University, and the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.</p>					
Photography		<p>Libster holds a Ph.D. in Humanities-Health Care History from Oxford Brookes University in Oxford, England, a Master of Science in Nursing from University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, and bachelor’s degrees in Nursing from Mount St. Mary’s College in Los Angeles and in Dance and Movement Education from New York University. She is a Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist – Infant Mental Health, a Board-Certified, Advanced Practice Holistic Nurse, and the Associate Editor for Botanicals for the <i>Journal of Holistic Nursing</i>.</p>					
Recent Press Releases		<p>Libster comes to GSU with experience in the development of academic-practice partnerships and has recently contributed a publication to the special issue of the <i>Journal of Professional Nursing</i>.</p>					
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