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## News and Events

### **First Phase of Science Wing Renovation Complete, GSU's East Entrance to Re-Open**

With the completion of the first phase of E & F wing renovation, GSU's east entrance will once again be open to students, faculty and staff. Starting Tuesday, May 28, the east entrance, located in F building, will be open. The stairway silo, just south of the east entrance, will be open only to construction workers for the remainder of the E & F project.



Construction of Phase II of the E & F project begins Tuesday. It is likely that the Phase II project will be completed in the summer of 2014.

"I'm happy to report that Phase I of the science wing renovation is complete, and that many of the labs and classrooms in E and F buildings are ready for our students," said Karen Kissel, Vice President for Finance and Administration. "Congratulations and our deepest thanks to everyone who has helped make this project a success."

When both phases of the \$25.5 million project are completed, the renovation of GSU's science classrooms and laboratories will comprise approximately 76,000 square feet of space and include six research labs, 11 teaching labs, 12 classrooms, nine prep/store rooms, and a new lecture hall that seats 90 students. The renovated facilities will serve students and faculty in biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics, nursing, communications disorders, occupational therapy, and physical therapy.

## **Maria Hinojosa to Receive Honorary Doctorate**

Award-winning journalist Maria Hinojosa will receive an honorary doctorate from GSU at the June 8 Commencement. Hinojosa will speak at the 10 a.m. ceremony.



Approximately 1,500 graduates will receive degrees in morning and afternoon Commencement ceremonies at the Tinley Park Convention Center.

During her 25-year career at CNN, PBS, National Public Radio, and WGBH in Boston, Hinojosa has striven to give voice to the voiceless, to make the invisible visible, and to shine light where there is darkness. Hinojosa was the first Latina to be employed at NPR, the first Latina correspondent at CNN, and the first Latina anchor at PBS.

Maria Hinojosa As the anchor and executive producer of her own weekly NPR show, *Latino USA*, and anchor of the talk show, *Maria Hinojosa: One-on-One*, from WGBH/LaPlaza, she has informed millions of Americans about the fastest growing ethnic group in the United States.

Previously a Senior Correspondent for *NOW* on PBS, and currently a contributing correspondent for *Need to Know* on the network, Hinojosa has covered hundreds of important stories. Her powerful reporting has focused on immigrant work camps in New Orleans after Katrina, teen girl victims of sexual harassment on the job, and the poor in Alabama.

In April, 2010, Hinojosa took a groundbreaking step by launching The Futuro Media Group, a multi-platform, nonprofit production company based in Harlem with the mission to give critical voice to the social and civic justice issues facing the diverse new America.

Hinojosa was the first Latina to anchor a *FRONTLINE* report *Lost in Detention*, which aired in October, 2011. The documentary explored abuse at immigrant detention facilities, attracting attention from Capitol Hill to both the mainstream and Spanish-language media.

"She is in so many ways emblematic of the new world in which we live," veteran journalist Tom Brokaw said.

## **Why Not? Winner for Spring Semester**

David Weinberger of GSU's Financial Aid Office submitted the winning entry in the *Why Not?* program for the spring semester and will be honored at a June 15 luncheon.

Weinberger will receive a certificate of appreciation and a \$100 prize. He will be joined at the luncheon by President Elaine P. Maimon, Provost Terry Allison, Executive Vice President Gebe Ejigu, and Dr. Sandra Mayfield, *Why Not?* Coordinator.

In his *Why Not?* entry, Weinberger suggested that GSU build a cricket field for

international students “who want to play the sports they love,” and that other GSU students would also benefit from the new field. He said international students used to play cricket in a vacant lot on Exchange Street in University Park, but that a store is being built on that space.

Weinberger also suggested that the university build a soccer field and rebuild existing tennis courts that are in a state of disrepair, as well as hire coaches and form leagues in these sports.

According to the official response from *Why Not?*, GSU is in the process of planning and developing a multi-use field that could be used for a number of sports. “Your suggestions for cricket and soccer fields will now be on the list of potential sports to be considered by the administration.”

To make your own *Why Not?* suggestion, contact the program [website](#).

## **Historic GSU Photos on Display Outside the Library**

In celebration of National Photo Month and National Historic Preservation Month, GSU photos from the Carli Digital Collection have been put on display in the cases outside of the library. The [CARLI Digital Collections](#) was established in 2006 as a repository for digital content created by member libraries of the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries. The GSU collection is a treasure chest of historic photos of GSU, and as GSU continues to grow and expand these photos provide important historic information about the building of GSU.



What is it?

“The archival collection includes over 980,000 images of the original construction of GSU, concept drawings, first commencement, the mini campus, university without walls and much more,” said Erin Engelbrecht, Library Operations Association and Archives Records Manager. “We have a great number of images of GSU, and with that many images there are a number which we still need to have identified. For example, we have included a photo of a structure that looks like a beehive with this article. If anyone knows what this actually is, please do let us know! Please send your answers to [LibraryGovst@gmail.com](mailto:LibraryGovst@gmail.com).”

“The photo display cases will be changed throughout the summer. New photos will also be posted on the Library Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/GSULibrary](http://www.facebook.com/GSULibrary). You can also visit <http://tinyurl.com/7d3q7f3> and look at some of the photos in the digital collection yourself,” said Diane Nadler, Reference Desk Manager, who will be coordinating the displays.

## **Aloha Reception for Provost Allison – June 3**



The GSU community is invited to say “Aloha!” to Provost Terry Allison at a reception honoring his service to GSU and wishing him success and happiness in the future, on Monday, June 3, from 2:30 to 4 p.m., on the Center for Performing Arts stage.

To RSVP, contact [Penny Perdue](mailto:Penny.Perdue@gsu.edu) at 708.534.4130.

In lieu of gifts, Dr. Allison would appreciate if gifts were made to the Dr. Allison Endowed Scholarship for Creative Arts at GSU. To donate, call Gina Ragland at 708.235.7559 or visit the [Foundation website](#).

Dr. Terry Allison

## **Father Michael Pflieger to Speak June 3**

The CBPA begins its Dynamic Leadership Lecture Series with featured speaker Father Michael L. Pflieger, on Monday, June 3, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts. His presentation, *Leading a Community: Advocating for the Disenfranchised*, is free and open to the public.

Father Pflieger, Senior Pastor of Saint Sabina Church in Chicago, is known for his commitment to equality and passionate stance against injustice. He has been recognized for his fight against alcohol and tobacco billboards, drugs, and racism. His work has been profiled in the national media and he has been honored for his achievements with numerous regional and national awards.

Advance registration is not required. Everyone is welcome.

## **Generation on a Tightrope Book Discussion – May 29**

Join Dean of Students Aurélio Valente and Trustee Erin Fletcher for a discussion on the most recent research on students who enrolled in college between 2005 and 2014. They will discuss *Generation on a tightrope: A portrait of today's college students* on Wednesday, May 29, at 10 a.m., in B2203.

The book provides insight into who GSU's FC14 students might be and how best to prepare for their arrival next summer. Dr. Diane Dean, co-author of the book, will make a presentation on Wednesday, June 12, at 9:30 a.m., in E-Lounge.

Persons planning to attend the May 29 book discussion should RSVP to [Lisa Carra](#).

While it is desirable to have read the text in advance, a [LibGuide](#) is now available with relevant materials so that reading the text in advance is not a prerequisite for active participation in the book discussion. In addition, a [10-minute podcast](#) of Dr. Diane Dean is available to provide an overview of the text.

## **Table Tennis Tournament - May 28 and 29**

GSU's International Culture Organization is hosting a Table Tennis Tournament on Tuesday, May 28 and Wednesday, May 29 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Tables will be located in the A-Wing North Study Hall (A 1105). Balls and paddles can be checked out at the Recreation and Fitness Center service counter (A1105). Valid student or employee IDs are required to check out equipment.

Registration for the tournament begins May 24. To sign up, or for more information, call the Office of International Services at 708.235.7611 or e-mail [gzapolska@student.govst.edu](mailto:gzapolska@student.govst.edu).



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