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The View

[Board of Trustees meeting rescheduled](#)

The Governors State University Board of Trustees Committee Meetings scheduled for Friday, Feb. 21, 2014, have been canceled. The Board Committees and Full Board will meet on Friday, Feb. 28, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the William D. McGee Hall of Honors on the main campus, 1 University Parkway, University Park, IL 60484. The meetings are open to the public.

Any questions regarding the GSU Board of Trustees may be directed to Joan Johns Maloney at jjohns@govst.edu or 708.534.4131.

[Navigating the immunization maze](#)

As students have returned for the spring semester, they may have noticed signs throughout campus that tell them they have to provide their immunization records.

Now that Governors State University will open its first dormitory, Illinois law requires all students to submit immunization records. For students registered for the Spring 2014 semester, the deadline is March 14. For new students registered in Summer or Fall 2014, the deadline to submit the records is September 2.

Students must complete the GSU Mandatory Student Information History form to comply with state law. The form can be found on the university's immunization website at www.govst.edu/immunizations. There you can also find the Student Immunization Fact Sheet & Instructions, which provides specific guidelines regarding authenticity of documents and appropriate signatures. Once students complete the form and have it signed by a healthcare provider, they are to bring the forms to the Academic Resource Center, B1215. If they cannot bring it in person, they can mail the form to:

Academic Resource Center, B1215
Governors State University/Immunization Compliance
1 University Parkway
University Park, IL 60484-0975

There are some exceptions. Those who are graduating in the spring or summer need not provide records. Also, any student born before Jan. 1, 1957 is exempt.

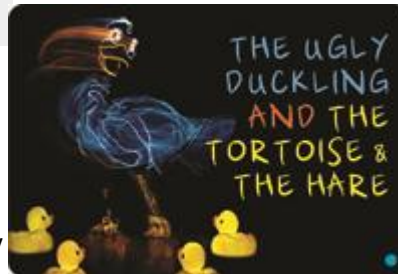
If you have previously submitted to your immunization history to your faculty/academic advisor in compliance with a specific requirement of your degree program, you are still required to submit your immunization history with the completed form to the Academic Resource Center (B1215) by March 14, 2014.

For those who have trouble obtaining their records, GSU partner Riverside Immediate Care in Monee is available to administer the necessary immunizations. Riverside Immediate Care is located at 25711 S. Egyptian Trail, Monee. Hours are Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

NBC's America's Got Talent Finalists

Light Up the Stage

Blacklight, dancing ducklings lit up in wires, stunning choreography and a musical explosion of genres—your family has never seen anything like this. Lightwire Theater presents “The Ugly Duckling and The Tortoise and The Hare,” on Sunday, Feb. 16 at 2 p.m., as part of GSU’s Family Fun series giving a modern upgrade to a pair of classic tales, Hans Christian Andersen's "The Ugly Duckling" and Aesop's fable, "The Tortoise and The Hare."



Lightwire Theater teamed up with Corbian Visual Arts and Dance to bring their use of cutting edge technology, moving sculpture and dance to another unforgettable theatrical experience. Lined with electroluminescent wire, actors illuminate the darkened stage and wend their way into audiences' hearts. Don't miss a dazzling display of puppetry, cutting-edge technology, poignant choreography, and music ranging from classical to jazz to pop.

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Tickets are \$20 for staff/faculty and \$15 for students. Visit www.centertickets.net or call 708. 235.2222.

Valentine's Day is about adult relationships

GSU's Intellectual Life Committee will host an interactive discussion exploring how early life experiences shape adult relationships. This discussion is based on the short story “Nettles,” by Alice Munro, who recently won the Nobel Prize for Literature. The story is from Munro’s book, “Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage,” which is the “One Book One University” selection for spring.

The event will be held in the Hall of Honors on Feb. 13, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. It will be facilitated by counseling program faculty Dr. Patricia Robey, Dr. Rebecca Michel, Dr. Sonya Lorelle and doctoral student, Ms. Mary McClure. It is open to all GSU students and faculty.

The Intellectual Life Committee is underwriting the majority of the cost of this book to students, making it available to them for \$5. If you wish to pick up a copy, please contact Dean [Lydia Morrow Ruetten](#), or stop in room D2419 in the library. Two copies of this book are on reserve in the library and copies of this book are also available in the book store.

2nd Annual Black Women Rock awards show

The Student Life Department presents the 2nd Annual Black Women Rock awards show Friday, Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Center for Performing Arts. This show recognizes women in the Chicago Southland area for their success in philanthropy, the arts, political or social activism, business and scholarship.

Nominations for awards are being taken now. To submit a nomination for a current student, alumna, faculty member or staff member, go to www.govst.edu/diversity/. Finalists will be chosen by the Black History Month Committee.

The show will feature a fashion show and performances by De'Borah (a contestant on "The Voice"), Electric Ladies, Four Women, LAVAIInk, Arletha Bolton and the Blue Angels. Also featured will be special guest speaker Dorothy Tucker from CBS News.

For more information, contact Vanessa Newby at Diversity@govst.edu.

Scholarship - Dr. Gökçe Sargut and Dr. Natalia Ermasova

Congratulations to Dr. Gökçe Sargut and Dr. Natalia Ermasova on their two recent publications.

Dr. Sargut partnered with University of Kansas associate professor Argun Saatcioglu to write the article "Sociology of School Boards: A Social Capital Perspective." Their article appeared in the February 2014 edition of "Sociological Inquiry," the journal of International Sociology Honor Society Alpha Kappa Delta.

Dr. Natalia Ermasova authored "Administrative Innovations in Capital Budgeting at the State Level in the USA during the Great Recession," which appeared in the Oct. 2013 edition of "Journal of Business and Economics."



[Black History Month—Art from the Ivory Coast](#)

The GSU Library and GSU Friends of the Library celebrate Black History Month with the inaugural exhibit of the GSU Library Skylight Gallery, “Traditional Art of the Ivory Coast” on Feb. 21 at 3:30 p.m.

The event will begin with a lecture in the E Lounge by Dr. Arthur P. Bourgeois and Dr. Michel Nguessan. Immediately following there will be a guided gallery tour with commentary at 4 p.m., followed by a ribbon cutting and reception. Students, faculty, staff and members of the surrounding community are welcome to attend. The event is free.

“Traditional Art of the Ivory Coast” will run from Feb. 21 through April 25. For further information, please contact Library@govst.edu.

[Writing Center services](#)

The GSU Writing Center has a variety of services to help students as they prepare to write papers for class. Consultants at the Writing Center are available to speak to classes about the services offered, such as workshops, the online writing center, email revision and suggestions, individual tutoring sessions and more. If a student is writing a research paper, the Writing Center can help with APA documentation style. It can also make arrangements for a librarian to provide information about library resources.

For more information, contact [Becky Nugent](#) at ext. 2105. A schedule of workshops in March can be found at www.govst.edu/writingcenter.

[Join over a million readers nationally for a celebration of Black History Month](#)

GSU is calling all readers to bring the voices of African American literary giants to life in the 25th Annual National African American Read-In. The event takes place Wednesday, Feb. 19 from 6-8 p.m. Bring your favorite poem, excerpt from a book, or other literary work written by an African American author to read in the cafeteria annex. Sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, the English Department, Student Life and the Black Caucus of the [National Council of Teachers of English](#), the African American Read-In celebrates literacy as a significant part of Black History Month. The program is endorsed by the International Reading Association.

Please email [Dr. Rashidah Muhammad](#) or call 708.534.6974 to sign up to read or receive additional information. All are invited to participate.

Scholarship—Dr. Michael Williams

Dr. Michael Williams of GSU's College of Business and Public Administration has recently published a coauthored paper in the January 2014 edition of the Journal of Banking and Finance: **News Spillovers from the Greek Debt Crisis: Impact on the Eurozone Financial Sector** (2014, Vol. 38, pg. 51-63).

In this paper, Dr. Williams and his coauthors discuss how negative news can "spillover" from one market to the next. More specifically, the paper address how news from near-defaulting Eurozone countries (i.e. the PIIGS: Portugal, Italy, Ireland, Greece, and Spain) can impact those countries' bond markets and then, through an information-based channel, impact those countries' stock markets.

Their results are of interest to academics and practitioners alike in that markets are generally thought of as being linked only by "fundamental information" within that market alone. Dr. Williams' recent paper shows that "excess" news spillovers may occur, especially when markets are highly risk adverse to that information.

Multicultural fashion show and contest

The Office of International Services will host a multicultural fashion show and contest to celebrate International Women's Day. The event will be Tuesday, March 4, from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Hall of Governors.

GSU clubs and individual students are invited to model an outfit to represent the country or a particular culture of their choice. Audience members will vote for the most creative looking outfit. The winner will receive a prize.

For more information, contact the Office of International services at 708.235.7611 or gzapolska@student.govst.edu.

Workshop – Why Do Kids Act That Way?

The Division of Psychology and Counseling is pleased to present a workshop titled "Why Do Kids Act That Way?" by Dr. Nancy S. Buck. The workshop will take place Tuesday, Feb. 18, from 4:30-7 p.m. in the faculty office center atrium.

In this workshop, Dr. Buck will share simple and effective strategies for improving relationships between children, peers, and adults; assisting children in learning how to solve their own problems responsibly and respectfully and helping parents, teachers, and other helping professionals to

work out differences and conflicts during the most challenging and difficult moments.

Dr. Buck is internationally known for her work on this topic and is the author of “Peaceful Parenting,” “Why Do Kids Act That Way?” and “How To Be a Great Parent: Understanding Your Child’s Wants and Needs.” Books will be available for purchase with cash or check.

This workshop is free of charge and open to GSU and non-GSU students, faculty, staff, and clinicians. Please contact [Dr. Patricia Robey](#) or 708.534.4975 with any questions.