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The View

GSU starts its “U can’t afford 2B undecided” campaign with school counselors

Last week GSU officially launched its “U can’t afford 2B undecided” campaign with area school counselors. GSU wants to get the message to counselors and their undecided students that GSU is the choice they’ve been looking for.

Student debt is rising because of tuition costs are increasing. Graduates are saddled with massive loan payments, of which many struggle to pay back.

GSU is where students can afford to get a great education. Students have a chance to earn the degree they need to prepare them for the careers they want. And with GSU’s tuition being the lowest of any public university in the state, students will borrow less and will not be burdened with paying back huge loans upon graduation.

If you know an undecided senior who is still considering options for their freshman year, invite them for a tour and/or have them call a GSU admissions counselor to learn more about our freshman program. Also visit #itsgovstime.

Former surgeon general to speak at GSU

Dr. Joycelyn Elders will present her keynote address "Evolving Gender Roles in the 21st Century" as part of the Gender Matters Conference. Elders’ speech takes place in Sherman Music Hall Saturday, April 12, 2014, from 7-9 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

Dr. Elders will present lively discussion on the status of women's health, gender issues in health, education, economics and politics as well as gender equality. And she questions if we are making progress in closing the gap.

Dr. Elders is a long-time proponent of calling for connecting research to practice. During the U.S. Senate hearings on her confirmation, Elders said, "I want to change the way we think about health by putting prevention first. I want to be the voice and vision of the poor and powerless. I want to change concern about social problems that affect health into commitment. And I would like to make every child born in America a wanted child."

An Evening with Dr. Joycelyn Elders is made possible by the generous support of the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Education, College Health and Human Services, and an Intellectual Life Grant.

The GSU Library Is Getting a New Look

The GSU Library is part of a building renovation that will begin the weekend of April 5. We are looking forward to this much needed upgrade to our library. There will be a new entrance to the library, private study areas and a 21st Century upgrade of furniture just to offer a few highlights.

The library will remain open through the renovation and library faculty and staff are committed to providing all students, faculty and the GSU community with seamless service as we approach finals and the end of the semester.

The first major change will come on Monday morning, April 7. At that time the current entrance to the library will be closed. The new library entrance will be in the same general location, but directly opposite the current library entrance. The new entrance will be through the balcony emergency doors which have traditionally been kept closed.

The new colorful Friends of the Library drop box will be placed outside the entrance doors for after-hours drop off. The library return slot that you are accustomed to using will not be available.

During the renovation, the Hall of Honors will be serving as a computer lab. Movement of the computers from the library to the Hall of Honors will begin this week. The library will retain 28 computers for student, faculty and community use. A pay for print station, photocopier, change machine, fax/scanner, and microform scanner will also be available.

Separate research, circulation, technology, and writing center desks will be maintained. Library faculty availability will remain the same, and library hours from now through the end of the semester will also remain the same.

“We have made every effort to preserve and maintain our customer service,” said Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Dean of the GSU Library. “We will be sharing information regularly until the renovation is completed in mid-August.”

If you have any questions, please send them to GSULibraryInfo@govst.edu.

Drs. Michel and Schranz receive seed grants to expand service-learning

Congratulations to Drs. Rebecca Earhart Michel and Caren Schranz, both recipients of the Fall 2014 Service-Learning Seed Grants which were awarded by the Civic Engagement Steering

Committee. The service-learning seed grants are being offered to develop, or substantially revise, service-learning courses. The purpose of these course development grants is to expand the number of courses offered at Governors State University that incorporate service-learning as a teaching pedagogy.

Dr. Michel, Assistant Professor of Counseling, will use the grant for a Lifestyle and Career Development (COUN 7730) course offered within the Division of Psychology and Counseling. During the class, students learn evidence-based career theories, assessments, and interventions to empower clients to create meaningful lifestyles and careers. For the culminating service-learning project, students work in teams to design and deliver career workshops within the local community. In the past, students have presented to adolescents living in residential facilities, adult survivors of domestic violence, ex-offenders, and individuals experiencing homelessness. Students have the opportunity to put theory to practice and teach participants essential skills to support their career development (e.g., interviewing skills, resume writing, networking with social media). This grant will allow us to have the funds to continue making a meaningful contribution within our community.

Dr. Schranz will use the grant for Occupational Therapy students enrolled in Human Development and Performance (OCCT 7750). During the summer 2014 semester, students will be required to complete a service learning project, including an instructional methods assignment to support the children and families in the community. This project will focus on groups of students working with children and families in a local community program. The intent of this project is to support occupational therapy intervention through consultation or educational processes. The impact on the student will be to connect knowledge to 'real life' situations through civic engagement. The children and families of this project will benefit from a consultative or educational intervention design to support the child and family.

Please look for future development and grant opportunities provided by the Civic Engagement Steering Committee. Under the sponsorship of the Office of the Provost, the Civic Engagement Steering Committee meets regularly and includes leadership from the Center for Civic Engagement and Community Service, the Consortium for Civic Engagement, and the Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center. For more information about GSU's civic engagement efforts, please visit: <http://www.govst.edu/service/>.

Special film screening: "Away from Her"

On Wednesday, April 2, at 6 p.m. in F1622, you are invited to attend the screening and discussion of "Away from Her," a 2006 Canadian film which debuted at the Toronto International Film Festival and also played in the Premier category at the 2007 Sundance Film Festival. The film is based on Alice Munro's short story "The Bear Came over the Mountain", from the 2001 collection "Hateship, Friendship, Courtship, Loveship, Marriage," GSU's One Book, One University selection.

"Away from Her" stars Julie Christie, Olympia Dukakis, Michael Murphy and Wendy Crewson. The movie is about an elderly couple who are very much in love. As the wife begins to suffer memory loss, she makes a radical decision. The movie allows the viewer to experience the couple as they go through these difficult life experiences, and to learn how her husband supports her decision at all costs.

Roger Ebert stated, "Using sympathy and tenderness for its characters, 'Away From Her' tells the story of a marriage that drifts out of the memory of the wife, and of the husband's efforts to deal with that fact."

Immediately following the movie, Christopher White (Faculty, English) and Daniel Nearing (faculty, Independent Film and Digital Imaging) will speak to the relationship of the film to the short story and about Alice Munro and her Nobel Prize-winning body of work.

This event is sponsored by GSU's Intellectual Life Committee.

Governors State to host state science academy

Governors State University is proud to host the 106th Annual Meeting of the Illinois State Academy of Science on Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26, 2014. About 200 undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty members from colleges and universities throughout Illinois are expected to attend the conference. The meeting will present student research projects via poster displays and oral presentations.

An additional highlight of the meeting is a keynote address titled "Science and Cinema" at 8 p.m. on Friday evening given by Dr. Marius Stan. Dr. Stan is a senior scientist with the Energy Engineering and Systems Analysis Directorate at Argonne National Laboratory, a senior fellow with the Computation Institute at the University of Chicago, and a senior fellow with the Institute for Science and Engineering at Northwestern University. He is also an actor and writer. You might recognize him from the TV series "Breaking Bad" where he was featured as the carwash owner, Bogdan Wolynetz.

The keynote address, poster sessions, and oral presentations are free and open to the public, general admission ticket are available through the GSU Center for Performing Arts box office. Poster sessions will be held from 2:30- 5:30 p.m. on Friday. Oral presentations will be held from 9 a.m.-12:30 on Saturday.

Graduate program open house

Be sure to come to the G building lobby Saturday April 12, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. for the Graduate Program Open House. Attendees will have an opportunity to learn about master's, specialist and doctoral degree programs at Governors State.

Prospective graduate student will interact with program faculty, advisors and staff, learn successful GRE strategies, explore the campus and register to win prizes.

If you want to attend, please RSVP by April 4 to 708.534.4582 or email adalpolo@govst.edu.

Submissions being taken for GSU Faculty Authors' Reception

Faculty members are invited to submit their work for the annual GSU Faculty Authors' Reception, which will take place April 23 from 2:30-4:00 p.m. in the FOC Atrium Hallway, G160. Authors are asked to submit their work by 5 p.m. Monday, April 14.

This year, we are pleased that the Friends of the GSU Library will once again be co-sponsoring the GSU Faculty Authors' Reception. Together, The GSU Library and Friends of the Library look forward to acknowledging GSU's esteemed authors.

Click [here](#) to download the submission form for your work. Please attach a file of your published work/s and send to FriendsofGSULibrary@gmail.com with Attention: Alexis. Should you have any questions, please send them also to FriendsofGSULibrary@gmail.com. If your work is in hard copy format, please bring your submission along with this completed form to the library administrative office. Please do not leave your work at the circulation or reference desk.

Call for nominations: Student Leadership Awards Banquet 2014

The deadline to nominate someone for a student leadership is fast approaching. Be sure to make your nominations for the Unsung Hero Award, the Outstanding Support Staff, Student Organization of the Year, Outstanding Grad Student, Program of the Year and the Rising Star Award.

Be sure to make your nominations before the April 10 deadline. To do so, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/StudentLeadershipAwards2014>

Annual spring open market comes next month

For one day only, the GSU Civil Service Senate will hold its Annual Spring Open Market on May 1, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Crafters and vendors will have their unique items on display and for sale in the Hall of Governors. Be sure to visit that day to find the perfect gift for someone's birthday, Mother's Day, Father's Day or just because.

Crafters and vendors are encouraged to participate and can call 708.235.7559 before April 21 to reserve space.

GSU will hold its first Colleges Against Cancer-Relay for Life event

Come out with you family and friends to be a part of the worldwide movement that will find a cure for cancer. This is a family friendly community building event. Everyone is welcome.

It's not too late to participate...Join a team or make a donation to your favorite team.

Team Name	Team Leader
1. Dr. Blount's Adulthood Class	Kelly Harris
2. Team Catharsis (Psychology Club)	Douglas J. Nanfeldt
3. Marlene's Team/ T.L.C.	Doria Scott
4. Cancer Crusaders	Vanessa Newby
5. Anderson's Walking in May team	Machelle R. Anderson
6. Team Spring Fever! (Career Services)	Jessica Specht
7. Determination	Shaniqua Jones
8. Phi-Alpha Omicron Beta-Social Work Honor Society	Jada April- Brown
9. GSU DPT's	Hailey Corwin
10. SWSO	Brenda Rock
11. GSU TAU SIGMA	Archana Liggins
12. GSU Veterans Resource Center	VRC

Relay for Life
April 5
2-10 p.m.
Recreation and Fitness Center

For more information email: civicengagement@govst.edu or visit www.relayforlife.org/gsuil

Sustainable garden registration deadline is approaching

Registration is now open through April 15 for returning gardeners to secure their previous plot in the university sustainable garden.

New gardeners or returning gardeners who desire a plot change may sign up after April 16 for the upcoming gardening season. All participants, including returning gardeners, must complete a 2014 application, rules agreement, and make payment to reserve their plot. For further information, please see the university sustainable garden website: <http://www.govst.edu/garden/>

Symposium on violence against women

Governors State University will host a free public forum, "Conversations on Violence Against Women: An Interdisciplinary Symposium on Intimate Partner Violence," on Thursday, April 3, 2014, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in Sherman Hall.

Dr. Beth E. Richie, director of the Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy at the University of Illinois – Chicago, will discuss how race/ethnicity and social position affect women's experience of violence and incarceration. Following her discussion, a panel of local experts will address a variety of issues related to intimate partner violence. A question-and-answer session will follow the panel discussion.

The department of social work, the department of criminal justice, Phi Alpha Honor Society for Social Work (Omicron Beta Chapter) and the Student Coalition for Diversity and Social Justice are hosting this symposium. To attend, please contact [Giesela Grumbach](#), or call 708.235.7690. Leave your name, email address and the number of people who will be attending. Three continuing education units will be provided for practitioners.

Take time to save time on writing

Are you writing a research paper this semester? Do you need help researching and writing your paper? Your GSU Library and Writing Center can help. Schedule time now to attend one of the remaining sessions:

The Research Paper: Getting Started

Make a plan and make the grade. Find the resources that you need to write an almost stress-free research paper. Included will be discussions of analyzing the assignment to make certain your paper is on target; APA documentation styles and where to find the templates and information that make it so much easier; and the importance of developing a focus statement to make organizing the paper a snap.

Dates: Wednesday, April 2, 3-4 p.m. or Thursday, April 3, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Library, Room D2401C

If you have questions, contact the Writing Center at 708.235.7337

General education symposium will discuss electronic portfolios

GSU is announces the next in our series of general education symposiums. Electronic portfolios will be the subject on Friday, April 4, 2014.

Dr. Kathleen Yancey, Kellogg W. Hunt Professor of English and distinguished research professor at Florida State University, is a nationally recognized expert on the topic of

ePortfolios. She leads the Inter/National Coalition for Electronic Portfolio Research.

Join us as Dr. Yancey begins with an ePortfolio review (definitions, models, options), then shares her experience on their purpose and uses. She will then discuss the details of creating ePortfolios and how they can be used by students, faculty and staff.

The symposium will begin with a continental breakfast on the Center for Performing Arts stage at 8:30 a.m. The work will begin at 9 a.m. Lunch will be served. After lunch, faculty and any interested staff will be encouraged to stay and dig more deeply into the topic – including how to help students create their own ePortfolios and how they can be used further in assessment. Dr. Yancey will also address the issue of rubrics used for a variety of evaluation purposes.

The use of ePortfolios is “a campus/community wide effort,” Dr. Yancey said. If GSU wants the “eportfolios [to] provide a site for integration of student learning, students will need support from all corners of the campus.”

Because of the nature of this event, RSVPs are required. Please RSVP to Penny Perdue, or by calling x4130.

Career and internship fair is coming to GSU

Students, alumni and community members are invited to the spring 2014 Career and Internship Fair, which focuses on the fields of communications, technology, business and public administration, criminal justice, addictions studies and community health.

The fair will be Thursday, April 17, from 2-5 p.m. in the lobbies of the Center for Performing Arts and the Hall of Governors. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet employers who are recruiting for interns and full-time employees. For more information visit http://www.govst.edu/Campus_Life/Career_Services/Upcoming_Events_and_Career_Fairs/, or call 708.235.3974.

Nominate a student to be a commencement speaker

The Commencement Student Speaker Committee is currently accepting nominations for the commencement ceremony to be held on Saturday, May 17, 2014. This year GSU will hold two ceremonies; one at 10 a.m. and one at 5 p.m. The university will have two commencement speakers, one for each ceremony. We will need candidates to represent all colleges, so please make a conscious effort to nominate deserving students for this honor.

To nominate a student speaker, access the nomination form at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SpringCommencementspeakernomination> and fill out the nomination form and the recommendation form no later than April 2.

In order for students to be eligible they must be willing to meet for an interview on Friday, April 11, 2014 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Please be sure to share the information with your nominee before you submit the nomination.

For more information, contact extension 4552.

Gender Matters Conference is coming to GSU

The fourth annual Gender Matters conference, "Embodying Praxis, Engaging Solutions," will be held at Governors State University on April 11-12, 2014.

Gender Matters is an academic conference that highlights research on gender, women and sexuality across all disciplines and historical periods. This year's conference brings together students, activists and researchers from around the globe to discuss the ongoing role of gender in structuring society.

This year's theme, "Embodying Praxis, Engaging Solutions," focuses attention on positive deviance, on exploring what works as we seek solutions and improvements to the challenges faced by our world. While conference planners invite work on all matters of gender, we are particularly interested in work that explores how evidence-based practices and outcomes related to gender and/or sexuality are used to affect positive change, behaviors, beliefs, attitudes, policies and procedures.

Pre-registration for the conference is required and the deadline is March 17. Information about the conference, registrations fees, and a preliminary program, can be found at <http://www.govst.edu/gendermatters>.

Performances about the Vietnam experience are coming to GSU



"Still Life," a documentary by Emily Mann and directed by Dr. Patrick Santoro, comes to Sherman Hall for two showings on April 17 and 18 at 8 p.m.

"Still Life" is coming to GSU Shaped by the author from conversations with the people whose experience she sets forth, the documentary play explores the way that Vietnam has affected three lives: a Marine veteran, his estranged wife, and his mistress. The man confesses that he killed a Vietnamese family in cold blood and, carrying the seeds of violence with him, returned home to brutalize his pregnant wife. The wife, disillusioned and unhappy, wants to ignore the terrors that haunt her husband, believing that in time the awful memories will fade, while the mistress, an angry feminist, blames the man's destructiveness on the forces that conditioned him before he went to Vietnam.

In the end, these three become a metaphor for the nation as a whole—still trying to understand

and overcome the lingering trauma that is the bitter legacy of the Vietnam experience.

For faculty or staff members in the fields of theatre and performance studies, communication studies, gender and women's studies, identity studies or psychology, anthropology and sociology, history, media studies, film studies, or counseling, please consider supporting the upcoming production and encourage students to attend, perhaps for extra credit.

The production has mature themes dealing with war, violence, documentary/docudrama, identity, trauma/loss, memory, interpersonal relationships, and ethnography/ethnographic methods. Tickets are \$10, \$5 for students.

To order tickets, visit CenterTickets.net, or call the box office at 708.235.2222.

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