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[GSU to take part in Gates Foundation project](#)

GSU has been chosen to participate in the Higher Education Social Network Mapping Project, funded by the Gates Foundation. The American Association of State College and Universities and Ithaka S+R, a nonprofit research organization, are working together with the Gates Foundation to “study how social networks among college and university faculty, staff and administration might facilitate innovation” and to “better understand the role that influential individuals play in advancing adoption of online learning innovations.”

GSU will gain information about collaboration and communication across the university. In addition, up to ten faculty and staff members will be invited to participate in a workshop focusing on how “individuals can contribute to innovation and transformation on campus.”

“We know a bit about transformation around here,” said Penny Perdue, campus coordinator for the project. “We are so pleased that AASCU nominated us for this research. It will add to our already considerable ability to implement change in an effective, efficient and successful manner and will gain further visibility for the university with the Gates Foundation.”

President Maimon and Provost Bordelon have sent an email to all faculty and staff, asking for participation in the online survey. The email will come from GovernorsState@post.syndiosocial.com with a subject line reading “Governors State Network Mapping”. Please take a few minutes to participate in this survey.

[State science academy comes to GSU](#)

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. 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. The poster sessions and oral presentations are free and open to the public. 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.

An additional highlight of the meeting is a keynote address titled “Science and Cinema” at 8 p.m. on Friday at the Center for Performing Arts 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 presentation is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. Visit the [Center box office](#) or call 708.235.2222.

GSU celebrates Earth Day

In honor of Earth Day April 22, the university has scheduled two weeks’ worth of events aimed at sustainable initiatives. From tree planting and recycling to swapping books and helping clean the grounds, join us for one or more of these events. Join GSU in making a positive contribution to the community.

Week of April 14 and 21

Re-usable GSU mug sale

Bookstore

Purchase a re-usable GSU mug on sale! Save money on re-fills of refreshments at the cafeteria while reducing the amount of waste generated on campus.

Tuesday, April 15

11:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Service work day

Meet in student commons, A building

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to enjoy lunch and then assist in picking up refuse on campus in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park, College of Arts & Sciences Environmental Research Preserve or other areas on campus. Dress appropriately for weather conditions. Rain date: Monday, April 21.

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1—3 p.m.

Tree Planting

Meet at A building game room

Assist Facilities Development & Management staff plant trees on campus. Dress appropriately for weather conditions. Rain date: Wednesday, April 23.

Tuesday, April 22

10 a.m.—8 p.m.

Book Swap

Hall of Governors

Bring in your used books and swap them out for others that are new to you. All books left at the end of the event will be donated to the Friends of the Library.

Tuesday, April 22

11 a.m.—2 p.m.

Native plant sale

Hall of Governors

Civil Service Senate will be selling some plants to help your home landscape become greener

and more sustainable. Additional plants can be ordered for future delivery.

Tuesday, April 22

10 a.m.--10 p.m.

Recycling services

Hall of Governors

Bring in old batteries, print cartridges, cell phones and prescription drugs for proper recycling, re-use or disposal. Prescriptions should have name and address removed.

Tuesday, April 22

11 a.m.—7 p.m.

Earth Day menu

Cafeteria

Purchase local and/or sustainable food for your meals today. Bring your own drink container for \$0.85 re-fills of refreshments at the cafeteria while reducing the amount of waste generated on campus.

Friday, April 25

8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

SMHEC Student Sustainability Summit

Pre-registration is required. Join students from other area schools in becoming more sustainable on campus and at home. See www.southmetroed.org/ for more details.

[GSU receives positive feedback for Sun-Times story about LEAP initiatives](#)

The Chicago Sun-Times featured GSU president Elaine P. Maimon in its April 4 story entitled, “Common Core for college.” In the story, reporter Sandra Guy interviewed president Maimon about how college students throughout the Chicago area will soon face a higher education program that requires they meet 16 criteria that show they can think critically, work hard and become valuable citizens of the world.

The story received tremendous feedback, having been shared through various social media 428 times.

The learning outcomes cover civic engagement, ethical reasoning, global learning and information literacy among others. The program is called LEAP, which stands for Liberal Education and America’s Promise. GSU began implementing LEAP two years ago as it prepared to move from a two-year to four-year university.

To read the full story, visit www.suntimes.com/news/25990792-418/common-core-for-college.html.

[Mascot Match-up: Last day to vote](#)

Governors State University has narrowed its choices for an official mascot down to four: the

Bengals, the Prairie Wolves, the Jaguars and the Gladiators. If you haven't had a chance to vote for one, now is the time to do it by visiting www.govst.edu/mascotmatchup. Voting closes as of midnight April 14.

The university is soliciting the help of students, faculty, staff and the extended community once again for help in making a selection.

The final choice for the GSU mascot will be a combination of the community and university input.

By going to that web address, voters will see the four groups of designs, one for each mascot. Voters will vote for one group in its entirety, not just one image. Be sure to see the story ABC Channel 7's Theresa Gutierrez did on our mascot search at <http://abclocal.go.com/wls/video?id=9498215>

Anyone can vote for one of the final four as many times as they want. A combination of the votes tallied and university officials' input will ultimately determine who the very first GSU mascot is.

The official announcement of the university mascot is scheduled for the first week of May. Prizes will go to those who submitted the four finalists.

[Spring Student Senate election results](#)

The results of this spring's student senate are in. Congratulations to the following elected Student Senators:

College of Arts and Sciences: Marie Penny

College of Business and Public Administration: Darren Heldt

College of Health and Human Services: Angela Miranda

College of Education: Lisa Wallace, NaTasha Dillard and Shaniqua Jones

Senator at Large: Ricca Louissaint, Alumni

Board of Trustees representative: Jeremy Joyce

Illinois Board of Higher Education representative: Michael Alexander

Student Senate induction will be held April 23, 2014, in the Hall of Governors at 3 p.m. All students are invited to attend the induction ceremony and experience how the Student Senate conducts business. New Student Senators will join existing Senators Addison Jackson, April Grammar, Michelle Adeniyi, Ashley Critisha and Betty Campbell.

[Help the library archive and preserve artifacts from FC14](#)

The admission of the first freshman class this fall is an exciting time for GSU. Help the library collect important artifacts from FC14 for the archives as well as future GSU anniversary displays. Lydia Morrow Ruetten, dean of the GSU library, asks anyone with materials pertaining

to FC14 that they think would be important to preserve to contact [Erin Engelbrecht](#), library operations specialist, or call ext. 7515.

GSU professor has book published

Congratulations to Dr. Christopher Robinson-Easley on the publication of her book “Beyond Diversity and Intercultural Management,” on April 9. Publisher Palgrave Macmillan’s book description reads: “Our global world still faces many issues of discrimination. The marginalization faced by people across many different realms of difference is causing significant strife in organizations, governments, and our education systems. Yet the literature and conversations on diversity, intercultural management and related topics on equality have not significantly changed in over twenty years.

"Beyond Diversity and Intercultural Management develops a change model designed to challenge prevailing paradigms. Robinson-Easley argues that while equal employment opportunity, diversity, and intercultural management are generally treated separately in the literature, these topics and related issues reside on one continuum and require the same core competencies and skills. This follow up work to Robinson-Easley's 'Preparing for Today's Global Job Market' demonstrates that it is time to move away from a 'managing' mindset and towards a 'valuing humanity' mindset, while concomitantly privileging the personal lenses, cultures, and micro-cultures of people who make up today's diverse global world."

Dr. Ellen Foster Curtis, dean of the College of Business and Public Administration, said “This book marks a culmination of her recent work in the field and represents a significant addition to the literature.”

Board meetings cancelled

The May 2, 2014 Board of Trustees committee meetings have been rescheduled to Friday, May 9, 2014, to be followed by the full board meeting. The meetings will take place in the newly renovated Engbretson Hall, adjacent to the Hall of Governors.

Spring means the return of Boxelder bugs

Boxelder bugs are commonly seen at various times throughout the year. Typically, sunny, southern exposures will see a higher number of them. At times, they may be seen attempting to exit buildings with some becoming trapped inside.



The Boxelder bug

While definitely a nuisance, boxelders are harmless. They can only live a few days in a building before dying and do not reproduce indoors. Spraying insecticide in the building is not recommended and does not prevent more from returning.

If you are bothered by them in your area, please call the Facilities office at ext. 4515 and a building service worker will come and vacuum them.

Planning for LGBT History Month and Hispanic Heritage Month

Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender History Month is October 1-31. Are you interested in being a member of the planning team for LGBT History Month? Please join us at the first of several planning team meetings scheduled for Thursday, April 24, at 3 p.m., in Room A2110 and help make this month of events informative, meaningful, and enjoyable for all, volunteer today.

All are invited to attend the meeting to share their ideas. For more information, contact Vanessa Newby at 708.534.4551.

Hispanic Heritage Month is Sept. 15 – October 15. If you'd like to join the Hispanic Heritage Month Team, please join us on Tuesday, April 22 at 1 p.m. in room A2110 for an idea sharing session in preparation for Hispanic Heritage Month. Volunteer and help plan events to celebrate the rich history and traditions of this vibrant culture.

For more information, contact Vanessa Newby at 708.534.4551.

Sexual assault awareness month

The month of April has been designated Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) in the United States. The goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness about sexual violence and to educate communities and individuals on how to prevent sexual violence. This year's programming is themed "It's time ... to talk about it! Your voice. Our future. Prevent sexual violence."

For more information, go to www.nsvrc.org/saam/sexual-assault-awareness-month-home.

Save lives by donating old cell phones

During the month of April, The Student Coalition for Diversity and Social Justice will be collecting cell phones and other electronics. The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) partners with Cellular Recycler for the collection of used cell phones and select digital electronics. Your donation will support programming that helps stop violence in the home.

To donate please drop items in the collection boxes located in the Recreation and Fitness Center (A1106), Monday – Friday, 6 a.m.--9 p.m. or the Student Life Suites (A2100), Monday – Friday, 8 a.m.--5 p.m.

NCADV is recycling items to:

- Fund programming that empowers victims of domestic violence, connects victims and

survivors to helpful resources, and helps them remain free from abuse.

- Support legislation aimed at ending domestic violence.
- Give support and resources to organizations across the US working to stop violence in the home.

Any cell phone in any condition and their accessories (most wanted: iPhone and Blackberries, but we will take what you have) are welcome. Chargers, accessories, cords, etc. are accepted too. For a full list of accepted items, visit www.ncadv.org/takeaction/DonateaPhone.php.

Test your public speaking skills

The Communication Studies Initiative, a student organization, will be hosting its first public speaking contest on April 22, 2014 in Sherman Hall from 5-7 p.m. All students are welcome to participate and there will be cash prizes for the first, second and third place winners. For more information, please contact either Arness Krause at akrause@govst.edu or Etta Oben at eoben@students.govst.edu for more information.

This is an exciting opportunity to demonstrate your outstanding public speaking skills and win a little money, so please join us.

GSU to host Restorative Justice Conference

The Restorative Justice Conference will be held on Wednesday, April 16, from 11 a.m.--4 p.m. in the CPA Lobby. Check in will begin at 10 a.m.

The conference will also feature student poster presentations from Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School in Harvey and a marketplace that will include local organizations that promote the balanced approach; accountability, safety, and competency development.

Join us to gain insight into how restorative justice practices can advance your culture and climate.

The keynote speaker for the conference will be David R. Karp, associate dean of student affairs and professor of sociology at Skidmore College. Dr. Karp is nationally known for his work in restorative justice with a focus on colleges and universities. Restorative justice practices contribute to accountability, safety, and competency development – all important factors in working with today's students.

Visit www.govst.edu/dos or email lcarra@govst.edu to register or find more information. On-site registration is also available for \$40 at the door. This event is open to the general public.

Friends of the Library sale

The donations to the Friends of the Library during the most recent book drive have been

outstanding. There are a number of newer items in a broad variety of subject areas including best sellers, education, psychology, nursing and criminal justice to name a few. In addition, we have a number of CDs, DVDs and cassettes along with a number of surprises that you will just have to stop by to see.

The sale will be April 16, from 10 a.m.--3 p.m. in the alcove between the top of the stairs in the main entrance to GSU and the elevator. A large bag of books will be \$5. A small bag of books will be \$3. Individual books, depending upon whether they are paperback or hard cover, will begin at 25 cents.

“By supporting the Friends of the Library Book Sale, you are supporting the GSU Library in so many ways,” said Ann Manning Nagel, president of the Friends of the Library. “Your support helped us to furnish the library book exchange area outside of the library, the Skylight Gallery in the library, and a number of events including the recent autism workshop,” she said.

Library construction is underway

The GSU Library is part of a building renovation that has just begun. 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.

While construction is getting ready to begin, the ACS Lab will remain fully functional until the end of the spring semester. During the summer semester only rooms D2438 and D2440 During the renovation, the Hall of Honors (located across from the bookstore) is serving as a computer lab. 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.

Last day to submit 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 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.

University Sustainable Garden Registration

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: www.govst.edu/garden/

Career and internship fair comes to campus this week

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.

Live docudrama “Still Life” comes this week



"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" comes this week 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 following fields: 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. Click [here](#) to see a promo of the performance

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