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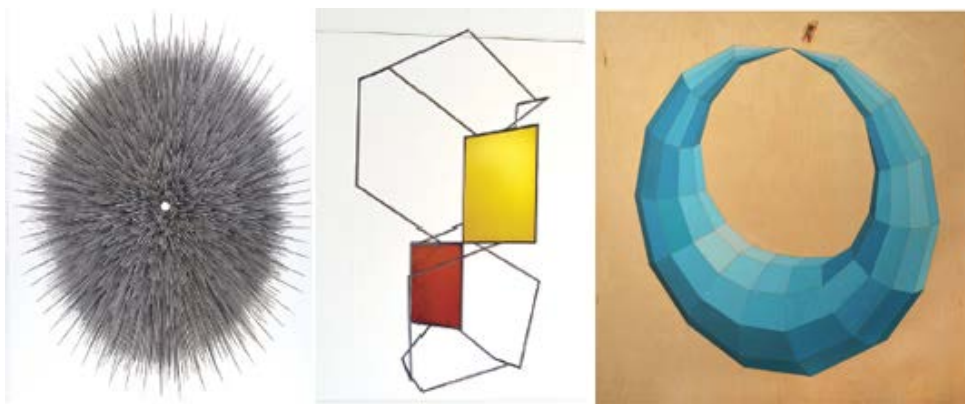


The header features the 'gsuview' logo in orange and white on a dark blue background. Below the logo is the tagline 'A newsletter for students, faculty & staff'. An orange bar contains social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, and a printer icon. The date 'January 26, 2015' is on the left and 'Vol. 13, Issue4' is on the right.

Get Social with GSU!

If you look at the top of this page, you will now see links to all the social networks you can find at GSU. Please click on them and look around. You will notice a new dedication to our social media presence, with interesting and informative posts that will keep you connected to GSU. So like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter and connect with us on LinkedIn. We'll keep you in the loop and make sure your GSU experience isn't socially awkward!

Ways of Making: LINE



The "Ways of Making" series of exhibitions seeks to explore the disciplines and practices taught in the art program at GSU. Since Fall 2011, the focus has primarily been on materials and arbitrary academic divisions in the traditions of art making such as painting, sculpture and photography with some cross-disciplinary shows such as installation art, digital art, and work on paper. "Ways of Making: LINE" brings together four artists—Linda Emmerman, Lisa Goesling, Brian Hofmeister and Eric Tucker—working in dissimilar ways but who all have line as a primary component in their artistic expression.

Exhibition Dates: **January 5–30, 2015**

Artists' Reception: **Tuesday January 27, 2015**



Meet the artists during our ART WALK which will also feature "*A Place Between: artwork of Charles Rolwing*" in the Art on Campus spaces, and "*Art of the Yaka: Ritual Objects from the Congo*" in the Skylight Gallery, GSU Library. All events are from 4:30–7:30 p.m. and free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Library Show Art of the Yaka

"*Art of the Yaka: Ritual Objects from the Congo*"
Skylight Gallery, GSU Library

Exhibition Dates: **January 5 – March 27, 2015**

Reception: **Tuesday January 27, 2015**

Dr. Arthur Bourgeois will give an overview of the exhibition at 4:30 p.m. in the context of his recently published book "*Yaka: Visions of Africa*" (available through GSU bookstore, and at the signing by the author)

GO IN-DEPTH: Tuesday February 10 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., attend an interactive lecture with Dr. Arthur Bourgeois in classroom G36180 to learn more about the art objects in context.

Jaguar Basketball—First Year ends with Success on the Court and in the Classroom



GSU men's and women's basketball soared with successful seasons, both on the court and in the

classroom. The men's team finished 23-1, coming with only a loss to Olivet-Nazarene in the final game preventing them from having a perfect season. The women finished their season with an impressive 13-7 record.

Some of the best news for Jaguar basketball came in the classroom, as 10 of the 27 student-athletes will be on the Athletic Directors Honor Roll. The 10 honorees all had GPA's of 3.0 or higher this fall; one had a 3.5 and one had a 4.0!

[Click here to read more>](#)

Help Keep GSU a Critter-Free Environment

Our campus sits in the middle of an environment that supports an expanse of wildlife and that is something we should all take pride in. Wildlife needs good habitat to increase and protect their populations. Occasionally, some of these critters may find their way into our buildings and become our unwanted guests.

Facilities encourages everyone to assist in keeping these critters at bay by minimizing their sources of food or shelter. **Please keep any food (including condiment packets, gum, cough drops, and mints) in your area stored in tightly sealed metal, glass, or thick plastic containers.** Anything you are willing to eat they are attracted to also.

Mice love to shred napkins and tissues for bedding material, so we encourage piles of these items to also be sealed. If you notice pests in your workspace or holes in the floors or walls, please call Facilities at Ext: 4515 so they can be appropriately addressed.

FDM thanks you for your assistance in this cooperative effort and encourages you to have your neighbors follow these processes. For further information or inquiries, please call Building Services at Ext: 6361 or 7452.

Join HR for an Open House Friday, January 30

The GSU Human Resources Department (C-1360) is hosting an Open House Friday, January 30 from 9-11 a.m. There will be refreshments, giveaways and door prizes for visitors. The Grand Prize is a 40-inch flat screen TV donated by Kenneth and Joyce Coleman-Cowen.

"I am pleased to announce GSU's new Center of HR Excellence, where the HR staff is committed to being effective, efficient, responsive and innovative. This year in HR, we are focused on providing on-going training, improved service and building a department that stays on top of the growing needs of the GSU Community," said Joyce Coleman, Associate Vice President for Human Resources and Diversity.

Human Resources has launched an HR marketing campaign with the tagline "We're here for you!" The department has created supervisory toolkits, updated the Civil service employee handbook, developed a new Employee Recognition program and revised the annual employee service award program. According to Coleman, HR is in the process of upgrading PeopleAdmin (on-line tracking/application system) from 5.8 to 7.0, assessing the HR climate survey, developing an electronic HR newsletter, designing new and improved onboarding processes, deliver professional training development and implementing new customer service standards.

"Our goals are to answer the questions, 'What does HR do for you' and 'How is HR here for you,'" Coleman said.

Below is picture of the raffle prize.



2014 W-2 Statements Available Online

Governors State University is offering employees the option to update their employee profile to consent to receiving an electronic W-2 statement. This will allow all employees the option of accessing, viewing, and printing W-2 statements through the myGSU portal.

For employees who have consented, 2014 W-2 statements are now available through the online services tab in the myGSU portal.



1. Log into the myGSU portal at <http://mygsu.govst.edu>
 2. Click on Employee Profile
 3. Click on W-2 Statements
 4. Select the appropriate W-2 statement that you would like to view or print
- If you have not yet consented to electronic W-2 statements, you may do so by:
1. Log into the myGSU portal at <http://mygsu.govst.edu>
 2. Click on Employee under Online Services menu
 3. Click on Employee Profile

4. Click on W-2 Electronic Consent
5. Read and select the option to receive your official W-2 only in electronic format
6. Click on the Submit button

The GSU Library--Your Research Resource 24/7

Doing research? Working on a group project and need a place to meet? Looking for a place to study? Check out your GSU Library. The library is your #1 resource to secure information. You can access the library either in person or online at the library web site, www.govst.edu/Library. Private meeting rooms are available for group study, and librarians are available to help you with your research needs.



When you enter the library, you will find the **Information Desk**. Feel free to stop there with any questions about the library you might have. The **Research Desk** is where you would go to ask your research and reference questions. The **Circulation Desk** is where you go to check out books and materials from the library. Feel adventurous? Try the self check-out located at the circulation desk. By visiting the library website, you will be able to search the library catalog, login or renew books, access course reserves, review a variety of research guides, explore databases A-Z and find and browse the e-journals list.

The University Library is in the D Building. Use the university's Main Entrance and walk straight through until you reach the stairs and elevator. Go up to the 2nd floor and to your left is the library's entrance. The Library is open:

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| Monday - Thursday | 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. |
| Friday | 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. |
| Saturday | 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. |
| Sunday* | 1 - 5 p.m. |

*Sunday hours - Fall and Spring Semesters only.

Exceptions to these hours include semester breaks and closing for the following holidays: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve through New Year's.

GSU Administrators Make Presentation at AAC&U Meeting

Governors State was well-represented at the Centennial Meeting of the Association of American Colleges & Universities (AAC&U), held in Washington, D.C. January 21-24.



From left: Colleen Sexton, Associate Provost/Associate Vice President Academics, Deborah Bordelon, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Elaine Maimon, GSU President, Aurelio Valente, Vice President, Student Affairs, Interim, Ann Vendrely, Associate Provost/AVP Academic Affairs, and Reinhold Hill, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, gave a session presentation entitled: "A four-year approach to general education: Is it too much or is it ever enough?"

Dr. Maimon also participated in a panel discussion entitled "GEMs: Connecting General Education with Students' Lives and Society's Needs."

Do you have a story or event you want to submit for the GSU View? [Click here to learn about our submission guidelines.](#)



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