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BUZZ

Get Your Story Told

Governors State Clinical Psychology students Candice Robbins and Tenille Wallace work as research assistants for Dr. Mazna Patka in the Division of Psychology and Counseling. In an effort to enhance their understanding of the research process and its implications, the students were allowed, under Dr. Patka's direction, to complete theses not required by their program. The goal of both students' projects is to transform and shape our community through research and social justice.

By Candice Robbins and Tenille Wallace (Quotes from Mazna Patka, PhD)

The teacher is of course an artist, but being an artist does not mean that he or she can make the profile, can shape the students. What the educator does in teaching is to make it possible for the students to become themselves. –Paulo Freire



(left to right) Candice Robbins, Mazna Patka, PhD, Tenille Wallace

Dr. Patka's investment in student academic and professional development has helped us actualize the contributions we want to make in our community. As Clinical Psychology students, we recognize the implications of research in our area of study and therefore have chosen to complete theses under Dr.

Patka's direction.

"Within the classroom, students learn about various research methods and its impact within society, but Candice and Tenille wanted to engage in research to enhance their understanding of the research process and its implications. Developing their own theses allowed them the opportunity to generate their own research questions, methodology and appropriate analyses with plans for dissemination. As clinical psychology students, they may not pursue a career where they develop research, but they will be equipped with the knowledge and experience to critically consume research."

Through discussion, reflection, and action we developed our theses. I, Candice, am examining psychological empowerment among students participating in leadership programs to inform practices at GSU; Preliminary results will be presented at the 2015 Association for Women in Psychology Conference in March.

I, Tenille, am exploring the identity of African American male police officers and activists. Both projects hold social justice and rigorous research as the forefront to transform and shape our community.

We also work with Dr. Patka on other studies, which include the assessment of critical consciousness and sense of community among students in the U.S. and Ukraine and the exploration of a pedagogical tool to promote dialogue within the classroom. To attain our assigned goals, we hold weekly professional development meetings with undergraduate students where we engage in co-learning and reflection on academic writing in addition to social activism. We work together, provide each other support, share ideas, and contribute our strengths to produce quality work.

"In the meetings, students create CVs or resumes and provide each other feedback. This helps all students prepare for job applications and/or graduate school. More recently, Candice taught two students about how to write an IRB application where they discussed writing style and format. The information they learned not only helped them co-write an IRB application but they continue to apply their knowledge when writing for classes and other research related tasks."

Dr. Patka has been instrumental in facilitating our growth. She has helped us discover the benefits of working collaboratively toward our common goals. Dr. Patka said, "Collaboratively working on research has provided all members of the research team to grow professionally. There are instances where the graduate students mentor the undergraduate students, but the undergraduate students also have the opportunity to teach the members of the research team about their knowledge and experience. Thus, each member offers different strengths and over time students have learned that their individual weaknesses are offset by their peer's strengths."

Through Dr. Patka's leadership, we have learned the various ways in which we can make meaningful contributions to our community.

Faculty: We want to hear from you! If there is an accolade you have received, a program, project or student you are especially proud of, let the GSU View know about it. You could be featured in our next "Get Your Story Told" feature.

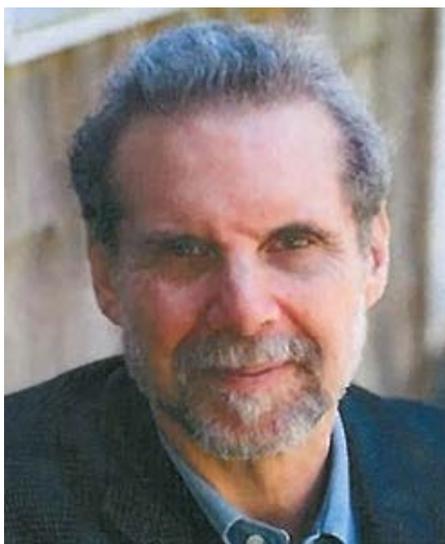
Contribute a Program for Women's History Month

[Women's History Month](#) can trace its roots back to March 8, 1857, when women from New York City factories staged a protest over working conditions. International Women's Day was first observed in 1909, but it wasn't until 1981 that Congress established National Women's History Week to be commemorated the second week of March. In 1987, Congress expanded the week to a month.

Join us in celebrating the contributions of women by submitting a program for Women's History Month. Please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TDD86KT> to submit your program today. This opportunity is open to university departments, student organizations and GSU community affiliates. **The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, February 25th.** For more information or inquiries please call x4551 or email diversity@govst.edu.

Dr. Daniel Goleman, Monday, March 23

Join us for a free lecture and presentation followed by a Q & A with Dr. Daniel Goleman Monday, March 23, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts.



Dr. Daniel Goleman, author of
"Emotional Intelligence"

Dr. Goleman, is the author of the best-selling and influential book "*Emotional Intelligence*." He will present his new book "*Focus: The Hidden Driver of Excellence*" followed by a book and CD signing.

The presentation is sponsored by the Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education (MILE), College of Education, Teacher Quality Partnership Grant, College of Health and Human Services, and College of Arts and Sciences

For more information, call 708.534.4024 or visit www.govst.edu/mile.

Art of Science Photo Competition: H2O

The inaugural *Art of Science Competition: H2O* will highlight the inherent beauty that exists at the interface between art and science. This juried photo competition is open to students, staff and faculty of Governors State University.

Students

1st Prize: \$400

2nd Prize: \$100

3rd Prize: \$50

Faculty and Staff

1st Prize: \$400

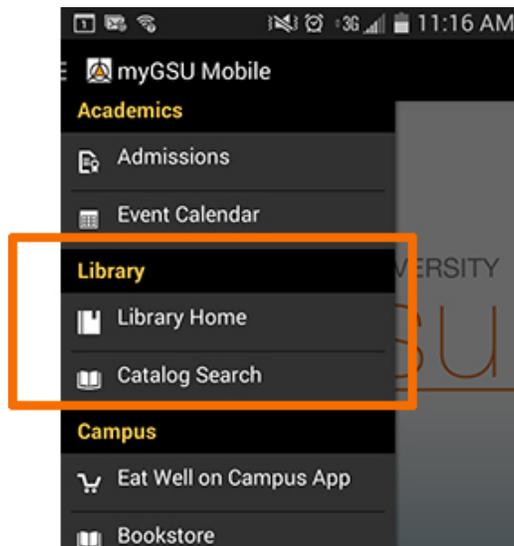
2nd Prize: \$100

3rd Prize: \$50

Submissions must be received by March 31, 2015.

For details and rules, and to submit your entry: <http://www.govst.edu/cas/artofscience/>

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EVENTS

Vision 2020 Symposium March 6

On Friday, March 6, GSU's faculty and staff will gather on the CPA stage for a discussion of our transformation. We hope that you will attend.

"From Transformation 2014 to Vision 2020: Successes, Challenges, and Next Steps" is title of this symposium, which will continue our tradition of highly engaging and informative discussions.

Maury Cotter, Director of Strategic Planning and Quality Improvement at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will lead faculty, staff, and students in discussions of what went well, what was unexpected, what should we modify or change? As we learn from the past, we will plan for the future, framed by Vision 2020.

We begin the morning at 8:30am with a continental breakfast. Lunch will also be served and the day will conclude by 3pm.

RSVP's are required due to the nature of the symposium. Please RSVP to pperdue@govst.edu or by calling x4130.

We hope to see you on Friday, March 6 at 8:30 a.m., on the CPA stage.

SafeZone Training March 4th



SafeZone is a training program open to ALL students, staff, faculty, and community members. This training will take place Wednesday, March 4th from 1-3 p.m. in D34165. The goal of this program is to raise awareness about the dynamics of gender and sexual orientation while exploring different ways to embody inclusive allyship for people of all orientations, genders, sexualities, identities, and levels of being out. Space is LIMITED!!! Participants must RSVP at safezone@govst.edu by February 27th.

A Chance of a Lifetime: Reintegrative Justice and the Role of Higher Education

What are the best practice strategies for institutions of higher learning to engage and support students who have a criminal background? What are the collateral consequences facing these students? How can higher education play a role in decreasing recidivism and transforming lives?

GSU students, faculty, staff and members of the community are invited to attend a free symposium to discuss these issues on Monday, March 9, 2015, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Engbretson Hall.

The event is sponsored by the GSU Social Work Student Organization (SWSO) and GSU's Generating Hope Support Network. Generating Hope is designed to provide support, mentoring, networking, information and resource linkage for the formerly incarcerated, their families and friends. The group is free and open to the public.

This event is made possible through a Governors State University Intellectual Life Grant. For additional information, contact Dr. Lorri Glass, Associate Professor of Social Work, at lglass@govst.edu.

Affordable Healthcare Act Symposium March 12

GSU's Student Healthcare Management Association (SHCMA), in partnership with the Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce, will host a healthcare symposium on the ramifications of The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on Thursday, March 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Hall of Governors.

This event is free to all GSU students, and \$25 for members of the general public. Light refreshments will be provided. Registration is required. To register for this event, visit www.chicagosouthlandchamber.com/events.

Symposium topics to be covered include:

- Understanding the economic impact to businesses;
- Identifying the benefits of care coordination;

- Tackling complexities to achieve a level of administrative simplification;
- Recognizing the imperative of integration and collaboration;
- What's next on the horizon?

Presenters at the symposium will include: Michael Wojcik, Senior VP of the Horton Group; Michael Englehart, President of Advocate Physician Partners; Richard Allergetti, Vice President of Market Strategy & Business Development, Blue Cross Blue Shield; Raul Garza, President/CEO of Aunt Martha's Health Center; and Denise Scarpelli, Pharm D., Director, Walgreens.

NEWS

GSU Nursing Professor to be Honored at National Black Nurses Day Ceremony

Yvette Roberts, DNP, MSN, MS, MHA, RN, CPHIT, a Visiting Professor of Nursing in the College of Health and Human Services, will be honored for outstanding nursing service in the area of Nursing Informatics at the 27th Annual National Black Nurses Day Ceremony, on February 27, 2015 at the Apostolic Faith Church in Chicago.



Yvette Roberts

The event is sponsored by the Chicago Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association, the Alpha Eta Chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc., the Beta Mu Chapter of Lambda Pi Alpha Sorority, and the Provident Hospital Nurses Alumni Association.

"It's rewarding to be recognized by your peers," Roberts noted. The professor specializes in the area of Nursing Informatics, which is "the science and practice that integrates nursing—its information and knowledge—with management of information and communication technologies to promote the health of people, families and communities worldwide," Roberts said.

Roberts joined GSU's Nursing Department as an adjunct faculty member in 2011, and has been a full-time Visiting Professor since 2014. "I enjoy teaching at GSU because the University is committed to lifelong learning and supports diversity and multiculturalism," she said. "Moreover, GSU is learner-centered, and supports positive change."

The public is welcome to attend the ceremony, which will feature a keynote address, focusing on diversity and race relations in nursing, presented by Dr. (Hon) Barbara Nichols, MS, RN, FAAN, past

president of the American Nurses Association, former CEO of the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS), and International Diversity Consultant to Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Students Named Technology Award Winners

Seven Governors State University students nominated by University Lecturer Steve Hyzny for the Illinois Technology Foundation **Fifty for the Future**® have been selected as winners. Congratulations to:

- Jim Potulny
- Briana Bienkowski
- Rachana Mysore
- Krishna Murthy
- Mateusz Topor
- Jennifer Elenteny-Mejia
- Robert Donovan
- Joseph Kelly

The Fifty for the Future® celebration is Tuesday, March 10 from 5-9 p.m. at Robert Morris University, 401 S. State Street, Chicago, IL 60605.

"In its 8th year, this event will honor Illinois students who have proven determination and foresight through their education and deeds in the application and development of technology. This annual competition culminates in an evening of celebration, highlighting the students themselves and the Foundation's work with industry and academia in bringing real world experiences into the classroom to assure a steady stream of future technology workers and leaders for Illinois."

SAVE THE DATE

U.S. Army Field Band Free Concert



The United States Army Field Band—Jazz Ambassadors—America's Big Band, will play a free concert at the Center for Performing Arts Tuesday, March 17 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are free, but there is a limit of four per household. Call the Box Office at 708.235.2222 for tickets. [Click here](#) for more information on the band.

Doing Business in Latin America

Doing Business in Latin America



A free workshop on Doing Business in Latin America will be held Friday, March 27, 2015 from 9 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in Engbretson Hall. Business and trade leaders from Brazil, Colombia and Panama will help you understand the opportunities and challenges in these markets and discuss best practices leading to success. Registration, at <http://bit.ly/govstsbdc> is required.

The workshop is sponsored by: Governors State University, Indiana University Center for International Business Education and Research, Illinois SBDC and International Trade Center, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and the U.S. Department of Commerce.

For more information, contact: Dr. Jun Zhao jzhao@govst.edu, 708.534.4953, or Mary Ma hma@govst.edu, 708.534.6976.

Facebook Posts of the Week



Response to our Graduate School Fair on March 7 post:

Janice Iczy Darcell Montgomery This is my school I so love Governor State University (GSU). They have a lot of resources that help you



Response to our Have You Met Baby Jax post:

Venida Pierce Congratulations glad the university is making terrific changes

Do you have a story or event you want to submit for the GSU View?
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