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## NEWS

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## Fall 2015 Tuition and Fees

The 2015/2016 tuition and fee rates have been approved by the GSU Board of Trustees. Students who have registered for Fall 2015 can expect their tuition and fee charges for Fall 2015 to apply to their student accounts during the first week of June.

## Professor Named to Journal Editorial Board



Dr. Xiaoyong Chen

Dr. Xiaoyong Chen, Full Professor of Biology in the College of Arts and Sciences, has been selected as a member of the Editorial Board of the journal *Pedosphere*, a peer-reviewed, international publication that focuses on soil research. Dr. Chen began his editorial role with the February 2015 edition after being selected by the journal's search committee.

"Being on the Editorial Board, I will be asked to select peer reviewers for manuscripts sent to *Pedosphere* for publication. I will collect the comments and suggestions from the reviewers and make the initial decision if a manuscript is worthy for publication. I will report my decision to the Chief Editor who makes the final decision," he said.

## BUZZ

### New Commuter Benefit Program

A new, pre-tax transit/commuter benefit for all employees will go into effect beginning with the July 1, 2015 pay period. Employees who enroll in the RTA Transit Benefit Fare Program will be able to have funds deducted, pre-tax, through a payroll deduction. The money will be loaded to a MasterCard issued to the employee and is then used to purchase transit fares. Employees could save up to 40 percent through the reduction of taxes normally paid through payroll. There must be at least 25 participants enrolled to offer this benefit.

For detailed information, please visit <http://mytransitbenefit.com>. Interested employees should email Benefits Manager [Julia Jamison](#). If you have questions, please call 708.235.7468. The deadline to sign-up for this new benefit is June 15.

### Study Abroad through GSU



Studying abroad is one way to spice up your life and truly discover a new world, and GSU offers three different ways for students to participate. GSU Study Abroad Coordinator Amy Schoenberg said the Office of International Services can help facilitate the education abroad process.

The first method to study abroad is through one of GSU's international partner schools. For the Fall 2015 semester, GSU has announced the first ever semester study abroad program at our partner, Suleyman Sah University, in Istanbul, Turkey. All courses in Turkey are taught in English and students can study for one or two semesters at a very affordable rate. In Istanbul, students will experience a melting pot of cultures, languages and history.

In the second option, students can study abroad independently through a program provider where eligible students can choose any program in the world that fits with their academic and financial needs.

A third study abroad option is through Faculty-Led Programs in which GSU faculty take their course to another country for 2-3 weeks. For example, the School of Business and Public Administration is traveling to South America in June to study the business and culture of Brazil.

The application deadline for Suleyman Sah University is May 30 for the Fall 2015 semester, and September 1 for the Spring 2016 semester. For more information on costs, application process, accommodations, courses offered, scholarships, etc., please visit: [http://www.govst.edu/About/International/Education\\_Abroad/Students/Suleyman\\_Sah\\_University/](http://www.govst.edu/About/International/Education_Abroad/Students/Suleyman_Sah_University/) or set up an appointment with the Study Abroad Coordinator at [aschoenberg@govst.edu](mailto:aschoenberg@govst.edu).

"There are so many educational, career and personal benefits to studying abroad, we hope you take advantage," said Schoenberg.

## **Monumental Sculpture in Small Bites**



Explore the nationally-recognized Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park on one of three FREE guided mini-tours during the summer Saturdays in the Park. Ideal for families, art or outdoor enthusiasts, the tours start at 10 a.m., and take about 90 minutes. Children and adults alike will appreciate the master works and the unique setting.

Saturdays in the Park Schedule:

- **June 27—The South Side**  
Families will love this collection of six eccentric shapes and materials including rice paper, welded steel, limestone, wood, and more! Level: Moderate activity.
- **July 25—The Wild West**  
If you're new to sculpture, this is the tour for you! With names of flying objects, a lumberjack, and more, this collection of six is for the curious. Level: Moderate activity.
- **Aug 22—Into the Prairie**  
Hiking deeper into the prairie, this tour is for the art lover who enjoys a good hike, and features works from Bruce Nauman, Mark DiSuvero, and more. Level: Advanced, more walking.

Capacity is limited to 20 people per tour, so reserve your spot early. RSVP to 708.534.3084 or [sculpture@govst.edu](mailto:sculpture@govst.edu).

## EVENTS

**Run4Rehab May 30**



GSU's Physical Therapy Student Association (PTSA) will hold its 5th Annual **Run4Rehab** 5k run and 2-mile walk/roll on Saturday, May 30, at GSU. This year's event will be a "Buddy Run"—a 5k run or a two-mile walk/roll. This year's event will be a "Buddy Run"—a 5k run or a two-mile walk/roll. The "Buddy Run" matches each runner with a Brain Injury Association of Illinois member so that we are personally running for someone with a brain injury. All funds raised will support the Brain Injury Association of Illinois.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. The walk/run/roll kicks off at 9 a.m. from the Main Entrance to the University (D Building). Registration fee is \$25. Children under age 10 are free. Families, children, strollers and wheelchairs are welcome. The event will be held, rain or shine.

To register online, visit this website: <http://www.active.com/university-park-il/running/distance-running-races/run-4-rehab-2015>. If registering on race day, cash or check only will be accepted.

For additional information, contact [Run4Rehab@gmail.com](mailto:Run4Rehab@gmail.com), or visit us at [www.facebook.com/run4rehab](http://www.facebook.com/run4rehab).

## Registration Open for Faculty Summer Institute



Registration for the GSU Faculty Summer Institute 2015 Conference has begun and will continue through May 31. The conference, which will have a focus on "Collaborative Innovation," will be held at GSU Tuesday, June 2–Wednesday, June 3.

The keynote speaker for Tuesday's session is Michelle D. Miller, Ph.D., who will present "Design for the Mind: Strategies from the Psychology of Learning." Dr. Miller is the Director of the First Year Learning Initiative and Professor of Psychological Sciences at Northern Arizona University, and the author of "Minds Online: Teaching Effectively with Technology."

Wednesday's Keynote speaker is Patrick Green, Ed.D, who will present "Models for Community Involvement: Integrating Civic Engagement into your Curriculum." Dr. Green serves as the Founding Director of the Center for Experiential Learning (CEL) at Loyola University Chicago, and is a clinical instructor of experiential learning.

For additional information and to register, please visit the FSI 2015 website: <https://mygsu.govst.edu/facultystaffinformation/COTL/Pages/FSI-2015.aspx>

**SAVE THE DATE**

## Stroke Support Group

A new Stroke Support Group has been established at GSU. Survivors of stroke and their family members are invited to attend monthly meetings beginning Friday, June 5, 2015, from 4 to 6 p.m., in F1405. The group is designed to provide social support, interdisciplinary educational programming, wellness programming and other resources. For more information, contact Dr. Jessica Bonner at 708.534.4591, 708.534.4590, or [jbonner@govst.edu](mailto:jbonner@govst.edu).

## The Fishin' Buddies! Walk-A-Thon June 6

FISHIN' BUDDIES! INC.



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# WALK-A-THON

THE ART OF NATURE

The Fishin' Buddies! Walk-A-Thon is a one-of-a-kind fun, recreational, art-inspired and nature-connecting outdoor event, Saturday, June 6 at the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park. Participants will see the beautiful sculptures along the park trails on the campus of GSU while raising funds to support S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) Programs for Chicagoland at-risk youth.

Check-in time is 9 a.m. with the Walk-A-Thon scheduled from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, including registration and donations, please [click here](#).

## International Business Workshops for Faculty

The College of Business and Public Administration is hosting two workshops on Faculty Development in International Business this summer.

On Wednesday, June 10, "Management in the Changing Global Environment" will focus on understanding national cultures, global leadership and team management, managing social responsibility in a global context, and global human resource management.

"Global Financial Economics" on Thursday, June 11 will explore international financial markets, exchange rates, and international diversification.

Both workshops will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Hall of Honors. Cost is \$50 for one day, \$75 for both, and breakfast and lunch is provided. To register, visit: <http://www.govst.edu/occe/FDIBworkshops/> or for more information, call the School of Extended Learning at 708.534.3044.

## OHRP Research Community Forum

The Office for Human Resource Protections will present a Research Community Forum: "Human Subjects Research: Current Challenges in the Modern Research World" at GSU Tuesday, July 28. Elizabeth Buchanan, Ph.D., Endowed Chair in Ethics and Director of the Center for Applied Ethics at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, will give the Keynote speech, "A New Internet Research Ethics Program." Early registration is \$110 through July 14. Additional information can be found at: <http://www.ohrpjuly15.illinoisstate.edu/>.

### Facebook Posts of the Week



*Response to our Monumental Sculpture in Small Bites free tours of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park post:*

**Kevin Kredens** kewl!

**Sabrina Jeffries** So cool to see this up close. Amazing piece of work. #Ahmazing



*Response to our GSU Commencement video of Dorian Harris' speech post:*

**Vera Green** I was so very inspired by your message. Dorian continue to be a Light in this world. Awesome Awesome Awesome.

**Lucianne Donatelli Sweder Brown** You made me proud with your motivating words.

Do you have a story or event you want to submit for the GSU View?  
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"The President's 'E' Award winners are outstanding American businesses and organizations that have played a crucial role in strengthening and growing our economy through increased U.S. exports," said

Secretary Pritzker. "By selling Made-in-America goods and services internationally, winners are creating jobs in their local communities. Congratulations to Illinois International Trade Center at GSU."

Hongxia (Mary) Ma, Director of the Illinois ITC at GSU, was presented with a framed plaque by U.S. Commerce Secretary Pritzker, who cited the organization's achievement in making significant contributions to increase of U.S. exports.

"The Illinois SBDC International Trade Center has demonstrated a sustained commitment to export expansion. The 'E' Awards Committee was very impressed with the Illinois SBDC International Trade Center's support of more than \$3.7 billion in export transactions since 2011. The organization's dedication to promoting exports from the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities in Illinois was also particularly notable. The Illinois SBDC International Trade Center's achievements have undoubtedly contributed to national export expansion efforts that support the U.S. economy and create American jobs," Secretary Pritzker said.

Mark A. Petrilli, State of Illinois SBDC Director, DCEO Office of Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Technology, remarked, "We are honored the Illinois ITC at GSU is one of 45 companies receiving the President's 'E' Award. The IL SBDC network is committed to expanding and enhancing our export development and international trade assistance through our SBDC International Trade Centers. We dedicated a significant percentage of our resources to our International Trade Centers and have achieved tremendous success through our passionate, experienced, and expert ITC staff."

GSU's ITC Director Ma said the President's "E" Award represents a milestone for the Center. "We are so grateful for the great support from the federal and state government, GSU, and local business communities. We will continue to enhance our high-impact professional export services to small and medium-sized businesses through one-on-one counselling, marketing research, export finance, and export by ecommerce program to create more economic impacts and new jobs in Chicagoland," she said.

The "E" Award Program was established by Executive Order by President Kennedy in 1961 to honor U.S. companies for their outstanding work to reduce barriers to foreign markets and to open the door to more trade around the world. The World War II "E" symbol of excellence honors and provides recognition to America's exporters. Winners of the award are authorized to fly the blue and white banner, to display the accompanying certificate, to wear the "E" lapel pin, and to refer to the award in their advertising.

For more information about the Illinois SBDC International Trade Center at GSU, visit [www.govst.edu/ITC](http://www.govst.edu/ITC).