GSU was pleased to host Congresswoman Robin Kelly's (D-IL) February 22 press conference and student forum at Prairie Place where she introduced her Today’s American Dream Act. The legislation “aims to address a continually shifting economic landscape and anemic economic growth in underserved communities by investing in our major drivers of economic growth:” workforce investment; community revitalization; new economy and innovation investment; and expanded access to care. Dr. Maimon seconded the need for well-prepared employees in the STEM fields, saying, “The technological advances our society needs won’t magically appear. We need more educators and practitioners who will prepare students to solve the complex problems of today’s world.”
After the press conference, nearly 30 GSU students joined Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-CA) and Congresswoman Kelly for an open and frank discussion about student loan debt and future job prospects. Congressman Swalwell is the chair of #FutureForum, a group of 26 young Democratic Members of the House of Representatives who are focused on issues and opportunities for millennial Americans.

**Visiting Artist - Lisa Orr**

Visiting Artist Lisa Orr will discuss her multifaceted approach to making a career as an artist on **Monday, March 6**, from 4:30-6:30 in Engbreton Hall.

Lisa has maintained a 30-year career as a researcher, artist, and teacher by forging a non-traditional route and maintaining adaptability. She is a studio potter, entrepreneur, part-time teacher, and documentary filmmaker. Her story brings real life experience to fellow artists seeking to shape their own careers in the arts.

This discussion is free and open to the public. The event is funded by the GSU Equity Grant and ArtForum. For more information, contact the GSU Visual Arts Gallery at 708.534.4021.

**Graduating This Spring? Tell Your GSU Story**

**Attention 2017 Graduates!** Do you have a fantastic GSU story that you’d like to share? The Office of Marketing and Communications wants to give you the opportunity to tell it on camera, preserving it for
posterity. Details and more information are here.

**Free Counseling at GSU**

GSU's counseling lab provides free individual, career/vocational, couples, and family counseling to members of the community and GSU students. For more information, click here, or call 708.534.4545 to make an appointment.

**GSU Joins IIE's Generation Study Abroad Initiative**

GSU has joined the Institute of International Education's (IIE) Generation Study Abroad initiative to help more Americans gain international experience through study-abroad programs. Under the new partnership, GSU will take concrete, action-oriented steps to expand opportunities for study abroad. GSU is committed to doubling its numbers and reaching a goal of 100 students who participate in credit-bearing study-abroad programs by the academic year 2019-20. Details are here. If you have questions, contact Amy Schoenberg, Study Abroad Coordinator, at aschoenberg@govst.edu.

**Announcements and Events**

**Food and Justice Symposium – Final Event**

The final event of the three-day GSU Food and Justice Symposium will be held on **Tuesday, February 28**. The final panel discussion will focus on "What Now? Food Justice and Activism." The conversation concludes the three-day event investigating how political, economic, and socio-cultural trends affect access to food and how we can become advocates for food accessibility and equality. The discussion will be in Engbretson Hall from 3 - 5 p.m. More information is here. Light refreshments will be served. The event is funded by the GSU Intellectual Life Grant and everyone is welcome.

**Call to Action: Social Activism and Leadership**

Respond to Violence, a multimedia initiative, is hosting a TED-Talk-inspired program, [Respond to Violence: Social Activism](http://www.respondtoviolence.com), on **Wednesday, March 1**, from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. in Studio A. The program will be based on the **Social Change Model of Leadership**, which frames ways to lead and collaborate to bring about positive sustainable change. Register here to attend. For more information about the event, please email ybrown@govst.edu.

**China Scholarship Deadline March 1**

GSU's partner school in China, Hangzhou Normal University (HNU), is offering 12 scholarships for GSU students to join their Summer China Studies Program. The program runs from July 4 - 21 and the
application deadline is March 1. For more information and to apply, click here or contact Amy Schoenberg at aschoenberg@govst.edu.

Register Now: Doing Business in Asia
Learn from the experts. Gain the insights and information you need to succeed in entering the Asian market. Join us for Doing Business in Asia On Thursday, March 9, from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., on the Center for Performing Arts stage at GSU. Representatives from select Asian countries will discuss the opportunities and challenges of the business environment. Marketing and financial strategies will be presented by U.S. governmental officials. Experienced business representatives will discuss best practices and lessons learned. For more information and to register, click here. Registration is required.

Alternative Spring Break
Students will visit Biloxi, Mississippi from March 12 - 17 for Alternative Spring Break. Join us for a week full of service, culture, and fun. Email bterry3@govst.edu if interested.

Global Lunch Series
The Global Lunch Series brings information and discussion of global topics to GSU. Each semester the Office of International Services (OIS) hosts the series of presentations by faculty, staff, and outside organizations during the lunch hour to encourage global awareness and add to the internationalization of our campus. The series continues on March 22 with a presentation on Understanding Culture through Mythology. The final presentation on Land Acquisition in West Bengal, India is on April 19. Presentations are from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in E-Lounge. Everyone is welcome. For schedule information, click here.
If you are interested in presenting or would like to suggest a topic, please email ois@govst.edu.

S.H.E.R.O. Registration Now Open
The S.H.E.R.O. Women’s Leadership Symposium (Sharing Her story of Empowerment Resilience & Opportunity) will be held on Friday, March 31. We are currently accepting workshop proposals for this awesome event that allows women to share stories and experiences that will empower them, increase resilience, and promote opportunities in their personal and professional development. Register by Friday, March 24. For more information or to submit a workshop proposal, call 708.534.4551 or email diversity@govst.edu.

Find a Job – Career and Internship Fair
The Office of Career Services will be hosting the annual 2017 Spring Career and Internship fair on Thursday, April 13, from 2 - 5 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts theatre lobbies and the Hall of Governors. This is your chance to meet with employers focusing in the areas of communications, technology, business, public administration, criminal justice, addictions studies, community health and education. All students, alumni and community members can attend for free.
For more information, contact the office of Career Services at 708-235-3974 or click here to see the latest list of registered employers.

Get Your Team Together for Relay for Life
Join us on April 28 as we raise money for the Relay for Life. Students, faculty, and staff create teams and fundraise all year long for the cause. Interested in creating a team? Email bterry3@govst.edu for more information.

Faculty Highlights

PT Adjunct Performs at Second City
Department of Physical Therapy adjunct faculty member Ingrid Masterton will perform her one-person show, I AM A ZEBRA: A Curiously Entertaining Story of Illness, Saturday, March 11 and 18 at 8:30 p.m. at the deMaat Theatre Studio of the Second City Training Center in Chicago. Her show explores “her journey of trials with humor, pain muted by joy, and the absurd kind of amusement that only the world of medicine could provide.” To purchase tickets or for more information, click here.
SafeZone Training for Faculty and Staff

SafeZone Training will take place on **Tuesday, March 7**, from 2 - 4 p.m. in D34150. SafeZone is a training program open to faculty and staff ONLY at this time. 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. Participants must **RSVP** by March 3. Space is limited.

**Additional Trainings and Workshops**

Click [here](#) to learn more about the many trainings and workshops opportunities offered at GSU. **Please note** –

- **Faculty**: If you have not already done so, it's time to have a new headshot photograph taken. Please refer to the [schedule](#) to find a convenient time.
- **Student Employees**: Attend three [Career Service workshops](#), receive your Certificate of Professional Development, and get a chance to win a $50 gift certificate from the GSU Bookstore!
**Food & Justice Symposium Schedule**

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**Feb. 21: Food Insecurity and Poverty in the United States**

- Welcome
- Film screening and discussion: A Place at the Table (3:00-4:15pm)
- GSU Food Pantry (4:15 - 4:30 pm)
- Hannah Carroll, Nicole Cristelli, & Felicia Kelly "Childhood Hunger: Causes, Effects, & Solutions" (4:30 pm-4:45pm)
- Discussion

**Feb. 23: Food Inequality, Underdevelopment, and Globalization**

- Haitian Food Crisis and Development, Nicole Warnington-Granston. (3:00 - 3:20 pm)
- Greek Agriculture: Beyond Food Security in Times of Crises and Austerity, Frances Kosiarelos (3:20 - 3:35 pm)
- Immigrants, Salad, and Politics of (In)Justice, Sayoni Bose (3:35 - 3:55 pm)
- Landscapes of Inequality: Labor and Labor Regimes of Inequality if Chile’s Fruit-export Industry, Jelena Radovic-Fanta. (3:55 - 4:10 pm)
- Discussion

**Feb. 28: What Now? Food Justice and Activism**

- Homewood Beans and Greens Food Co-operative, John Franzese. 3:00-3:15pm
- Thinking Small in Fighting Hunger, William Craig 3:15 - 3:30 pm.
- Sustainable Agriculture Food Exchange (S.A.F.E.), Gory Friedlund. 3:30 - 3:45 pm.
- From Deroite to Farmer: Critical Reflections of One Woman’s Journey, Caron Jacobson 3:45-4:00 pm.
- Genrification and Food Inequality in Chicago, Donald Culverson. 4:00 - 4:15 pm
- Hungering for a Better Life: Single-Mothers and the Plight of Poverty, Sandra Chavez and Monique Ocanas. 4:30-4:45pm.
- Discussion

*All sessions will be held in Engbretson Hall from 3-5pm. Light refreshments will be served.

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