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News

Your Safety and Well-being at GSU: Preparation and Response to Acts of Violence



The Governors State University community extends its condolences to everyone impacted by the mass violence inflicted in Las Vegas Sunday night. The feeling of loss following a national tragedy deeply affects us as individuals and as a community.

Click [here](http://gsunews.govst.edu/active-shooter-emergency-procedures/) (<http://gsunews.govst.edu/active-shooter-emergency-procedures/>) to learn about protocols that GSU has defined for students, faculty, and staff to follow in the instance of an [active shooter on campus](http://www.govst.edu/take-action/) (<http://www.govst.edu/take-action/>).

As we come to terms with the violence that took place, please remember to take care of yourself and those around you who may be hurting. If you are a student in the GSU community experiencing difficulty coping with your emotions following the attack, do not hesitate to contact the [Health and Student Counseling Center](http://www.govst.edu/health-student-counseling-center/) (<http://www.govst.edu/health-student-counseling-center/>) at 708.235.7334.

#DoTheFAFSA



Did you know that your chances of receiving more grant money are better the earlier you complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>) (FAFSA)? October 1 was opening day for the FAFSA. The earlier you complete yours, the better the chance you have of receiving federal (Pell) and state (MAP) grants... education dollars that you don't have to pay back.

Check out this site (<http://www.govst.edu/dothefafsa>) developed by GSU that provides guidelines and resources for both students and parents (<http://www3.govst.edu/dothefafsa/parents.html>) to help you #DoTheFAFSA (<http://www.govst.edu/dothefafsa>). A Spanish translation of the website is coming soon.

Click here (<https://fafsa.ed.gov/help/before003.htm>) to view a list of documents (<https://fafsa.ed.gov/help/before003.htm>) to gather in advance. Once you are prepared, the process will take, on average, less than an hour.

The Equifax Breach: How You Can Protect Your Identity



The recent data breach of Equifax has left many members of the GSU community feeling unsure of the next steps they should take in protecting their finances.

William Kresse (http://www.govst.edu/Site_Navigation/Contact/Directory/wkresse/), Associate Professor of Accounting (<http://www.govst.edu/Accounting/>) in the College of Business (<http://www.govst.edu/COB/>) at GSU (<http://www.govst.edu/>)—known in the media as Professor Fraud® (<https://professorfraud.com/>)—recently took time to talk with the GSU Newsroom about the Equifax security breach, division of labor in the dark web, and the future of online security. A frequently seen media expert, he was featured on WGN (<http://wgntv.com/2017/09/08/professor-fraud-william-kresse-weighs-in-on-the-equifax-breach/>) when the story first broke in early September.

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month



October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The GSU Student Activities Council (SAC) seeks to increase awareness around breast cancer issues such as prevention, early detection, and research support.

Visit the SAC Breast Cancer Awareness table on **Tuesday, October 3** in the Hall of Governors to receive a complimentary pink ribbon to honor survivors, remember those lost to the disease, and support progress being made to defeat breast cancer.

Get on the Move with Family & Friends – Register to Attend or Volunteer

Family & Friends weekend is upon us! Join us this weekend, **October 6 – 7**, as we explore the event's theme, "GSU: On The Move," with family fun, sports, music, food, and more! Bring the family, your church group, your neighbors, your sports team, or just yourself to engage with the GSU community. Students, parents, alumni, and friends will connect through fun-filled activities, most of which are free of charge.

Volunteers are needed for **Saturday, October 7** from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. If you're interested in helping out, email [Robert Clay \(mailto:rclay@govst.edu\)](mailto:rclay@govst.edu).

Click [here \(http://gsunews.govst.edu/family-and-friends-weekend-2017/preview/705271a9d415961a64287bc3253ac87a70ef9f57\)](http://gsunews.govst.edu/family-and-friends-weekend-2017/preview/705271a9d415961a64287bc3253ac87a70ef9f57) to view a schedule of this year's Family & Friends weekend events, and visit the [Family and Friends website \(http://www.govst.edu/weekend\)](http://www.govst.edu/weekend) to see the complete schedule of events, download the brochure, and register.

Combined Undergraduate and Graduate Open House



All prospective students are invited to attend the second annual combined open house hosted by Admissions and Graduate Council. Register [here \(http://www.govst.edu/GSU-openhouse/\)](http://www.govst.edu/GSU-openhouse/) to attend the open house on **October 14** from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

At the open house, prospective students may attend sessions on financial aid, admission requirements, housing, and much more—and receive a waiver code for their application fee! (Programs requiring application through the Centralized Application Service are excluded.)

Click [here \(http://www.govst.edu/openhouse\)](http://www.govst.edu/openhouse) for more information and to register, or email [Julie Anderson \(mailto:janderson13@govst.edu\)](mailto:janderson13@govst.edu) or call 708.534.4086.

Vote for Mr. & Ms. GSU

Cast your vote for the next Mr. & Ms. Governors State University from **October 2 – 5** via [Jaguar Connection \(http://www.govst.edu/jaguarconnection\)](http://www.govst.edu/jaguarconnection).

The 2017 Mr. and Ms. GSU finalists are Dwaylon Bledsoe, Trauvell Crawford, Brianna Fabsits, and Julianna Lolli. Voting is open to the GSU community. Winners will be announced at the Family & Friends Weekend Student Talent Show on **Friday, October 6** at 7 p.m. in Sherman Hall.

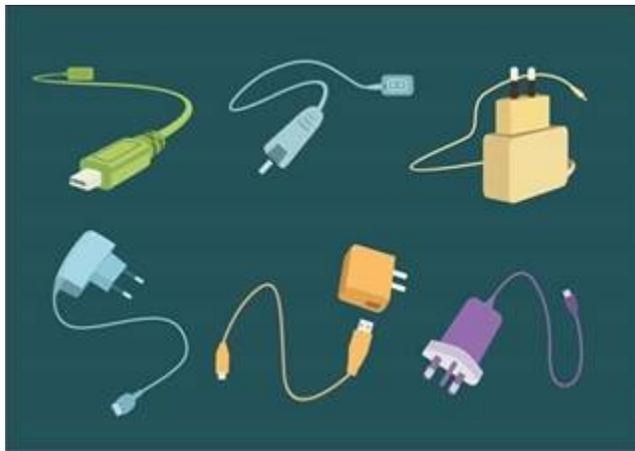
Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society



GSU is inducting the Alpha Iota Alpha chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education. Provost Deborah Bordelon will accept the new chapter at the installation and first induction ceremonies taking place next **Tuesday, October 10** from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the E-Lounge.

Space is limited. RSVP to faculty chair [Dr. Katy Hisrich \(mailto:khisrich@govst.edu\)](mailto:khisrich@govst.edu) or student president [Jessica Dunahoo \(mailto:jdunahoo@student.govst.edu\)](mailto:jdunahoo@student.govst.edu).

Recycle Your Old Phone Chargers at the GSU Library

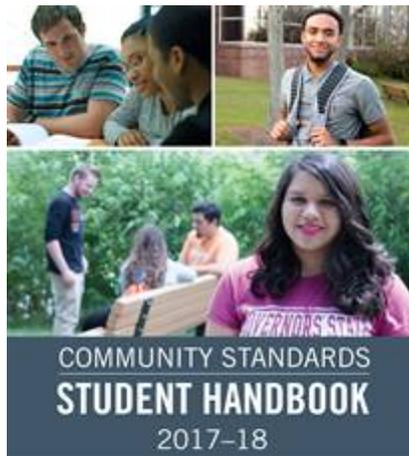


If you have phone chargers that you are not currently using, bring them to the GSU Library for recycling. Students often ask the library information desk if there is a phone charger available to borrow.

“By collecting chargers from those who want to recycle them, we can have a selection of chargers to offer students in need while maintaining our commitment to sustainability,” said Diane Nadler, Library First Year Student Contact and Reference Desk Manager.

To recycle your chargers, place them in the recycle box located on the game bookshelf on the library balcony, or if you are in a hurry, please leave them at the library information desk. Email the [library](mailto:GSULibraryInfo@govst.edu) (<mailto:GSULibraryInfo@govst.edu>) with any questions.

2017–18 Student Handbook Details Student Rights and Responsibilities



Everyone on campus has a responsibility for helping the GSU community as we strive for academic freedom, integrity, excellence in scholarship, justice, diversity, and access to education.

Our [Student Code of Conduct](http://www.govst.edu/handbook) (<http://www.govst.edu/handbook>), along with other university policies, provides clear guidance on what is expected of students as well as what they can expect from GSU faculty and staff. The [handbook](http://www.govst.edu/handbook) (<http://www.govst.edu/handbook>) also provides the procedures that guide the Community Standards process, which aims to hold students accountable for violations of university policy, reflect on their behavior, and develop skills that promote personal and community responsibility.

Career Services: An Important Stop on Your Path to Success

Are you a student in need of help with your resume, cover letter, job search, and much more? [The Office of Career Services](http://www.govst.edu/careerservices) (<http://www.govst.edu/careerservices>) has staff available to help you navigate every path leading to your success.

Take the first step by visiting drop-in hours. Following is a list of the open drop-in hours where you can stop by without an appointment to obtain the help or information you need.

Tuesdays from 2 – 4:30 p.m., in B1215 in the Student Success Commons
Thursdays from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. with Alexis at the Library Technology Desk

Drop-in hours are on a first come first served basis. Email [Career Services \(mailto:career@govst.edu\)](mailto:career@govst.edu) for more information.

Announcements and Events

Unlearn, Relearn, Learn: When Sexuality Meets Faith



Reverend Quincy James Rineheart presents “When Sexuality Meets Faith” in this Unlearn, Relearn, Learn (URL) session. Reverend Rineheart’s presentation will shed light on the historical context of sexuality within the faith community as he discusses what happens at the intersection of the social identities of faith and sexuality.

URL provides an opportunity for the GSU community to unlearn myths, stereotypes, and fallacies; relearn the truth; and learn ways to shape their understanding to bridge cultural divides in the campus community.

The program will be held **Thursday, October 5** from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in the Interfaith Prayer & Meditation Room (A1115). For more information, email the [Office of Intercultural Student Affairs \(mailto:diversity@govst.edu\)](mailto:diversity@govst.edu).

Men’s Leadership Summit 2017 – Call for Workshops

The Men’s Leadership Summit is seeking workshop proposals for its 2017 conference held on **November 17**. This year’s theme is “From Reasonable Doubt to 4:44: The Evolution of Maleness, Masculinity, and Manhood.” Using the musical career of Jay-Z as a backdrop, the conference theme speaks to men discovering the influence of maleness, masculinity, and manhood on their journey to be leaders.

Click [here \(https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MLS17\)](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MLS17) to submit your workshop proposal by **October 6**. For more information, click [here \(mailto:http://gsunews.govst.edu/mens-leadership-summit-2017---call-for-workshops/preview/693afe67f06478808cdde62f5ea918c20351f28a\)](mailto:http://gsunews.govst.edu/mens-leadership-summit-2017---call-for-workshops/preview/693afe67f06478808cdde62f5ea918c20351f28a), email [Intercultural Student Affairs \(mailto:diversity@govst.edu\)](mailto:diversity@govst.edu), or call 708.534.4551.

Potbelly Sandwich Shop Fundraiser to Benefit Friends of the GSU Library



Support the Friends of the GSU Library (<http://libguides.govst.edu/friends/>) by having dinner at Potbelly Sandwich Shop in Matteson on **Friday, October 13** from 4 – 7 p.m. Twenty-five percent of all sales will go directly to the Friends of the GSU Library.

Ann Manning Nagle, President of the Friends of the GSU Library, says, “Recently, we were able to purchase shelving for the GSU Archives, and carpeting and furniture for the GSU Balcony, Stress Free Study Zone, with the funds we have been raising.”

Potbelly is located at 406 Town Center Drive, Matteson, IL 60443. To contact them by phone, call 708.228.5502.

Jaguar Treks: Fright Fest Trip

Enjoy thrills and spooky activities at Six Flags Fright Fest on **Saturday, October 14**.

Your \$25 ticket includes admission and transportation. Visit Student Life, A2100 to purchase tickets *if you dare!*

Tickets available on first-come, first-served basis. Jaguar Treks off-campus excursions are sponsored by Student Life (http://www.govst.edu/Campus_Life/Student_Life/).

Film Screening of “Gender Revolution: A Journey with Katie Couric”



GSU’s Gender and Sexuality Studies (GNSX) program, the GNSX student club, and the GSU Library will host a screening of “Gender Revolution: A Journey with Katie Couric”

(<http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/gender-revolution-a-journey-with-katie-couric/>) on **Monday, October 16** at 4:30 p.m. in Engbretson Hall. Refreshments will be provided by the GNSX club.

Following the screening will be a discussion and Q&A session facilitated by GSU faculty members Dr. Ellie Walsh, Associate Professor of History, and Dr. Lara Stache, Assistant Professor of Communication and Coordinator of the GNSX Program.

To register, email the [library \(mailto:GSULibraryInfo@govst.edu\)](mailto:GSULibraryInfo@govst.edu).

Conversational Café by the Office of International Studies (OIS)



Join GSU's English as a Second Language (ESL) program this semester for a monthly meeting to share experiences through conversation. Help students improve and practice their English communication skills while sharing cultures over afternoon treats.

October 18: Halloween Fun in the Lakeside Lounge, 2:30 – 4 p.m.

November 8: Giving Thanks in the Lakeside Lounge, 2:30 – 4 p.m.

Operation Healthy



Student Life (<http://www.govst.edu/studentlife>) would like to welcome all GSU students to participate in the Operation Healthy (<http://www.govst.edu/JaguarDen/>) events on **October 11** and **November 15** in the Hall of Governors. Students are encouraged to visit from 3 – 4:15 p.m. to get some fresh produce while supplies last. We look forward to seeing all of you and to promoting a healthier life style on campus!

C200 Reachout at Governors State University



C200 (<https://www.c200.org/>) is a community of the most successful women in business, representing companies with more than \$1.2 trillion in combined revenue and employing more than 2.5 million people. They have partnered with Governors State University to host their 2017 Reachout event at GSU (<http://www.govst.edu/C200Reachout/>) on **October 20**. This event provides an exclusive opportunity for you to connect with corporate executives from C200.

C200 provides scholarships to outstanding women students who exemplify extraordinary leadership potential, entrepreneurial spirit, and a commitment to supporting other women. Currently, they are taking applications for their 2017 C200 Scholars—three female students will be awarded a \$5,000 scholarship. For scholarship requirements, deadlines, and to apply, click [here \(http://www.govst.edu/C200Reachout/\)](http://www.govst.edu/C200Reachout/).

Sign Up to Become a Volunteer Literacy Tutor

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of International Literacy Day by volunteering to be a literacy tutor for adults of all ages seeking better reading skills. This year's theme is "Reading the Past, Writing the Future," and is done in partnership with Prairie State College.

All are eligible to become literacy tutors: all you will need to do is complete some training and regularly meet at the GSU Library with a person seeking help. Email the [Library \(mailto:GSULibraryInfo@govst.edu\)](mailto:GSULibraryInfo@govst.edu) for more information.

Healing, Hope, & Restoration: Becoming the Author of Your Story



Join us for a fishbowl conversation with men impacted by mass incarceration as they share their experiences as a starting point for healing and collective responsibility towards social change.

This event, sponsored by Generating Hope and Intellectual Life Grant, takes place **Monday, October 23** from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. in Engbretson Hall. It is the fifth in a series of forums that focus on bringing awareness to the issue of mass incarceration and collateral consequences that exist after incarceration for returning citizens and their families.

For more information, email [Dr. Lorri Glass \(mailto:lglass@govst.edu\)](mailto:lglass@govst.edu) or call 708.534.4919.

Provide Feedback through “Let Us Know” in the GSU Library

All are invited to answer questions posed on whiteboards located throughout the GSU Library. Responses will remain anonymous and will “Let Us Know” more about our service through feedback about what could be modified.

Email the [library \(mailto:GSULibraryInfo@govst.edu\)](mailto:GSULibraryInfo@govst.edu) with any questions.

Highlights

Nicole Warmington-Granston



Assistant Professor [Dr. Nicole A. Warmington-Granston](http://www.govst.edu/Site_Navigation/Contact/Directory/nwarmington-granston/) (http://www.govst.edu/Site_Navigation/Contact/Directory/nwarmington-granston/) admits her first career choice was to be a pediatrician. Instead, she offers remedies to a global population.

Learn how a different path opened up for the Jamaican-born scholar, who has won awards and recognition as a political scientist in GSU's College of Arts and Sciences Division of Arts and Letters, [here](http://gsunews.govst.edu/nicole-a-warmington-granston/). (<http://gsunews.govst.edu/nicole-a-warmington-granston/>)

Congratulations to 2017 DFI Fellows

The Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois (DFI) program board and the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) have selected three Governors State University students for the 2017 DFI Fellowship Program. The program aids students towards completing graduate degrees (master's or doctoral) that lead to a faculty or staff position at Illinois higher education institutions.

Congratulations to the 2017 Governors State University recipients:

- Derrick Brown, College of Arts & Sciences, Communications Studies
- Robert Clay, College of Education, Interdisciplinary Leadership doctorate program
- Linda Coleman, College of Arts & Sciences, Communication Studies

Additionally, GSU congratulates Konya Sledge of Student Life, a doctoral student at NIU, who also selected for the DFI program.

Workshops & Trainings

A list of workshops for students, faculty, and staff can be found [here](http://gsunews.govst.edu/workshops-and-training-oppo/preview/0e8930bfc4328ea9bc13bfbe19bbee3e3df7125f) (<http://gsunews.govst.edu/workshops-and-training-oppo/preview/0e8930bfc4328ea9bc13bfbe19bbee3e3df7125f>), including FAFSA Completion Workshops, the OIS Fall Global Lunch Series offerings, and the next Marketing and Communications WorkZone training session, among others.

Faculty: If you have not already done so, it's time to have a new headshot photograph taken. Please refer to the [schedule](http://gsunews.govst.edu/workshops-and-training-oppo/preview/0e8930bfc4328ea9bc13bfbe19bbee3e3df7125f) (<http://gsunews.govst.edu/workshops-and-training-oppo/preview/0e8930bfc4328ea9bc13bfbe19bbee3e3df7125f>) to find a convenient time.

University Park, IL, October 03, 2017

Nicole A. Warmington-Granston

Assistant Professor **Dr. Nicole A. Warmington-Granston**

(http://www.govst.edu/Site_Navigation/Contact/Directory/nwarmington-granston/) admits her first career choice was to be a pediatrician. She wanted to help establish healthy foundations for babies and children. However, a different path opened up for the Jamaican-born scholar who has won awards and recognition as a political scientist in the **Governors State University** (<http://www.govst.edu/>) **(GSU) College of Arts and Sciences Division of Arts and Letters** (http://www.govst.edu/Academics/Colleges_and_Programs/College_of_Arts_and_Sciences/Division_of_Arts_and_Letters/).

An international and comparative politics expert, Warmington-Granston would have healed children as a pediatrician. Instead, she offers remedies to a global population.

"I'm just a different type of doctor who provides a prescription for a different type of case, a remedy for what I think is lacking in society. I still look at how I can make their lives better—just in a different way," said Warmington-Granston.

The daughter of a physician and a politician, she offers the cure of knowledge to an epidemic of ignorance in global politics. This Caribbean-and American-educated researcher is a firebrand who seizes every opportunity to shine light on new political scholarship, especially research focused on developing countries with a focus on the Anglo-Caribbean and Latin America. She says new theories lead to heightened social awareness—and ultimately better government and lives.



While pursuing her Ph.D. at Florida International University, Warmington-Granston won two prestigious awards for her research on justice and politics in Latin American and Caribbean countries, as well as Mexico and Venezuela. In 2017, an academic paper examining complex dynamics of U.S.-Caribbean relations fetched the GSU 2017 **Black Women Rock** (<http://www.govst.edu/studentlife-gallery/>) award, in the category of Faculty Scholar.

"I want to inspire young people, particularly minorities, to research, because it builds a knowledge base and brings about theory which is linked to action. I tell my students that theory without action is a daydream, and action without theory is a nightmare. With knowledge, you will properly act and change things," she said.

Warmington-Granston joined the GSU faculty in 2015.

GSU Newsroom: Can you tell us about the work that qualified you for the 2017 Black Women Rock Award?

Warmington-Granston: My paper, "Image and Response: A look at 9-month standoff between the United States and Jamaica in the Extradition of Christopher 'Dudus' Coke," had recently been accepted by the *Caribbean Journal of International Relations and Diplomacy*. In it, I look at U.S.-Jamaican relations through the case of Christopher "Dudus" Coke, a well-known community leader who benefitted financially from the narcotics trade in Kingston, Jamaica. Dudus was wanted by the United States government, and an extradition warrant was served for his involvement in drugs and gun trafficking between the two states. The Jamaican government delayed carrying out the extradition request for months, causing an international crisis that was resolved by a series of national and international maneuvers. I was honored to be recognized for this research because I want to inspire others to study relationships between governments.

GSU Newsroom: You taught American cultural and political science classes during the heated 2016 election. What was that like?

Warmington-Granston: When I was working on my master's degree and as a teaching assistant at the University of West Indies, Mona, I realized I loved educating young minds. At Governors State, I taught two sections of *Intro to American Government* during the 2016 election season. My honors class was very active, some even participated in election campaigning. My other class didn't seem as interested in the course. Some said they didn't see the point of politics so I used every opportunity to encourage them to participate. I told them one person can make a change.



During my *Cross Cultural Relationships* class, a lot of students were disheartened after the election. I encouraged them to join an interest group or social movement. Later, many of them went to Springfield to rally for the budget. I'm proud to have played any small part in that.

GSU Newsroom: How do you motivate students to participate in the democratic process when they cannot vote?

Warmington-Granston: Political science is important because it affects everybody, and everyone can have

an impact on how politics operate in their sphere. Here, many of my students said they didn't want to vote in the 2016 election because they didn't think it would make a difference. There may be obstacles to voting, but that is one aspect. The American political system is a participatory system, meaning it is very open. After President Trump won, there were lots of protests, people were writing their legislators, and a lot of interest groups were formed. America is known for that.

GSU Newsroom: What will you be lecturing about this fall in Matteson?

Warmington-Granston: I'm honored to have been asked to do a lecture series once a month at the Matteson Public Library. It begins this fall and ends in January 2018. The series, *The Politics of Development and Underdevelopment*, will focus on poor and developing countries. We will examine some of the political and economic problems affecting the so-called Third World. Many people don't understand politics outside the U.S. This is my opportunity to expose residents in the south suburbs to life in developing countries. Again, we are building a knowledge base to help people determine a link between theory and action and to be better citizens locally, regionally, and internationally.