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## News and Events

### Great Grants

The Intellectual Life Committee is again offering Intellectual Life Grants. The mission of the Intellectual Life Committee is:

- To expand the intellectual opportunities available to the GSU community
- To contribute to the enhancement of intellectual pursuits
- To increase the growth of and participation in intellectual endeavors.

The Intellectual Life Grants will be awarded for up to \$500 for events taking place between January 15, 2010 and May 31, 2010 that promote and increase awareness of the arts, humanities and other intellectual topics of universal interest. Possible events might include lecture series, faculty research salons, workshops, panel discussions, film screenings, exhibits, presentations in local communities, and field trips.

The primary audience for these events is GSU students, although the events should be open to all members of the GSU community and the region. GSU staff and faculty, as well as enrolled GSU students with a faculty collaborator, are invited to apply using the Intellectual Life Grant Application. Events must be promoted as sponsored by the GSU Intellectual Life Committee in addition to any other sponsors.

Selection Criteria include:

- Comparative analysis between grant projects presented,
- Value to the GSU community in terms of intellectual life,
- Completion of the event within FY10, and
- Feasibility of the project based on the support of this grant plus any other sources of funding.

Submissions are due November 12, 2009. You may submit your [proposal online](#) or download the proposal form and email it to [Diane Dates Casey](#).

Award winners will be notified by November 20. For more information,

contact [Diane Dates Casey](#).

## **GSU Ping Pong Power**

On October 25, the new GSU table tennis team will compete at the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This year, there are six universities registered in the Upper Midwest Division – GSU, the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, Purdue University, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

GSU Ping Pong team members will showcase their talent in an exhibition on Thursday, October 22, in the cafeteria annex, from noon to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.

## **Vets Get Served**

GSU recently established the Office for Veteran and Military Personnel. Lana Bilyk was appointed Coordinator. As Veterans Coordinator, Lana will work as an ombudsman to assist student veterans, military personnel and their families, and also act as a liaison and advocate with the university regarding military and veteran student needs.

The office was established as part of the Higher Education Veterans Service Act, which recently expanded G.I. benefits.

The office is located in D1418. For more information, contact [Lana Bilyk](#) at 708.235.2223.

## **OSPR Ready to Help**

Anyone planning to submit a grant application to a federal, state, or private agency is reminded to notify the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research (OSPR) at least two weeks prior to application submission by completing an [Intent to Submit](#) Form available online.

OSPR uses this form to learn about the project, suggest ways to enhance or revise the proposal, assess liability to the university, evaluate the fiscal commitment required of the university, and keep individuals involved in the submission process informed. The form also helps planning to assure that someone is available to assist with the grant submission process.

## **Treats and Tricks**

Families are invited to celebrate Halloween at GSU. On Saturday, October 31, The Center for Performing Arts presents *Dave Rudolf's Halloween Spooktacular*. Rudolf will entertain goblins of all ages with fun songs and stories to raise the hair on your funny bone. Kids dressed in costume will

have the chance to share the stage.

After the show, kids are invited to trick-or-treat at selected sculptures, where ghosts and goblins will explain the sculptures to and give them candy treats to take home.

Reservations are required. Please call GSU's Center for Performing Arts box office at 708.235.2222.

## **Free Microsoft Courses**



All GSU employees are eligible to participate in free online technical training from Microsoft. Students are also eligible to participate if they live or work in Will County. In order to be admitted to the online courses, participants must submit an application form no later than October 23. All courses must be completed within one year, by October 31, 2010. GSU employees are encouraged to contact their supervisors who have received application forms via e-mail.

Individuals are limited to a total of six Business and ten Technical Professional course vouchers. Vouchers are available on a first come, first serve basis.

All courses are online and are self-paced. Two course tracks are available:

- Business Courses – 50 courses available for Vista, Office 2003, and Office 2007
- Technical Professional Courses – 125 courses for Microsoft server and programming language products

Employees with questions should contact their immediate supervisors. Interested students can complete the [form online](#) and should call the GSU Helpdesk at ext. 4357 with questions.

## **Learn and Link**

Learn how to use LinkedIn, a social networking tool, to market yourself in today's competitive job market. Career Services is offering workshops on Monday, October 26, from noon to 1 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

Topics include:

- The benefits of LinkedIn
- How to establish a LinkedIn profile
- How to use LinkedIn to network and help your career

The free workshops are open to students, alumni, and the GSU community. For more information, call 708.235.3974.

### **Quilted Books Ready to be Written**

Work continues on the Friends of the GSU Library bookshelf quilt, which will hang prominently in the GSU library. Some books remain untitled. You still have time to remember a special occasion or honor someone special by making a donation of \$50 and having a book "placed" on the shelf with a special title.

For more information, visit the [Friends website](#), and scroll down to Friends Quilt or call [Susan Bell](#) at 708.235.7500. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

### **H1N1 Info Session**

UPI, the faculty union, is sponsoring an H1N1 Flu information session on Thursday, October 22, from 2 to 4 p.m., in D34115. Dr. Sheila Simons, Professor of Health at Eastern Illinois University, will present information about H1N1 and answer attendee questions. Her research interests include human diseases, epidemiology, bioterrorism, and environmental health. Snacks will be provided.

### **Shots for Adults**

Seasonal flu shots provided by Maxim Health at no cost to insured members and insured retirees will be available on Wednesday, October 21, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in E-Lounge. To receive the flu shot, employees must present a health insurance ID Card showing eligibility and a GSU ID Card (or State ID Card). Retirees must present an insurance ID Card and a State ID or driver's license.

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### **Cookies for Kids**

GSU's Family Development Center is holding a cookie dough and popcorn fundraiser. Proceeds will help fund new classroom materials and field trips. Twelve varieties of cookie dough, four types of popcorn, and new lava-licious fudge cakes are all available for sale.

The last day to submit orders is October 26. Help the Family Development Center today by calling ext. 7300 or 7320.

### **Alumni News – Dan Yovich**

Dan Yovich (MA, '75 and '76) is a Purdue University professor emeritus.

He taught applied creativity courses at the undergraduate and graduate level. Prior to joining Purdue, he was a product research chemist inventing numerous products that were sold to industrial and consumer markets. His major patent in biocide compounds helped create the then emerging field of mildew static and bacteria static coatings.

Dan served as a code intercept officer during the Korean War and is the creator of the game Krypto. He recently created the game MathSuey in conjunction with Laura Bergells, which will be released shortly. Dan founded the Inventors and Entrepreneurs Society of Indiana.



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