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News and Events

Registration and Early Voting on Campus

GSU is a designated site for voter registration and early voting.

Voter registration Voter registration for any resident of Illinois will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., beginning Tuesday, October 12, and continuing through Tuesday, October 26. Location and voter registrar contact information is available at the Welcome Center.

Early voting

The GSU early voting site is able only to accommodate registered voters from Monee Precinct #5. Voting will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., beginning Tuesday, October 12, and continuing through Tuesday, October 26. Location and contact information is available at the Welcome Center.

Depression Screening Today

Today is National Depression Screening Day. The Academic Resource Center is sponsoring free, confidential depression screening, until 5 p.m., in Room B1215, and an information table from until 4:30 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The depression screening involves completing a brief questionnaire and a conversation with a mental health professional. The questionnaire results are anonymous and confidential. If warranted, the mental health professional will offer next-step suggestions.

ARC's Counseling Center provides ongoing counseling services to GSU students. The Counseling Lab at GSU provides free, confidential services to adults, couples, and families.

For more information, contact [Tamekia Scott](#) at ext. 2228.

Keep Reading

There is still time to finish the book and join the conversation. This fall's One Book, One University program features *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson. A panel of faculty and staff experts will discuss this New York Times Bestseller on Wednesday, October 13, from 5:30 to 7:15 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

Provost Terry Allison will moderate the panel which includes Rosemary Johnsen (CAS), David Green (CBPA), Cheryl Mejhta (CHHS), Shannon Dermer (COE), and Tom Houlihan (Advancement and a former newspaper editor).

Panel members will discuss the book's themes from the perspective of their subject expertise, followed by questions, and an open conversation with the audience. Join the conversation!

One Book, One University is sponsored by GSU's Intellectual Life Committee. The photo of GSU's Pierre the Penguin enjoying a good read was submitted by Joan Johns Maloney of the Office of the Executive Vice President.



Walk for Education

GSU teacher candidates recently showed their stamina and spirit while raising funds to support educational initiatives at Nathan Hale Primary, Intermediate, and Middle Schools in Crestwood. The GSU students walked 34.25 miles in the first annual walk for Nathan Hale.



The teacher candidates are enrolled in Dr. Nancy Miller's ELED 401 class (Lab II). The walk raised funds for after school programs and improved technology in the classrooms.

CBPA Graduate Programs

CBPA is hosting a graduate programs open house on Saturday, October 9, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

Information on graduate programs in business administration, public administration, management information systems, and accounting, as well as admission requirements and financial aid will be presented. There will be ample opportunity to meet with advisors and administrators to have questions answered. Attendees are encouraged to bring official or unofficial transcripts for review. The \$50 application fee will be waived for applicants who apply and submit official transcripts at the open house. A continental breakfast will be served.

For more information, call 708.534.4391.

Business Reply Envelopes – Important USPS Changes

The U.S. Postal Service is making an important change to the format of its business reply mail that will impact many on campus departments. Beginning in May 1, 2011, **all existing business reply and courtesy reply envelopes will no longer be useable by the university or its constituents.** All envelopes must be reprinted in accordance with new USPS design regulations.

The format changes include the addition of an Intelligent Mail Barcode above the address block. The USPS will also not accept modifications to older envelopes (i.e. placing labels over the current design elements).

Please begin working with your department heads immediately to take stock of current inventory and plan for redesign and reprinting needs. Once you've determined your needs, please contact the Office of Public Affairs to begin the redesign/reorder process. GSU's Public Affairs, Graphics, and Auxiliary Services departments will work to ensure that the campus' needs are met prior to the May 1, 2011 deadline.

Twenty Questions Plus One with Daniel Cortese

Daniel Cortese, Assistant Professor of Political and Justice Studies

Who was your most inspirational teacher? Ms. Viaggio, my fourth grade teacher. She accepted no excuses for shortcuts and poor quality work. In retrospect, her teaching philosophy is probably closer to mine: "The energy you spend on thinking up the many reasons for not doing your best is better spent on creating the best you can do." ***What is your favorite yearly event at GSU?*** Perhaps it's not yearly, but my favorite event is the Farmers Market, where we can support our communities by buying local. I buy the eggplants, celery, and onions and make "caponata."



True or false? The secret to life involves garlic and olive oil. False. The secret to life involves *wine*, followed closely by *fresh* garlic, and *cold-pressed extra virgin* olive oil.

A really great night out for me is... An evening at the opera. It allows me an opportunity to dress up, which our culture rarely provides the occasions to do. I can enjoy the beautiful musical comedies of Mozart and Rossini and, if it's Puccini or Wagner, I get beautifully serenaded into a long, three-hour nap!

Right now I am driving a... Cat crazy with a laser light that she can

never seem to catch!

Do you have a favorite piece in the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park? Explain. My favorite piece is the Paul Bunyan. I ask students in our methods courses to observe him for an in-class exercise, observing his presence on various levels of analysis. The results are astounding; he sparks passionate discussions on everything from the perception of age and ability to the cultural origins of American “manifest destiny.”

Regarding superpowers: Would you prefer invisibility or the ability to fly? I already have the ability to fly – in a plane, of course! If I were invisible, then that leads to the temptation to snoop, and I may not want to know what others *really* say about me. Could I compromise and have Wonder Woman’s invisible jet instead?

Does Rod Blagojevich deserve a plaque in the Hall of Governors? Explain. Yes. I expect to see Andrew Johnson, Bill Clinton, and Richard Nixon’s portraits in the Smithsonian, despite the first two presidents’ impeachments and Nixon’s ethical lapses. We ought to learn from dark moments in history, and use them as learning opportunities. One cannot appreciate the warmth and brightness of the dawn if they didn’t first experience the cold and darkness of the night.

What was your first job? My first “on-the-books” job was as a bank teller. To this day, it irks me when money comes out of the ATM or a cash drawer disorderly. My money in my wallet is always arranged correctly so that I can find the appropriate bills quickly.

Have you ever kept a New Year’s resolution? Explain. Yes, I have, but they are always do-able resolutions. That’s the key to success with resolutions or Lenten sacrifices. Pick something that you recognize is a weakness of yours, and create a path to success with small tasks that are both reasonable and accomplishable.

The Final Question: Tell us something about yourself that hardly anyone on campus knows. Most people on campus do not know that I am a meteorology buff. When I was 15, the weather station at my home was an official National Weather Service observation site. I was also trained as a “Skywarn” spotter for severe weather. Through cloud observations and the sounds of a storm, I can predict the likelihood of a tornado touchdown, size of hail, and strength of gust fronts.

To participate in GSU View’s Twenty Questions Plus One, contact [Tom Houlihan](#).

Job and Internship Career Fair

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a career fair for people interested in careers in business administration, public administration, and communications. In addition to employment opportunities, the fair will also include internship opportunities.

Current students, alumni, and community members are invited to attend. Potential employers are also invited to register as participants. This is an opportunity to match jobs and internship positions with qualified personnel.

The 2010 Business/Administration/Communications Career and Internship Fair is on Thursday, November 4, from 3 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. This event is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, call 708.235.3974.

Health Equity Conference

The Center for the Care and Study of Vulnerable Populations at GSU will host a conference addressing the issue of health inequity. The objectives of this conference are to highlight GSU research on the subject and community research models that work. The conference planning committee invites abstracts for the poster session on any topic area related to health inequity research particularly with respect to vulnerable and at risk populations.

The conference takes place on Friday, October 22. The poster session will be from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Presenters will answer questions from 4 to 5 p.m.

The registration deadline is Friday, October 8. Late registrations will be processed based on available space. For more information, call 708.534.4388.

Fisk Mini-Grants Awarded

The first winners of *The Fisk Mini-Grant for Technology in Education* were recently announced. The grants, sponsored by the Division of Digital Learning and Media Design's Center for Online Teaching and Learning, is awarded to support improving instruction in online, hybrid, and web-enhanced courses. The mini-grant is named in honor of the late Gary Fisk, the faculty founder of the center.



The winners for the 2010-11 academic year are Jennifer Armstrong, Daniel Cortese, Dianna Galante, Jane Rhoades Hudak, Marjorie Hummel, David Rhea, and Jason Zingsheim from CAS, Melanie Ellexson from CHPA, and Patricia Robey

and Julia Yang from COE.

Applications will be accepted in May 2011 for the 2011-12 academic year. For more information on the program, please visit the [Center for Online Teaching and Learning's web page](#).

ScholarShip – Sailing with Peter Palanca

Peter Palanca, senior lecturer in CHHS and chair of the Addictions Studies Advisory Board, was named chairman of the Illinois Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Association (IADDA), a Springfield-based non-profit organization that advocates at the state government level for progressive substance abuse prevention and treatment policies.



"I am honored by the confidence that my colleagues on the IADDA board have expressed in my leadership," Palanca. "It will be a pleasure to serve as the chairman of this vital organization."

Palanca is the executive vice president at Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities, Inc. (TASC), overseeing service delivery throughout Illinois and directing TASC's new business development, training services, and philanthropy. Palanca joined the agency in 2003.

TASC assesses the mental health and drug treatment needs of individuals, places them into appropriate rehabilitation programs, and provides ongoing monitoring and recovery support to help them succeed and thrive.

IADDA is the only statewide advocacy organization in Illinois focusing solely on substance use disorder issues, representing more than 50 prevention, treatment, and recovery organizations across the state.

"The current economic climate in Illinois and across the country has presented new and pressing challenges to human services," said Palanca. "This is an opportune time for all of us to strengthen and renew our collective commitment to providing quality prevention, treatment, and recovery support services where they are needed most."

Pierre - Still On the Move



Everyone has been asking “Where’s Pierre?” And the GSU View has some answers. Several photos were received showing that Pierre still has the travelling spirit.

Nancy Kaczmarczyk of SXL caught Pierre on the wrong end of an encounter with a bear on her recent trip to Alaska.

Debra Boyd, Director of the Department of Public Safety, introduced Pierre to Whoopee on a recent trip to Times Square in New York City.

And in a very happy encounter, Gail Mosier of CHHS snapped a picture of Pierre looking very dapper as the groom. No word on whom the bride is, but what a lovely veil!

