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News and Events

Curriculum and Faculty Information Team Reaches Milestone

As reported in GSU View last week, Curriculum and Faculty Information Team Co-Leaders Colleen Rock and Bonnie Simpson have completed a milestone. All Fall 2011 courses are now loaded into the Colleague system's Production environment. Courses loaded into the Production environment will be ready for students when this feature of the new Colleague system goes live in June for the Fall 2011 registration. Colleague will soon replace GSU's legacy system (Jenzebar CX).



After completing this daunting task, Rock and Simpson have handed the leadership of the CFI Team to Veronica Hunt and Jill Stanley of the GSU Provost's Office. In addition, a new team has evolved – the Curriculum and Faculty Information Maintenance Team. The newly morphed team will complete the course section entry, assign sections to faculty, check and validate student demographic records, enter prerequisites into all courses, and verify rules for class restrictions. While readying and entering data, the team is also testing processes and creating documentation along the way.

New CFI Maintenance Team members are Cindy Matthias, Karen Sinwelski, Pat Smith, Laura Owens, Dione Wofford, Gail Mosier, Rhonda Jackson, Renee Zdych, and Carol Machura.

Current implementation members who will stay on the CFI Maintenance Team are Co-Leaders Veronica Hunt and Jill Stanley, Bonnie Lunde, Jackie Johnson, Belinda Hudson, Andrea DaIPalo, Ilene Baldwin, Debra Kappel, Heidi Yousef, Colleen Rock (ex-officio) and Bonnie Simpson (ex-officio).

Intellectual Life Grants for Fall Semester Offered

Applicants for Intellectual Life Grants have until April 22 to make their case for worthwhile events during the Fall 2011 semester.

GSU's Intellectual Life Committee is again offering grants of up to \$500 for events 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, exhibits, presentations in local communities, and field trips.

Events for the fall semester should take place between September 14 and December 2. 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
- Strategies for promoting the event
- Completion of the event within Fall 2011 Semester
- Feasibility of the project based on the support of this grant plus any other sources of funding, and
- Grant funding may not be used to compensate GSU employees or purchase hardware or software.

Submit applications to Diane Dates Casey by April 22. Award winners will be notified by May 6.

Leave a Legacy



The Class of 2011 is leaving a legacy of their achievement and success at GSU. This year's class gift will help provide educational opportunities through the GSU Promise.

Each 2011 graduate is asked to give \$20.11 to the class gift. Free piggy banks will help graduates save the amount. Banks can be picked up at Salute to Grads, on April 6 and 7, in the Hall of Governors, and in the Development Office, room D34200, beginning April 8.

Banks filled with the \$20.11 contribution should be returned to the Development Office by May 6.

Members of the Class of 2011 may also contribute directly to the class gift at any time. Contributions are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. For more information, call 708.235.2188.

Salute to Spring 2011 Grads

Students participating in the Spring Commencement Ceremony on June 4 are encouraged to attend Salute to Grads on April 6 and 7, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Students can be measured for cap and gown, have professional graduation photos taken, review class ring options, sign up for the graduate picnic celebration, receive a discount on alumni items from Follett Bookstore, and benefit from additional services and information.

Substitute Teacher Prep Workshop

To help develop successful substitute teachers, GSU is sponsoring a daylong Substitute Teacher Academy with Resources on April 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Many school districts are in need of qualified substitute teachers. This workshop will help experienced and new substitutes increase their knowledge and skills.

The academy will teach substitute teachers what to expect when they take over a classroom, what to do in an emergency, how to maintain classroom control, and how to follow the teacher's lesson plans. It will also provide ideas and activities both new and experienced subs can adapt and use in any school and any grade.

The registration fee is \$50, which includes lunch and all materials. Seating is limited to 40 registrants. Advance registration is required. Call 708.534.4024.

Cinema Speaks - Ignatyi Vishnevetsky

The GSU Honors Program continues its special community lecture series with *Cinema Speaks to Change*, a presentation by Ignatyi Vishnevetsky, film critic and co-host of *Ebert Presents* on WTTW, on Wednesday, April 6, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

The GSU Honors Program community lecture series, *Rhythms and Currents: Changes and Directions*, is designed to provide information and encourage discussion of current global and regional issues and interests. The lecture is free and open to the public.



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