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News and Events

Dr. Reinhold Hill Named CAS Dean

Dr. Reinhold Hill has accepted the position of Dean, College of Arts and Sciences. He will begin at GSU in mid-June.

"Dr. Hill is an excellent match for GSU and the College of Arts and Sciences. He brings significant experience in building programs, growing enrollment, and in fostering quality. I look forward to working with Dr. Hill as well as the faculty, staff, and administrators of the College of Arts and Sciences as we implement Strategy 2015 and a new Academic Master Plan," said Provost Terry Allison.

"I also would like to thank Acting Dean, Dr. Karen D'Arcy for her exceptional leadership in this time of transition. I extend my warm wishes for a happy return to her faculty position as Professor of Chemistry, co-principal investigator of the National Science Foundation construction grant, and positive, engaged faculty leader."

View Dr. Hill's [biography](#) and [vitae](#).

Meet the ITS Support Team

The Information Technology Services Support Team is involved in every aspect of the IRiS Project. Two team members sit on each Colleague implementation team for software support. Among the main tasks ITS members perform for each team are creating translation tables for data migration and ensuring permissions for each environment are in place.

In addition to those basic team support tasks, the ITS Support Team works on many other features of the Colleague system. Team members are completing installation of new components: an LDAP single sign-on that would allow us to sign in once and gain log-in status for all environments, a new e-mail system for students that will increase their mailbox size, configuring all the "online services" items and setting permission levels in the new myGSU portal, and setting up "Book Look" for Student Online Services.



Led by Co-Leaders, Peter Mizera, AVP for Information Technology, and Marge Godowic, Associate Director of Application Development, the ITS Support Team is also busy updating infrastructure; attending many IT specific training sessions to learn Business Objects, Crystal Reports and working in an ODS Database; and completing the Colleague interface with Blackboard, Online Orientation, R25, and the Student Messenger System.

Team members are Pete Mizera, Marge Godowic, John Buenger, Bruce Crooks, Raphael Ferreira, Jeanne Hagen, Debbie Kappel, Michael Madl, Heidi Yousef, Emma Ziems, and Judy Ferneau.

Help Choose GSU's New Logo

Governors State University is currently undergoing a full re-branding effort with the assistance of Simantel, a marketing consulting firm.

After conducting significant qualitative and quantitative research, Simantel has developed a branding campaign that reflects the innovative and forward thinking nature of the university.

The final design stage of the rebranding effort involves development of a new GSU logo.

Simantel has presented three final logo options to the campus community. All three include the university's new accent color. The logo options also maintain a version of the university's original triad mark, to honor GSU's rich educational tradition.

All members of the GSU community are welcome to participate in an informal charrette on April 18 and 19, in the Cafeteria Annex.

Candid comments and feedback are important in choosing a logo that best represents the university.

Early Head Start Expanded

Early Head Start (EHS) at the GSU Family Development Center is now open to the entire GSU community – students, employees, family, and friends.

The Early Head Start program at GSU is a free, comprehensive program for low-income families. It provides low cost daily childcare for infants and toddlers to three years old, pre-natal services for expectant mothers, home visits, and links to support services for families.

Childcare at the state-of-the-art Family Development Center is offered Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. All formula, meals, snacks, and diapers are included. The ratio of children to adults is four to one. Each room is limited to only eight children and is staffed by a fully qualified early

childhood educator.

Funding for the Early Head Start program at GSU comes from a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

For more information about the Early Head Start Program at the GSU Family Development Center, call 708.235.7300 or visit www.govst.edu/children.

A Successful Gender Matters Conference



The first Gender Matters Conference at GSU was held on April 8. The conference featured presenters representing universities from across the nation and throughout Illinois. More than 130 registered attendees heard from presenters highlighting research on gender, women, and sexuality.



The day-long conference brought together students, activists, community members, and researchers to discuss the ongoing role of gender in structuring society. The research presented included academic disciplines and historical periods and strove to clarify how gender matters in today's world.

The keynote address was given by Dr. Karma Chávez, assistant professor in the Department of Communication Arts at the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

The GSU Gender Matters Conference was sponsored by CAS, the Interdisciplinary Studies degree program, and the GSU Intellectual Life Committee.

Assert Yourself

Learn how to communicate assertively at today's Assertiveness Training Workshop, scheduled from 6 to 7 p.m., in Room B1215.

Participants will learn about the quality and characteristics of assertive communication. The session will include a discussion about assertiveness and how it differs from passive, aggressive, and passive-aggressive communication.

The Assertiveness Training Workshop is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. The session is sponsored by the Academic Resource Center. More information is available at 708.235.7334.

TPS-GSU Teacher Honored

Four times a year, the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources (TPS) highlights an educator who participated in Teaching with Primary Sources (TPS) professional development and uses primary sources from the Library of Congress in the classroom. [The Library of Congress TPS Winter 2011 Quarterly Review](#) selected Sharon Murphy, a science teacher at Heritage Middle School in Lansing and TPS-GSU program graduate, from all the nominations submitted.



Murphy was nominated by the TPS program at GSU for her effective classroom use of primary sources in science instruction. Murphy has taught for 17 years and went through the TPS-GSU program in 2009.

The TPS-GSU program will soon begin its eighth year. It has successfully trained more than 400 educators, including K-12 classroom teachers, library media specialists, GSU professors, and students in the Alternative Certification and Grow Your Own programs.

Wednesday is Tamale Day

The Association of Latin American Students and the Latino Center of Excellence are sponsoring a tamale sale fundraiser on April 13, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 5:30 to 8 p.m., in the cafeteria annex.

Pork, chicken, and cheese tamales will be for sale for \$12 per dozen. Dinner plates with two tamales, tortilla chips, pico de gallo, and a beverage will also be for sale for \$5. Single tamales will also be for sale.

SLATE to Perform Ragtime at GSU

The Southland Area Theatre Ensemble (SLATE) at GSU announced it will present the musical *Ragtime* as its 2011 summer production.

Auditions will take place May 18 and 19 in Sherman Recital Hall. *Ragtime* has roles for a diverse cast of between 40 and 50 players. There are roles for six principal cast members, 10 supporting players, and 23 ensemble members. Persons wishing to audition should be prepared to present a one minute song selection that demonstrates their vocal range. A dance call will follow the vocal audition.

Ragtime, based on the best-selling novel by E.L. Doctorow, is the powerful story of three groups of people coming together in early 20th Century America – well-off WASPs, African Americans, and Eastern European immigrants. Coalhouse Walker, a brilliant Harlem musician, is at the center of the story, which also includes historical characters like Henry Ford, Booker T. Washington, and Harry Houdini. Following its 1998 Broadway debut, *Ragtime* won Tony awards for Best Book and Best Score.

Performance dates are July 30 and 31, and August 5, 6, and 7 in The Center for Performing Arts.

SLATE was established in 2009 as an artistic collaboration between the Center for Performing Arts, local theater educators, and veterans of area community theater companies. SLATE has produced two critically-acclaimed summer productions, *Into the Woods* in 2009 and *The Wedding Singer* in 2010.

For more information about Ragtime or SLATE, visit www.slatetheatre.org.

E-Reader Drawing

The Friends of the GSU Library are sponsoring a drawing for an E-Reader during the April 13 Book Sale, from noon to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Everyone is welcome to enter. Current Friends who encourage a new member to join the Friends of the GSU Library are eligible for two entries.

Membership in the Friends is only \$35 per year for current staff, faculty, and administration of Governors State University. Current students who join the Friends of the GSU Library organization only pay \$5 per year. Membership forms will be available at the book sale. The drawing will be held on Thursday evening at the conclusion of the Book Sale.

Thorn Creek Clean Up

With Earth Day fast approaching, it is time to clear Thorn Creek of the garbage and debris that has been dumped there. Last year, the GSU Biology Club sponsored clean-up day pulled truckloads of trash from the creek bed and banks. This year, the target area of the creek holds even more trash, such as old tires, couches, carpet pieces, bottles, and plastic bags, impeding the flow and health of the waterway.

The Biology Club is looking for volunteers on Tuesday April 19, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., or any part of the day, to help clear the creek along Dralle Road at the south end of the campus.

Facilities Development Management staff will be on hand with equipment to help with large items and trucks to haul the trash away. The trash collected will be on display on Earth Day, April 21.

Appropriate dress, which includes knee high waterproof boots, long pants and sleeves, and gloves are encouraged. For more information contact Dr. John Yunger at ext. 4524.

Earth Day Celebration – April 21

GSU's annual Earth Day celebration offers practical demonstrations in environmental sustainability as well as music, wild animal exhibits, children's theater, and organic food served on eco-friendly products.

The celebration takes place Thursday, April 21, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., on the patio by the lake, just outside GSU's Hall of Governors. All events and demonstrations are free and open to the public.

New events have been added to this year's Earth Day. Big Run Wolf Ranch will give demonstrations of its wild animals, including wolves and a bear. Food items include buffalo mini burgers, organic hot dogs and potato chips, and hummus on pita bread. Kidworks Touring Theatre will present a show on global warming and a GSU student will demonstrate beekeeping.

A number of demonstrations are planned on sustainability topics such as composting, organic and community farming, manure, and garden stakes. Alternative fuel vehicles will be on display. Jewelry made from recycled materials and other eco-products will be available.

In addition, tours of the area's natural history including a visit to the university's biology field station and tours of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park will be offered.

Earth Day will include stations for recycling batteries, pharmaceuticals, and cell phones. Other activities throughout the week will focus on sustainability and environmental awareness. The Biology Club's Thorn Creek clean-up is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19. A recycled art show opens Wednesday in the Hall of Governors and young students at GSU's Family Development Center will help plant trees on Friday.

Earth Day is sponsored by the GSU Sustainability Committee.

Clean Windows

During the week of April 18, window washers will begin work on campus. Weather permitting, they will be working in the Faculty Office Center during the week of the week of April 25.

In order to clean the inside windows, there must be a clear path to the window as well as a cleared window sill. Office residents are asked to ensure clear access for the crew so they can work safely and efficiently. If clear access is not available to these areas, the window washers will not enter the office. A GSU supervisor and sub-foreman will oversee the crew while interior work is executed.

The cooperation of the GSU community is greatly appreciated. For more information, contact FDM at ext. 4515.



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