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News and Events

A New Era at GSU - E & F Wing Groundbreaking

Everyone is invited to help GSU kick off a new era in science education on October 18 with the groundbreaking ceremony celebrating the start of the renovation of the university's science facilities. Government, business, and community leaders will join university administrators, students, faculty, and staff at 10:30 a.m., in the F building atrium to mark the beginning of this long-awaited project.

The \$22.6 million, three-year renovation project will create state-of-the-art education facilities while providing more than 130 construction jobs. In addition to the positive impact the renovation project will have on the region's economy, the building renovation will better equip GSU to educate students for regional jobs in healthcare, computer science, scientific and mathematics research, and science and math education.

"We have waited a long time for these new science facilities that will provide opportunities for our students for generations to come," said GSU President Elaine P. Maimon. "The beginning of this renovation project marks the dawning of a new day for Governors State University and the region."

Upgrading its science facilities has been GSU's number one capital priority for the last decade. However, funds for this important, shovel ready, project were only recently released. The Capital Development Board, the state's construction management arm of Illinois' state government, has oversight responsibility for the design and construction of this project.

The area to be renovated comprises approximately 76,000 square feet of space. During the renovation, crews will replace HVAC, electrical, plumbing, and lighting systems. Outmoded infrastructure and equipment will be replaced with up-to-date facilities and equipment that will be energy-efficient and meet current codes and regulations. The project design calls for structural infill of existing atrium space, adding about 9,000 square feet of additional usable space.

The groundbreaking ceremony is open to the public. For more information, contact [Penny Perdue](#).

Check Out the New GSU Homepage

The GSU [homepage](#) has a new, vibrant look with more information just a click away and easier navigation to the pages you want to visit.

Check out our new [homepage](#) and get ready for more redesigns, revisions, and updates to the rest of the GSU website.

Campus Community Campaign – 2011

The GSU community will be “lighting the path” to success by degrees in this year’s Campus Community Campaign. Each donation is another step toward helping our students attain their educational goals and the university fulfill its mission.

The 2011 Campus Community Campaign kickoff is on Wednesday, October 5, at noon, in the cafeteria. Everyone is welcome. Enjoy some delicious treats and meet with the campaign representatives who will be happy to explain the various options for giving. From payroll deductions to specified gifts – there are many ways to support the university.

For more information, contact [Jackie Small](#) at ext. 2188.

SPSS Workshops Start This Month

The College of Education is again sponsoring workshops for GSU faculty and staff on the use of SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences).

Per majority request, the workshops will be held in the ACS computer lab (D2430) on Friday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. The workshops will be facilitated by Dr. Jean Johnson, assisted by graduate student and ARC tutor Eligia Milan.

For the fall term, two workshops are scheduled:

- Introduction to SPSS on October 14: This workshop will focus on basic use of the SPSS program, including coding and entering data, recoding and transforming and importing data, running descriptive procedures, copying and pasting into Word, and making APA style tables will be the focus.
- Intermediate SPSS on November 11: This workshop will focus on comparing means (crosstabs, t-tests, anova) and basic correlation and regression.

If there is demand, the introductory workshop will be offered again in the spring and a workshop on advanced SPSS (factorial anovas and ancova, multiple regression) is also planned for the future. These workshops will

be announced at a later date.

Seating is limited so attendance will be limited to the first 27 persons who sign up. Seats are going fast. Priority will be given to faculty. Please contact [Dr. Jean Johnson](#) if you plan to attend and note which workshop(s) you would like to attend. Reservations will be confirmed via e-mail.

Tacos Anyone?

Don't forget to enjoy a delicious taco (or two) tomorrow, October 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. – or while supplies last – in the Hall of Governors.

The sale is sponsored by the Association of Latin American Students (A.L.A.S.). Proceeds support A.L.A.S. scholarships.

New Leadership for Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center



Dr. Raven James and Tony Labriola have been appointed co-coordinators of GSU's Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center. Provost Terry Allison made the appointment upon the recommendation of the Faculty Development Advisory Council.

Dr. Russell Carter formerly served as interim coordinator of the Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center. With Dr. Carter's return to the College of Health and Human Services as associate dean, the Center required new leadership. Dr. James, of CHHS, and Labriola, of Digital Learning and Media Design, previously served as co-chairs of the Faculty Development Steering Committee, and have stepped up to become part-time coordinators of the Center.

The Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center, created last year through the Provost's Office, is envisioned as a cornerstone for the support of faculty. It will provide activities and resources for enhancing faculty teaching and strengthening student learning outcomes; foster faculty professional growth and career success; build collegiality and resource sharing among faculty; support faculty in effective use of ever changing technologies; and assist faculty in meeting the mission of GSU and communities in the university's service area.



The Center will also be a clearinghouse and information source for ongoing faculty development activities ongoing at the University. Dr. James and Labriola welcome information from faculty, division and department chairs and deans about current and

future professional development activities. You can become involved in the Center by contacting [Dr. James](#) or [Labriola](#).

Film Screening in Vancouver



Goalie, a 10-minute narrative short produced locally with the help of GSU students and administration, has its world premiere this Friday at the 30th annual Vancouver International Film Festival.

Adapted from a Canadian story, this short film is about family, dedication, a father and a son, and the way we succeed and fail in how we talk to each other. It is also about the sheer beauty of the game of hockey.

The film is stunningly shot in black and white HD by Assistant Professor Sanghoon Lee. *Goalie* is directed by Associate Professor Daniel Nearing, produced by GSU graduate Seth McClellan, edited by GSU MFA student Rachel Rozycki, and scored by MFA student Aaron Daniel Annas. The film stars Tanner Creel, goalie for the nationally contending youth hockey club Team Illinois.



Nearing is traveling to Vancouver to introduce the film at its screening. The production team's last project, *Chicago Heights*, was listed by Roger Ebert on his top-10 "Best Art Films of 2010." Nearing and Lee are currently in pre-production on their next feature, *Hogtown*.

To learn more about these films, visit the [9:23 Films Inc. website](#).

Learn About Yourself

Mental Health Awareness Week is observed at GSU this week with information sessions sponsored by the Academic Resource Center (ARC).

Fight or Flight, a workshop on stress management, will be held today, from noon to 1 p.m. and again from 5 to 6 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts lobby.

Achieving inner wellness is the topic of *Revealing Me to Me*, a presentation on October 4, from noon to 1 p.m. and again from 5 to 6 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts lobby.

Discovering Self, on October 5, investigates self-empowerment from noon to 1 p.m. and again from 5 to 6 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts lobby.

On October 6, information on depression and related concerns will be available from noon to 5 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Confidential depression screening will be offered in ARC, adjacent to the Hall of Governors. Depression screening involves completing a brief questionnaire and a conversation with a mental health professional. Questionnaire results are anonymous and confidential. If warranted, the mental health professional will offer next-step suggestions.

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

Did You Know?

During Hispanic Heritage Month, Student Life is recognizing important achievements in this special month-long feature in GSU View.

Carlos Juan Finlay

Carlos Juan Finlay was a Cuban American physician who determined the cause of yellow fever. This deadly disease had no known cure and killed thousands of people. In 1881, Finlay believed that mosquitoes spread yellow fever, but he could not prove it. Other scientists did not believe him and ridiculed him for his hypothesis. Eventually, because of the work of Finlay and Walter Reed, another important physician, scientists were able to develop a vaccine using diseased mosquitoes and conquer this disease.

Library Offers Genealogy Workshops

The GSU Library is offering four genealogy workshops this fall. Workshops are open to GSU students, faculty, staff and the general public. Admission is free.

All genealogy workshops take place in Room D2430, the computer lab. Class size is limited to 25 persons per session.

October workshops are:

- *Starting Your Family Tree*, on Friday, October 14 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Are you just beginning to start researching your family history or are you in a slump? Don't know where to start or what information to collect? This is the workshop to put some pieces of the puzzle together. You'll learn what questions to ask your relatives, what documents to collect, and where to find this information.
- *Using FamilySearch.org in Your Genealogy Research*, on Friday, October 28 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Family Search is one of the fastest growing free online websites to use in your genealogy research. Learn how to use this website and access vital records. Basic computer skills are required for this workshop.

Two November workshops are also planned. *Using Probate and Inquest Records* takes place Friday, November 11 and *Using Libraries in Your Genealogical Research* will be held Friday, November 18.

Go to this [link](#) to sign up for the workshops.

Meditation, Four Times a Week

Develop your ability to meditate during free meditation sessions, offered on campus throughout the semester to help students, faculty, and staff bring a sense of peace to their lives. Research shows that meditation helps reduce stress, anxiety, and depression, and increase creativity.

- Mondays, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., in room C3380, with Dave O'Donnell
- Tuesdays, from 3 to 4 p.m., in room C3380, with Barb Gormely
- Thursdays, from 8:30 to 9:20 a.m., in room D34160, with Tim Pedigo
- Thursdays, from 3:30 to 4:20 p.m., in room C3380, with Maristella Zell

All sessions are free. Everyone is welcome.

