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News and Events

CPA Director Candidate Presentation – Betsy Shevey

Betsy Shevey, candidate for the position of Director of the Center for Performing Arts, will be on campus on January 31. The candidate will participate in a full day of interviews, including a public presentation from 1:15 to 2 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. All students, staff, and faculty are invited to the public presentation.

You can view [Betsy Shevey's resume](#).

The Color Purple in Spotlight at GSU

Copies of *The Color Purple*, by Alice Walker, are available in the GSU Library. *The Color Purple* is this semester's selection in the One Book, One University series.

A discussion of *The Color Purple* takes place Tuesday, February 7, from 11:30 to 1 p.m., in the Hall of Honors. Panelists include Rashidah Muhammad, professor of English and secondary education; Elizabeth Johnson, assistant professor of history; Elizabeth Todd-Breland, assistant professor of social science; and Byron Waller, associate professor of counseling. The discussion is sponsored by the GSU Intellectual Life Committee.

If you attend the discussion, you'll be eligible to win a ticket to the stage production of *The Color Purple*, to be presented Wednesday, February 8, at 7:30 p.m., in the GSU Center for Performing Arts.

Follow this [link](#) on the Library website for additional information on *The Color Purple*.

You can watch a [video](#) of Provost Terry Allison discussing the book, the play, and the February 7 event.

For more information and to RSVP, contact [Lydia Morrow Ruetten](#) at 708.534.4116.

Photography Reception

The Visual Arts Gallery presentation of *Ways of Making: Photography*, an exhibit featuring the work of artists Myra Green and Cecil McDonald, Jr., will conclude on February 3. A closing reception celebrating the exhibition will be held on Thursday, February 2, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The exhibit and the reception are free and open to the public.

Ways of Making: Photography is the second in a series of exhibitions highlighting the art-making practices taught in GSU's art program. This series is made possible in part by a grant from the GSU Intellectual Life Committee.

The Visual Arts Gallery is open Mondays and Wednesdays, from 5 to 7 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 1 to 9 p.m.; Fridays, from 5 to 9 p.m.; and by appointment.

For more information, call 708.534.4021 or visit www.govst.edu/gallery.

Public Speaking Pointers

Turn your nervous ums and ahs, stumbles, and pauses into effective and confident public speaking. This is an invaluable skill for any career. Dr. David Curtis, professor emeritus, will lead a public speaking workshop on February 1, from noon to 1 p.m., in B1216, and 6 to 7 p.m., in B1241.

The workshop is free and sponsored by the Academic Resource Center. For more information and workshop location, visit B1215 or call 708.235.2228.

Education Career Fair 2012

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring a career fair for people interested in employment and internship opportunities in education and related fields on Thursday, February 23. The career fair will be open from 3 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

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 job and internship positions with qualified personnel. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information or to register, call 708.235.3974.

Film Update

GSU's connection to the big screen grows as Associate Professor Daniel Nearing and Assistant Professor Sanghoon Lee begin shooting their new film, *Hogtown*, based on a novel by Nearing. An [article](#) about the project recently appeared in ReelChicago.

An article about Nearing and Lee's previous award-winning collaboration, *Chicago Heights*, appears in the recently published Roger Ebert's Movie Yearbook 2012. The film also made Ebert's list of best art films of 2010.

Student Filmmakers in the News

GSU educators are not the only ones impacting the silver screen. The GSU independent film program goes global this February when student filmmakers Blake Labriola, Leah Chapman, and Josh Young attend the International Student Film Festival in London. Their short film, *Careless*, will be screening at the festival February 4.

Labriola wrote and directed the 20-minute thriller. Chapman served as director of photography. Young helped with the production. *Careless* was developed through Assistant Professor Sanghoon Lee's MCOM 570 Short Film Production course last spring.

In addition to screening their film at the festival, the students will attend various workshops and have the opportunity to network with international filmmakers, critics, and executives.

Support for their trip was provided by a Student Life Grant and funds contributed by CAS.

Display Cases Available at GSU Library

You can share a treasured collection with the GSU community. Glass-enclosed display cases, in and adjacent to the GSU Library, are available to persons or organizations wishing to show their collections to the public. Both the GSU Library and Friends of the GSU Library offer display cases.

The Friends of the GSU Library case is about five feet tall by two feet wide, making it ideal for collections with some height and dimension. GSU faculty, staff, or students who wish to showcase their library-appropriate collection can contact [Pam Taylor](#) at 708.235.7527. Previous displays have included themes on the Civil War, suffrage, Legos, and holiday ornaments.

Display cases provided by the GSU Library are for materials of interest to the university community; educational, artistic, and cultural materials of general interest; information that promotes the use of books, library materials, and resources; and information about local area and cultural groups. Previous displays have focused on occupational therapy, archeology, Intellectual Life Committee offerings and pictures from the Park Forest Photography Club. For more information, please contact [Judy Hanacek](#).

Collections are put on display for about one month. All display cases are locked to protect items in collections.

Flowers for Sale

Make Valentine's Day special for someone you care about -- and easy for you. The Civil Service Senate is again sponsoring its annual Valentine's Day carnation sale. Pre-orders are being accepted through Wednesday, February 8. All orders must be paid in full by at the cashier's office by Thursday, February 9. Carnations will be delivered on Tuesday, February 14.

The cost of the carnations is also a great deal. Single blooms are only \$1.50. Six flowers cost \$7.50 and a dozen is only \$12. The more you order, the more you save so get your order in early.

Showtime for Students

It's show time for students at GSU. *Stop Kiss* by Diana Son, the moving story of friendship and love, will be produced and performed by GSU students on April 11, 12, and 13.

Students have three opportunities to audition for roles in the student production. Auditions will be held on Monday, February 6, at 7:30 p.m., in room E2522; Tuesday, February 7, at 7:30 p.m., in room E1550; and Wednesday, February 8, at 7:30 p.m., in room E2522.

Students should prepare a one minute modern monologue and attend one day of auditions. No monologues should be from *Stop Kiss*. All parts will be cast from the auditions. There are also nonperforming (behind the scenes) opportunities available.

For more information, contact director [Lauren White](#). This production is made possible by a grant from the Intellectual Life Committee.

GSA – February Meeting

The Gay Straight Alliance will meet on Thursday, February 9, from 3 to 4 p.m., in the CAS conference room E2590. Everyone is welcome.

Blackboard 9.1 Workshop - Utilizing The Grade Center

Registration is now open for the Blackboard 9.1 workshop, *Utilizing The Grade Center*. The workshop will be offered during the week of February 6.

This workshop will:

- Explain the features of The Grade Center (Grade Book)
- Demonstrate how to manage your course grades and customize your grade center view
- Discuss grade reports and grade history

Please register for only one workshop. Sessions are limited to 16 seats per session so [register](#) today for your preferred date and time.

Information, training materials, and handouts from previous workshops are still available at the e Center for Online Teaching and Learning [website](#).

For more information, contact [Nikki Roseborough](#).

Read-In 2012

Join more than a million readers from all ethnic backgrounds in celebration of Black History Month. The African American Read-In will be held on Monday, February 20, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the Cafeteria Annex. The event celebrates literacy and is endorsed by the International Reading Association.

Volunteers are being sought to participate in this remarkable event and everyone is welcome to attend. Readers choose an excerpt from a book, poem, or other literary work by an African American author to read aloud at the Read-In.

Contact [Dr. Rashidah Muhammad](#) at 708.534.6974 to sign up or receive additional information.

Year of the Dragon

Happy New Year! Join the Chinese Student Club in a celebration of the Chinese New Year on Wednesday, February 8, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Student Commons.



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