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News and Events

Let's Talk – February 23



President Maimon and GSU administrators will host a Civil Service Town Hall meeting on Thursday, February 23, at 10:30 a.m., in the Cafeteria Annex.

You are encouraged to be part of the conversation. Bring your questions, concerns, and suggestions. Join the discussion.

Limited Access

The E/F renovation project has finally begun. Preliminary work by the contractors is well underway.



The F entrance (at the east end of the building complex) is closed and, beginning next week, additional barriers will be in place to restrict the university community from construction areas and activities. Please watch for signs directing you to alternative entrances.

Please note these new entrance points:

- Access to the Gross Anatomy Lab (F1690) will be from the exterior entryway located on the east side of F Building.
- Access to first floor science labs in F wing will be via the stairwell facing parking area 3 East. A sidewalk has been constructed to the stairwell entrance.
- Access to second floor science labs will be via G building bridge
- Access to all other buildings (from outside) will be directed through G building

Most importantly, there will be NO ACCESS to F building from either the F building entryway located on the east side of the university or E wing. This inconvenience is necessary to protect the safety of the university community. Your cooperation is appreciated.



For more information about the construction work, contact project manager [Tim Kosiek](#) at ext. 7451 or [David Stone](#).

Ten days to P-Day

That's how long you have to change your password before the February 29 deadline.

Changing your password is easy and free. And, if it's not done on time, you could be locked out of your computer after the deadline.

Link to [Password Change Instructions](#) to learn how to change your password.

Vote for Student Leaders

The Student Senate and Student Board of Trustee candidates are eager to serve you.

Be sure to cast your vote for your representatives. Voting takes place from February 27 through March 4 online at <https://eBallot4.votenet.com/govst>.

Black History Month Film Series

The Black History Month Film Series begins on Tuesday, February 21, at 5 p.m. in Sherman Hall, with *Tim Wise on White Privilege, Racism, White Denial, and Costs of Inequality*. This 57-minute film introduces the social construction of racial identities and the concept of white privilege. A discussion follows the film.

Race: The Floating Signifier will be screened on Wednesday, February 22, at 5 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts lobby. Filmmaker Stuart Hall argues against the biological interpretation of racial differences. A discussion follows the film.

The last film in the series, *Money for Nothing: Behind the Business of Pop Music*, will be shown on February 23, at 5 p.m. in Sherman Hall. The film explores how popular music is produced and marketed, while offering a critique of the current state of popular music. A discussion follows the screening.

These events are sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, Student Academic and Support Services, and the Intellectual Life Committee.

Landing Grants is Brown Bag Topic

The Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center will host a discussion on landing grants at a brown bag event on Thursday, February 23, from noon to 1 p.m., in room D1497 (across from the Hall of Honors).

Taking part in this month's discussion are Jennifer Morehead, deputy director of the Office for Sponsored Programs and Research (OSPR); Chip Coldren, interim assistant provost for academic affairs; and Paul Blobaum, associate librarian. They will present information on OSPR's role at the university, grant resources, and hints for becoming a successful grant writer. The session will be interactive, so bring your questions and ideas as well as your lunch.

Upcoming events and opportunities will also be announced.

Don't forget your lunch. Snacks and beverages will be provided by the Provost's Office.

CenterPoint at GSU Client to be Honored

Janet Kuester, a CenterPoint client and owner of The Music Connection in Orland Park, is a 2012 recipient of The Daily Herald Business Ledger Annual Award for Business Excellence.

Kuester is receiving the award in the small business category. She will receive the award at the newspaper's annual recognition event in March.

"I would like to thank CenterPoint at Governors State University for its advice, counsel, and encouragement over the last four years," Kuester said. "Working with CenterPoint has been an exciting opportunity that I encourage all beginning and growing businesses to experience."

The Daily Herald Business Ledger honors companies that have shown a consistent record of financial success, an emphasis on workplace quality, innovation in its processes or procedures, support of the business community, and support of the community at large through charitable or volunteer efforts, mentoring or internship programs.

Other CenterPoint clients honored over the past few years for business excellence have been UBuildit, of Mokena; Phoenix Business Solutions of Alsip; The Prairie Godmother of Flossmoor; and Behold Signs and Graphics of Midlothian. The Music Connection was previously recognized for entrepreneurial excellence.

Annual Midwest Institute for Students and Teachers of Psychology

Each year teachers and students from high school through graduate school gather to share their knowledge and experience of the science of psychology at the Midwest institute for Students and Teachers of Psychology. This year the institute will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 24 and 24, at the College of DuPage.



Dr. Jean Johnson, assistant professor of psychology, will present *The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: Student Debates in Psychology Classes*. Dr. Johnson will be discussing strategies for conducting (and assessing) debates in a variety of psychology classes.

In addition, GSU will be represented by undergraduate and graduate psychology/counseling students and faculty in the research and teaching poster competitions (including student Carrie Bregar and Drs. Kate Sori and Crystal Blount).



For information about attending the event, visit the conference [website](#).

Be a Maniac

Recyclemania is back and GSU is ready. This national contest challenges universities and colleges from across the state and

the country to increase awareness of and participation in waste reduction and recycling initiatives. The contest, now in its fourth year, ranks schools according to their success. GSU has ranked first out of all participating Illinois schools for the past two years in the Waste Minimization category.

Everyone can help GSU win a three-peat this year. Put all your paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, and cans in blue recycling containers located throughout the campus.

The competition continues through March 30, but training starts today. Whenever possible, recycle, reuse, reduce, and use e-copies.

If you don't have a recycling container in your area or office, please contact [Peggy Schiesher](#) at ext. 6361.

Wear With Pride

The Black Student Union is calling all students, faculty, and staff to join a community rich in diversity and friendship. If you belong to a fraternity, sorority, GSU club, or honor society, BSU asks you to put on the organization's identifying paraphernalia on Wednesdays. Wear the pins, scarves, hats, or shirts that reflect your association and share your enthusiasm with the GSU community.

Community College Art on Exhibit

GSU is hosting the 2011 Illinois Community College Juried Art Exhibition, through March 3, in the Visual Arts Gallery. Artwork includes painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, and ceramics.



This exhibition celebrates the creative work of young artists. The show includes artwork by 34 student artists representing seven Illinois community colleges. Institutions represented include College of DuPage, Heartland Community College, John Wood Community College, Joliet Junior College, Kankakee Community College, Malcolm X College, Parkland College, Prairie State College, and South Suburban College.

Christopher D. Smith, Gallery Director of Linda Warren Projects, served as the judge of the exhibition. He selected the 55 works of art on exhibit from 236 entries by 93 students representing 9 Illinois community or junior colleges.

A closing reception to celebrate the show and the artists will be held on Saturday, March 3, from 1 to 5 p.m., in E-Lounge. The awards presentation and juror talk will take place from 3 to 4 p.m. More than \$1,500 in prize money will be awarded.

The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. 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.



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