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## News and Events

### **Nikki Giovanni Enchants**



Nikki Giovanni

From the intimate poetry reading in Engbretson Hall to the full house at the Center for Performing Arts, poet, activist, and author Nikki Giovanni entertained, enlightened, and enchanted her audience.

Giovanni's visit to GSU on Wednesday began with her attendance at the One Book One University discussion of her work *Quilting the Black Eyed Pea*. Students took turns interpreting her poetry and explaining the significance of her words.

Participating faculty members included Dr. Christopher White, Dr. Elizabeth Johnson, and Dr. Rashidah Muhammad.

After a warm welcome from President Elaine Maimon and glowing introduction by Dr. Muhammad, Giovanni offered her wisdom, insight, and wit – always with a light touch – on issues facing us today; often reflecting on their roots in history. She read several of her poems

and encouraged the audience to seek greater openness and understanding. She frequently drew on her own life story to illustrate the need to avoid complacency.

Preceding her on stage was the gospel choir Von Matthews and Proclaim. The evening was emceed by Dr. Cyrus M. Ellis and sponsored by the Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education, Division of Psychology and Counseling, College of Education, College of Arts and Sciences, Intellectual Life, Illinois Counseling Association, and Chi Sigma Iota.



Giovanni and Dr. Maimon

### **Global Entrepreneurship and International Education Week 2012**

Global Entrepreneurship and International Education Week 2012 is a week

of valuable information, enlightening conversations, and opportunities to expand your horizons.

The week begins with a presentation by the Association of Latin American Students (ALAS) concerning Aztec culture and life at 1 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. At 2 p.m., also in Engbretson, a video on international trade will be screened and a discussion will follow. Enjoy a rousing game of soccer as ALAS sponsors a soccer tournament at 4 p.m., in the GSU gym.

Events on November 13 include the Veterans Entrepreneurial Boot Camp, from 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts. The day-long event is presented by the Illinois SBDC.

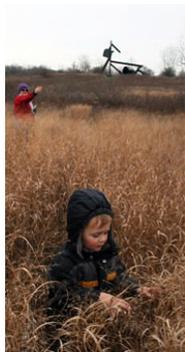
Delicious tamales will be sold in the Hall of Governors, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The day concludes with the Indian Dance Extravaganza at 4 p.m., also in the Hall of Governors. Henna tattooing will be available.

Join a discussion on Black Latinos sponsored by ALAS, on November 14, at 2 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. Jonathon Lee (OIS) and Kathleen Gaber (Masuda Funai) will lead a discussion of immigration status at GSU and after graduation, from 3 to 4 p.m., also in Engbretson Hall.

The final day of the event, November 15, includes a discussion led by members of ALAS on the Indigenous Groups in Modern Day Mexico, at 10 a.m., in Engbretson Hall. At 4:30 p.m., GSU students host a panel discussion on Exploring the World, in the Student Commons.

These events are free and open to the public. Activities are sponsored by the Office of International Services, Illinois SBDC/International Trade Center, Student Life, GSU Global Affairs Committee, and ALAS.

## **Family Fun and Prairie Reclamation – November 11**



It is a perfect time of the year to spend some time outdoors doing something good for the earth that does not involve raking leaves or cleaning gutters. The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park is seeking willing volunteers to help Reclaim the

Prairie!, on November 11.

This event is perfect for everyone, old and young, as we expand our prairie flora. No experience is necessary. If you can pick a flower, rub it between your fingers, and scatter the seed, you can do this.

The activity begins at 1 p.m. in the University's Cafeteria Annex with a short introduction on how and why of prairie restoration by GSU Superintendent of Grounds Kevin Barto. Participants will then fan out in a specified area of the sculpture part to harvest, then sow prairie seed.

Once seeding is completed, light refreshments of hot cider and pumpkin squares will be served. Join us for an afternoon of fun with a purpose. Reservations are requested for this free activity. RSVP to 708.534.3084.

### **GSU Table Tennis on Road to Championship**

The GSU Table Tennis team is hoping for a "three-peat" this year as it begins to compete for the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association 2012 Upper Mid-West Divisional Championship. The first tournament is Saturday, November 10, at Northwestern University.

Let's wish our GSU Table Tennis team the best of luck - and even better serves, strikes, and returns.

### **The Art of Giving – November 9**

Students in Dr. Jane Hudak's Graduate Art Seminar class are not only practicing artists; they are also perfecting the Art of Giving. The students are contributing their artwork to a charity auction to be held Friday, November 9, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the front entrance atrium gallery.

The students' artwork will remain on display in the atrium until November 28. All the funds raised from the sale of the artwork will benefit the GSU Promise, South Side Community Art Center, Animal Welfare League, Women at Risk International, Under His Wings, and Early Learning Partnership of Northwest Indiana.

Students donating artwork are Mark Fiske, Jack Gildroy, Dave Gribbins, Milissa Gumbs, Karen Jania, Rick Lapidus, Thomas Luehring, and C. Martin.

### **Be Ethical**

There is no time to delay. GSU employees need to complete state-mandated Ethics Training for 2012 no later than 7 p.m. on November 14. Faculty and staff are reminded that annual completion of Ethics Training is an important requirement of employment in Illinois.

Complete the training and proudly print out your Ethics Training certificate.

### **Panel Discusses African American Experience in Chicago – November 13**

GSU will present "Aspects of the African American Experience: Chicago

since the Civil Rights Era," a panel discussion, on Tuesday, November 13, at 5 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. The discussion is free and open to the public.



GSU Professor David Hamilton Golland will moderate the discussion, being presented in conjunction with the upcoming performance of "Speaking in Tongues: The Chronicles of Babel," in the GSU Center for Performing Arts on Saturday, November 17.

Revisiting 'Babel' "Speaking in Tongues" playwright Shepsu Aakhu and actor Michael Sanders will participate in the November 13 discussion. The panel also includes three GSU students. Dorothy Adebayo will speak on "Challenges, Struggles, and Triumphs: My Life from the Delta to the Southside." Kristina Kloc will address "Delta Blues in the Big City: Music and the African American Community since the Civil Rights Era." Michelle Nettles will speak on "Respect: Black-on-Black Violence in Southside Chicago."

The panel discussion is sponsored by the GSU Center for Performing Arts and Office of Student Life.

"Speaking in Tongues," a presentation of Chicago's MPAACT Productions, is part of GSU Center's "One More Night" series, which brings the best in Chicago-area theater to local audiences. "One More Night" is funded by a generous grant from The Chicago Community Trust.

General admission tickets for "Speaking in Tongues: The Chronicles of Babel" are \$30, but only \$10 for GSU students and \$20 for faculty and staff. To purchase tickets, or for further information, contact the GSU Center box office at [www.centertickets.net](http://www.centertickets.net) or 708.235.2222.

## **Civil Service Shopping Extravaganza – November 15**

Just in time to help you get your holiday shopping done early, the GSU Civil Service Senate is sponsoring the GSU Annual Fall Vendor Fair. The shoppers' paradise will feature arts and crafts, perfect gifts, and unique creations on Thursday, November 15, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The event is free and open to the public.

Interested vendors and crafters are encouraged to participate. Space is limited. For more information or to register, call 708.235.7559.

## **Hunger Awareness and Action**

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, November 10 to 18, is co-sponsored by National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness.

Student Life is sponsoring a special food drive, which involves all of the GSU student clubs and organizations competing to take a stand against hunger. During the food drive, members of the GSU community are also asked to take a stand against hunger by bringing in non-perishable foods and placing them in the food bins located in the Hall of Governors, A-wing, E-wing, and on the third floor of D-Wing. All donations will support the GSU Food Pantry.

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week events include:

- Hunger and Homelessness Poster Presentation  
November 12, Hall of Governors
- Hunger and Homeless Documentary and Discussion  
Facilitated by Dr. Phyllis West  
November 14, 5 p.m., TBD
- GSU Food Pantry Grand Re-opening  
November 15, 3 to 6 p.m., Student Commons

The events are sponsored by Student Life and Student Senate. For additional information contact Christopher Cook. Events are free and open to the public.

## **Chemistry Faculty Tours New Facilities**

The chemistry faculty - Drs. Walter Henne, Joong-Won Shin, Shelly Kumar, and Karen D'Arcy, and Stephen Kent, university lecturer - recently toured the E and F Wing reconstruction site. Ron Bachus, Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator, led the tour. Jennifer Morehead, of OSPR, and Dr.



Chemistry faculty on tour  
a new professor, viewed the new teaching and research labs for the first time.

Mary Carrington of Biology also toured the construction site.

Faculty members were eager to see the office layout, have the opportunity to select offices appropriate for the program coordinator and faculty advisor, and envision the new lab facilities. Dr. Henne selected an office close to the new biochemistry lab. Dr. Joong-Won Shin,

As the new office space and labs are readied over the next few months, the Science and Health Science Faculty will prepare for the move by reducing their "footprint" in their existing offices and labs. Thanks to E and F transition team, more confidential document disposal boxes are available and an additional trailer is ready to be loaded with obsolete and surplus equipment destined for the State of Illinois auctions in Springfield.

The December/January break between terms will be a busy time for faculty and staff as they identify equipment that will be moved into the new labs and items that are headed for disposal. FDM has already begun removing surplus lab benches from the F-Wing.

### **Pre-Thanksgiving Skating Party – November 17**

Before you enjoy all that turkey, stuffing, and pumpkin pie, have fun roller skating with the GSU Veterans Club. The social event and fund raiser will be held on November 17, from 5 to 8 p.m., at the Tinley Park Roller Rink, 17658 Oak Park Avenue, Tinley Park. Admission is only \$10 and proceeds will be used to support programs assisting members of the armed forces.

For more information, contact Eric Williams at 708.439.1999.

### **Students Receive Mathematics Teaching Scholarships**

Timothy Conrath and Donald Sachnoff, students in the Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics Teacher Education program, are recipients of the Mathematics Student Teaching Scholarship. The \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to qualified students who are enrolled in student teaching and have earned a B or higher average in all mathematics and statistics classes.

### **Football at GSU!**

The Chicago Bears are shaping up as a team that never gives up and consistently finds ways to come out victorious.

You can take advantage of Bears fever at two upcoming events, both sponsored by the GSU Recreation and Fitness Center.

At the Monday Night Bears Bash, on November 19, at 7:30 p.m., in the Game Lounge, you can cheer your team to victory as the Bears play the San Francisco 49ers. Food, games, and prizes are on the evening's agenda as the Bears move closer to the playoffs.



On November 28 and 29, you can take the helm as quarterback during the Go Mad With Madden Tournament. Competition takes place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Game Lounge. You must register to participate and the competition is open only to current GSU students with a current university ID. To register, contact [Jason Zelek](#).

### **Health and Human Services Careers – November 28**

The Office of Career is sponsoring the 2012 Health and Human Services

Career and Internship Fair on Wednesday, November 28, from 2 to 5 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts lobby.

Prospective employers in the fields of physical and occupational therapy, nursing, social work, and non-profit social services will meet with job and internship candidates.

The career fair is open to current students, GSU alumni, and members of the community seeking employment in these fields. There is no charge for job seekers. Participants are advised to dress professionally and bring plenty of resumes.

Representatives from both public and private institutions, organizations, and businesses interested in meeting job candidates are also welcome.

For more information, call 708.235.3974 or email [career@govst.edu](mailto:career@govst.edu).

### **Get the Spirit at Holiday Concert – December 1**

Just in time to share the spirit of the season, the Governors State University Choral Performance Class is presenting a free Holiday Concert on December 1, at 2 p.m., in Sherman Recital Hall.

This concert has old favorites, new standards, and sing-alongs; including songs of Hanukkah, music from South America, and jazz versions of traditional carols with accompanist Joyce Beer.

"We are singing a variety of music that is sure to get everyone into the spirit," says choir conductor Stacy Eckert. "Our program has favorites like 'The Little Drummer Boy,' and 'Peace on Earth,' as well as fun songs like 'A Charlie Brown Christmas,' and 'The Grinch.' And we love it when the audience joins in and sings with us. This is a free, fun, family event."

### **Civil Service Revue Looking for Talent**

Can you sing, dance, or juggle? If so, the Civil Service Senate wants you.

The Senate will host the GSU Community Revue and Variety Show 2012 at Civil Service Day festivities on Wednesday, December 5. The event starts at 10 a.m., with the Revue starting at 10:45 a.m. The performances should not exceed five minutes. However, longer performances may be allowed if time permits.

GSU faculty, staff, and students can participate in the show.

Please contact [Lynne Clayton](mailto:Lynne.Clayton@gsu.edu) at 708.534.3075 by November 21, to reserve your spot in the show.



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