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## News and Events

### **CN Railroad Gift Will Support Innovative MBA Program**

GSU announced a named classroom following the receipt of a substantial gift from CN Railroad. GSU officials received the first installment of the \$100,000 gift in a ceremony last week.

CN's gift will be used to equip a classroom for the university's Supply Chain Management MBA program offered by the College of Business and Public Administration. Eight \$2,500 fellowships for Supply Chain Management students will also be funded through the gift. CN's support of the university will be noted on a plaque in the classroom.

GSU President Elaine P. Maimon thanked CN Railroad and said she expects other corporations to forge similar partnerships by naming classrooms and supporting educational programs preparing students for today's global economy.

"Corporations and universities are natural partners," Maimon said. "We provide education for a 21st century workforce and also perform research that is extremely useful to modern industries. GSU is the only public university in a large area between Bloomington and the south side of Chicago, and this region is known as a national center for transportation and logistics. GSU helps CN and other companies by training employees who are ready for the challenges of the modern work environment."

Jim Kvedaras, CN's Director of U.S. Government Affairs, said it was an "absolute pleasure" to assist GSU and its Supply Chain Management program. "We need strong people to work for us," he said. "It makes a great deal of sense to work with the university so that we'll be able to hire qualified workers. We look upon this as an investment in our own future, and one that helps us develop future leaders in our industry."

Kvedaras pointed out that he received his undergraduate degree from GSU and looks forward to helping students receive a quality education from the university.

## **A Message From Pierre**

The following letter was slipped under GSU View's office door, and we are printing it in its entirety:

*Dear Friends,*

*For starters, I'd like to thank all of you who brought me along on your vacation trips this summer. Once again, I got to travel near and far, and see the marvels of the wide world unfold before me. Quite an honor for any penguin.*

*Some of you may have been wondering about the ultimate outcome of this year's Take Pierre on Vacation Contest, sponsored by GSU View. I can assure you that my colleagues at GSU View have not forgotten about the contest, or the fabulous prizes that were promised throughout the summer.*



*They are good folks – especially for non-flipped bi-peds – and have given their assurances that the contest will be concluded by the Monday after Thanksgiving, and prizes will be distributed by month's end.*

*So stay tuned. Thanks for your patience and best wishes for the holiday season ahead.*

*Pierre*

## **Activities Highlight Global Opportunities**

Global Entrepreneurship and International Education Week 2012 is a week of valuable information, enlightening conversations, and opportunities to expand your horizons.

The week begins Tuesday 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 Wednesday, 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 Thursday, 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, Friday, 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.

### **Deadline for Ethics Training Rapidly Approaching**

Ethically speaking, time is running out.

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

For any last-minute questions, contact [Tony Tymkow](#), University Ethics Training Administrator.

### **Examining the 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, at 8 p.m.

*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.

### **Shoppers' Paradise On the Way – November 15**

By our count, there are just 44 shopping days until Santa's official arrival. So the Civil Service Senate's Annual Fall Vendor Fair couldn't come at a better time.

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.

### **Join the Fight against Hunger, Homelessness**

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.

### **Rapid Fire Research 2012 – November 16**

The Rapid Fire Research event is back for another year of clever, quick, visual “snapshots” of new and interesting faculty research at GSU. During this event, professors present their research – both completed and in progress – in four-minute, timed presentations.

All faculty are invited to attend and hear from colleagues about their research. Rapid Fire Research will be held on November 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in E-Lounge. Lunch will be served.

A few spots for presenters are still available. To participate as a presenter or to attend, contact [Raven James](#).

### **Planning Teams Convene for Black and Women’s History Months**

The first planning team meetings for Black History Month and Women’s History Month are Thursday, November 15, at 11 a.m., and Friday, November 16 at 2 p.m. Planning team members can choose which meeting they wish to attend. Both meetings take place in the Student Commons Annex (A2134).

Students are invited to attend either meeting to share their ideas. For more information, contact [Vanessa Newby](#) at 708.534.4551.

### **Call FDM to Move Furniture**

In the interest of personal safety as well as preservation of GSU property, FDM would like to remind the GSU community that moving furniture, equipment, or other permanent objects by persons other than FDM staff is strictly prohibited. Doing so may subject the college, unit, or sponsoring organization to a grievance charge with monetary consequences. Only items with rollers/casters may be moved within a classroom or office.

For assistance, call 708.534.4515.

### **Learn About Mindfulness and Psychotherapy - November 16**

Beginning in the Summer 2013 term, GSU’s College of Education and College of Health and Human Services will offer a two-year (18 credit hours) certificate program in Mindfulness and Psychotherapy.

Learn more about this new program at an Open House on Friday, November 16, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the E-Lounge. You will have the opportunity to meet program faculty, learn about the program structure and goals, as well as review the admissions process and eligibility requirements. Light refreshments will be served.

## **Pie and Cake Auction – November 20**

Get your baking done for Thanksgiving at the Civil Service Senate Pat-a-Cake Pie and Cake Silent Auction on November 20, in the Hall of Governors. Bidding for the delicious creations begins at 11 a.m. and ends promptly at 1:30 p.m. All pies and cakes must be paid for and picked up by 2 p.m. Proceeds support the Educational Assistance Fund at GSU.

Donations and volunteers are also needed. Contact [Andrea Dalpolo](#) at ext. 4582.

## **Compliance is Key**

Today's technology offers many ways to promote university events. Internal e-mail blasts are a convenient way to share your message with a large group of students, faculty, and staff. In order to assure that e-blasts are accessible by all members of the GSU community, the university's Web Oversight Committee has developed guidelines pursuant to ADA regulations.

Download the [Internal E-Blast Procedure](#).

Please note that all internal e-blasts must have the approval of a department/division supervisor before distribution. For additional information or assistance with the new procedure, contact [Lindsay Gladstone](#) in the Office of Marketing and Communications.

