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## News and Events

### **IAI Compliance Prep Workshops Scheduled**

The Provost's Office is offering information sessions for faculty about the steps GSU is taking to transition from being a "receiving only" to a "fully participating" university within the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI).

A complete schedule of the information sessions, which are taking place between January 23 and February 14, is listed on the provost's [website](#).

Sessions will focus on navigation of the [IAI website](#) to find the expectations for General Education and discipline specific (lower division) course development in addition to the timeline for the GSU approval process. Sessions will also provide information about how faculty can be nominated to serve on the state-wide oversight panels that review IAI courses. The IAI is a statewide transfer agreement among more than 100 participating colleges and universities in Illinois.

Who should attend? The two sessions sponsored by the Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center, on January 23 and 24, are particularly suited as a general overview of IAI, [General Education Core Curriculum](#) expectations, timelines/deadlines, and the approval process. The "focus on" sessions will provide the specific expectations associated with the listed disciplines. Faculty who are/will be writing curriculum for General Education courses and/or writing lower division curriculum for submission to IAI "Majors Panels" will want to attend, particularly if you are unfamiliar with IAI course guidelines. Chairs and directors are particularly invited to attend the "focus on" sessions in order to provide IAI guidance to colleagues for their respective colleges.

The deadline for submitting courses to [Dr. Randi Schneider](#), Director of Academic Engagement, is June 14.

### **Time to Re-Tile**

Tile work is scheduled this week in the cafeteria area and other parts of D-building. Work in the cafeteria starts today from Hall of Governors to just past

the coffee bar. The cafeteria project is expected to conclude Wednesday at the bookstore wall.

On Thursday, tile will be replaced from the main entrance to the Hall of Governors.

Workers will begin the project early each day and try to keep any noise to a minimum. For more information, call Facilities at ext. 4515.

### **Café Newsletter Available Online**

Check out the *January Fresh for You* newsletter at GSU Café's website. The newsletter has information about changes at GSU Café this spring, as well as two coupons that will be accepted through January 31.

### **X-ray Work Closes D-Building Tonight**

D-building will be closed tonight to faculty, students, staff, and visitors between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. During this time, contractors will X-ray slabs in order to locate reinforcement bars. To safely accomplish this work, all non-essential personnel must vacate the main building. The Department of Public Safety will help ensure that the area has been evacuated prior to the commencement of the contractor's work.

For more information, call Facilities at ext. 4515.

### **International Trade Seminar – January 17**

The Illinois International Trade Center at GSU and State of Illinois Office of Trade and Investment will host a State Trade and Export Promotion (STEP) seminar in the Hall of Honors on Thursday, January 17, from 9 to 11 a.m. This informative seminar will provide STEP program application guidelines, eligibility requirements, and introduce more resources available to U.S. exports.

The STEP program promotes Group Trade Missions, Individual Foreign Market Sales Missions, Product Compliance, and initiatives geared towards new-to-export or new-to-market companies. The program provides Illinois companies with financial and technical assistance through the federal Small Business Jobs Act of 2010. The STEP program is designed to help states support export promotion for small and medium sized businesses.

This is a complimentary event. Registration is recommended. To RSVP, please contact Mary Ma, Illinois International Trade Center Director, at 708-534-6976, or register online.



### **OIS Open House – January 18**

GSU's Office of International Services is hosting an open house on January 18, from 1:30 to 3 p.m., in C3370.

Meet OIS staffers Jonathan Lee and Katherine Haan. Learn about the office's services exciting new initiatives. Refreshments will be served.

For further information or to RSVP, call ext. 7611.

### **NMSP Winter Sculpture Walk – January 26**



Blow off some cabin fever and take part in the annual Winter Walk and Chili Dinner at Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park on Saturday, January 26 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Director and Curator Geoff Bates will lead the tour of artworks, including Yvonne Domenge's Wind Waves, newly installed at NMSP. Following the walk, board member Leona Calvin and her husband George will again provide a dinner featuring his delicious chili.

#### **NMSP Winter Walk**

Reservations are required and the event is limited to 35 participants. To make reservations contact 708.534.3084. Participants should meet in GSU's Hall of Governors prior to the walk. The reservation deadline for this free event is Friday, January 18. The walk and dinner will be canceled if temperatures are below 20 degrees on the day of the event.

### **Mindfulness, Psychotherapy Open House - February 1**

Individuals interested in enrolling in GSU's new Mindfulness and Psychotherapy Certificate Program are invited to attend an Open House on Friday, February 1, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the E-Lounge.

In addition to meeting faculty and other prospective applicants, those attending the Open House will receive a program overview and learn about program goals, the admission process, eligibility requirements, and approximate cost of the program. Light refreshments will be served.

To register for the Open House, contact [Dr. Maristela Zell](mailto:Dr. Maristela Zell) at 708.235.2235.

The first of its kind in the Midwest, GSU's Mindfulness and Psychotherapy Certificate Program is a two-year, 18-credit-hour program designed to teach post-master's level practitioners and advanced graduate students how to integrate mindfulness-based interventions into their clinical practice.

More and more research studies indicate how mindfulness and meditation-

based practices help clients achieve emotional regulation, modulate anxiety and depression, lower blood pressure, enhance the immune system, and increase concentration and attention span.

Current master's-level GSU students enrolled in clinically-oriented programs who are in their final year of advanced clinical practicum are eligible to enroll. In addition, social workers, psychotherapists, addiction counselors, marriage and family therapists, and other allied health professionals who work in clinical settings can benefit from enrollment in this program.

### **Fine-Tune Your Essay-Writing Skills - February 6**

Learn to write winning scholarship and graduation admission essays at a workshop presenting strategies on how to convince your audience that you are among the best and brightest. The workshop takes place at 3 p.m., February 6, in the Hall of Honors.

English Department faculty and the Writing Center staff will offer assistance about how to begin your essay, choose your approach, shape your writing, provide meaningful examples, and produce an error free piece. Previous scholarship winners and scholarship reviewers will provide valuable insight into the selection process.

Just bring yourself, your questions, and any instructions you may have been given about your essay. You're sure to get specific, hands-on help with your application and a new understanding of the essay-writing process.

