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## Join faculty and staff to learn more about social media



Are you a newcomer to social media? Perhaps you know a little bit but want to learn about platforms you're not familiar with. GSU has a terrific opportunity for faculty, staff and students to learn more about the social media environment in which we live.

GSU will host a series of social media workshops entitled "Re-imagining Education for the 21st Century." The series is a joint effort between the Summer Faculty Institute and the Student Affairs Summer Professional Development Conference.

Our incoming first-year students, who were born after 1995, have been characterized as "digital natives," meaning they operate within some sort of digital platform anytime, anywhere. They expect access to people, goods and services via their digital devices nearly 24/7, from wherever they choose to be. Conversely, faculty, staff and administrators, who were not born into the digital age, are described as "digital immigrants."

These workshops will serve as introductions to various social media platforms and are designed for beginners with a focus on how to use these tools to communicate better with "digital natives" and to supplement curricular engagement.

Social Media Platform	Date	Time	Presenter(s)
Twitter	June 9	1-2 p.m.	Aurélio Valente
Blogging	June 11	1:30-2:30 p.m.	Dennis Dent and Neel Rana
Instagram	June 19	1-2 p.m.	Kristie Nieman
LinkedIn	June 23	1-2 p.m.	Darcie Campos
Flickr/Picasa	June 24	11 a.m.-noon	Diane Nadler

All workshops will be held in B2203 with a 50-person capacity. If there is sufficient interest, these workshops will be repeated in early Fall 2014.

Workshops co-sponsored by Student Affairs, University Library and the Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center. Please register with Lisa Carra [lcarra@govst.edu](mailto:lcarra@govst.edu).

## Friends of the Library drop box

The next time you visit the GSU Library, be sure to look for the new library drop box located outside of the temporary library entrance. During the library renovation, the new drop box will be used to return books when the library is closed. When the renovation is completed, the drop box will be put outside to replace the current drop box.

"We are very appreciative to the Friends of the GSU Library for providing the library with this new drop box," said Lydia Morrow Ruetten, Dean of the GSU Library.



## Teachers can call upon experience of peers and mentors at STEM conference



Registration is now open for the Illinois New Teacher Collaborative's 2nd Annual Beginning Teacher STEM Conference, July 29 – 30 at the I Hotel in Champaign.

This conference is open to K-12 teachers of science, technology, engineering and math teachers with one to four years of full-time classroom experience. This includes elementary and secondary teachers. Mentors, district administrators, and GSU STEM faculty are also welcome to attend.

This conference offers beginning STEM teachers an opportunity to:

- Attend sessions led by master teachers and STEM university faculty, all of whom are experts in their field
- Gain valuable teaching tools and ideas to use in their classroom next year
- Reflect on and share the past year's teaching experience
- Network with other new teachers from around the state

Conference registration is free. The conference includes one breakfast, two lunches, and a reception, plus a chance at winning several door prizes, including an iPad mini. The conference is made possible by the generous sponsorship of Governors State University through its Teacher Quality Partnership Grant, the College of Engineering at Illinois, the State Farm Companies Foundation, and the College of Education at Illinois.

For more information and to register, GSU-affiliated new teachers, mentors, administrators, and faculty can go to <http://intc.education.illinois.edu/events/stem2014gsu/>. The conference is sponsored by Governors State University through its Teacher Quality Partnership Grant. CPDUs will be available.

If you have questions, please contact [intc@illinois.edu](mailto:intc@illinois.edu) or 217.244.7389.

## Campus dining – June menu and newsletter available online.

Eating leftovers or the same old frozen dinner can get boring pretty quickly. There's a way to break the routine. Check out the Campus Dining [website](#) for its calendar of daily hot entrees at lunch and at dinner as well as the June newsletter describing specials planned for the month.



## GSU myONECARD – now accepted at GSU Café, bookstore



Shopping for GSU gear, textbooks and food just got a whole lot easier. The GSU Cafe and bookstore are now accepting the GSU myONECARD for payment. Check out the myONECARD [website](#) for information on how to register your myONECARD and add money to your card on line or at the cash loader in the Hall of Governors (adjacent

to the First Midwest ATM). The GSU myONECARD is perfect for buying GSU Jaguar apparel on sale in the campus bookstore. Show your school pride today.

## New Support Group for Those Who Stutter

A new chapter of the National Stuttering Association support group is now meeting under the sponsorship of the GSU Department of Communication Disorders. The support group is open to adults who stutter, as well as their family members. Communication disorders students are also welcome to attend.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the Department of Communication Disorders conference room, located in the F wing. The group will continue to meet on the second Tuesday of every month.

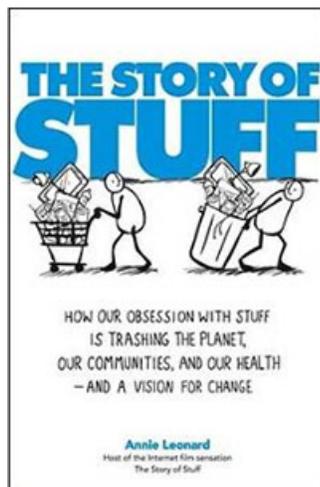
For directions or additional information, please contact Dr. Eileen Brann, assistant professor in GSU's Department of Communication Disorders, at [ebrann@govst.edu](mailto:ebrann@govst.edu) or 708.534.4594.



Dr. Eileen Brann

## One Book One University FC14: "The Story of Stuff"

The Intellectual Life Committee announced that all freshmen will be given a copy of the book "The Story of Stuff," thanks to the support of Provost Deborah Bordelon.



"*The Story of Stuff*" focuses upon how Americans simply have too much stuff. Author Annie Leonard shares with the reader the problems with too much consumption by tracing products from beginning to end. Most importantly, she offers concrete ways of eliminating our extreme consumption to ultimately enhance our health, improve our communities and perhaps even save our planet.

"*The Story of Stuff*" lends itself to engaging informal or formal classroom conversation, invites thoughtful imagining of activities and ways to change our day to day lives, and allows us to implement concrete activities that all members of the GSU Community can embrace.

As we all begin planning for our next school year, the Intellectual Life Committee invites students, faculty, club leaders and members of the GSU community to incorporate "*The Story of Stuff*" in your planning. Visit [www.storyofstuff.org](http://www.storyofstuff.org) for ideas. Announcements will be forthcoming as more specific plans begin to unfold.

Please contact Dean Lydia Morrow Ruetten at [lruetten@govst.edu](mailto:lruetten@govst.edu) with ideas, suggestions or questions.

## GSU Library summer hours

From Monday, May 19 – Friday, July 18  
Open Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 9:30p.m.  
Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday

## Purchase your Garden Plot for University Sustainable Garden

Calling all gardeners, you still have an opportunity to have a plot in the University Sustainable Garden. The cost for a plot is \$10 – \$20, depending on the plot size. Part of the university's commitment to sustainability the garden provides space for individuals or families to grow their own healthy food using fully organic methods. All participants, including returning gardeners, must complete a 2014 application, sign the rules agreement and make payment to reserve a plot. For further information, please see the university sustainable garden website:

[www.govst.edu/garden/](http://www.govst.edu/garden/).



## Help the library archive and preserve artifacts from FC14

The admission of the first freshman class this fall is an exciting time for GSU. Help the library collect important artifacts from FC14 for the archives as well as future GSU anniversary displays. Lydia Morrow Ruetten, dean of the GSU library, asks anyone with materials pertaining to FC14 that they think would be important to preserve to contact Erin Engelbrecht, ([eenengelbrecht@govst.edu](mailto:eenengelbrecht@govst.edu)) library operations specialist, or call ext. 7515.



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