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News

Fall GSU Foundation Scholarships Available

The list of GSU Foundation Fall Scholarships is now available. More than \$150,000 in scholarship funding is available. Click [here](#) for more information.

Deadline to apply is **Friday, April 14**.

Tornado Drills

GSU will be participating in tornado drills on two consecutive **Tuesdays, March 21** at 10 a.m. and **March 28** at 6 p.m. All persons on campus at the time are required to participate.

If you are on campus, please proceed to the nearest tornado shelter and stay there until a member of the campus safety team directs you to leave the shelter. For faculty members who are in class at the time, please guide your students to the nearest shelter. We know this drill will be a brief disruption to class instruction and the workday, but it is imperative to participate in preparation of tornado season and assessment of campus readiness.

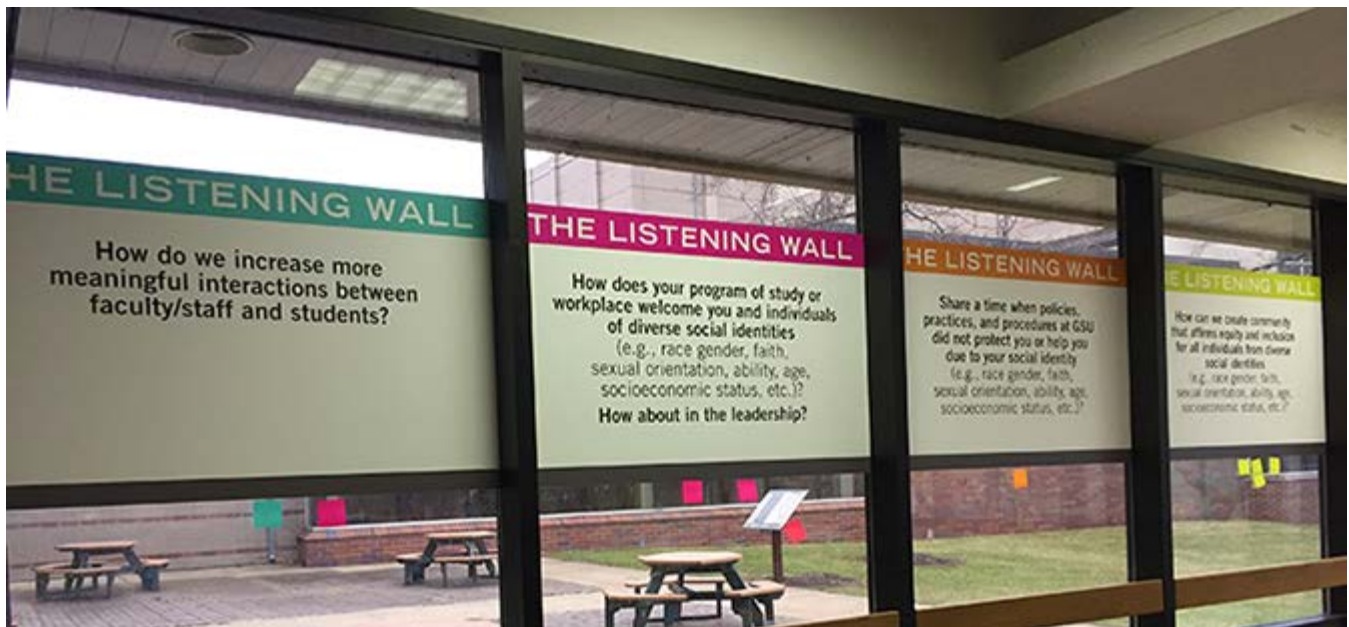
You will find [Tornado Drill](#) resources [online](#) that include:

- Listing of Tornado Shelters
- University's Emergency Preparedness Checklists
- Campus Safety Booklet

There are separate checklists for faculty and staff. Please familiarize yourself with the processes and procedures contained within. This drill is a university-wide effort. The Emergency Response Team thanks you for your cooperation in making GSU a safe environment for its entire community.

For more information and resources, please visit the [Emergency Management webpage](#).

Using Art to Heal at the Listening Wall



If you've visited the Lakeside Lounge lately, you may have noticed something different. The Listening Wall, sponsored by the Campus Inclusion Team, is a series of questions asking people in the GSU community to reflect and respond about issues of equity and equality at GSU.

The wall was inspired by [Subway Therapy](#), an art exhibit displayed in a New York train station after this year's presidential election, and by "transformation: Portraits of Trans Men by Lorenzo Triburgo," an exhibit curated by GSU Visual Arts Gallery Director Jeff Stevenson. Mr. Stevenson also guided the Campus Inclusion Team (CIT) in the creation of The Listening Wall.

"The arts have a unique capacity to raise awareness, build bigger constituencies for social justice, and meet people where they are," said Robert Clay, member of the CIT and Director of Diversity and Inclusion at GSU. "We designed this wall hoping to at least accomplish that last point by giving voice to people who often feel unheard."

Responses shared at the Listening Wall will be gathered by theme, and used for a much broader discussion at the All-Campus Symposium on April 28. If you want to share your responses directly with the Campus Inclusion Team, email the [Professor Rupert Evans](#), CIT Chair.

Questions at the Listening Wall

- How can we create community that affirms equity and inclusion for all individuals from diverse social identities?
- Share a time when policies, practices, and procedures at GSU did not protect you or help you due to your social identity?
- How does your program of study or workplace welcome you and individuals of diverse social identities? How about in the leadership?
- How do we increase more meaningful interactions between faculty/staff and students?

Free Counseling at GSU

GSU's counseling lab provides free individual, career/vocational, couples, and family counseling to members of the community and GSU students. For more information, click [here](#), or call 708.534.4545 to make an appointment.

Literary Art Submissions

Attention all GSU Artists! [Reconstructed](#), the GSU student art and literature publication, is offering you the opportunity to have your work published. Submit your original literature or art by **Monday, March 27** for inclusion in the next edition of [Reconstructed](#).

Students can submit up to three pieces. Click [here](#) for submission guideline. Submit to Reconstructed@govst.edu and be sure to include your name, title and genre of work, and the year it was finished.

Porchlight Music Theatre Brings Controversial and Celebrated Musical to GSU



It was the legal case that could be considered the fuel that ignited the modern civil rights movement. A train ride to a tiny town in Alabama, Scottsboro, not only changed the course of nine lives but the entire nation. See the true-life story come to life as Porchlight Music Theatre presents its Chicago Premiere production, "The Scottsboro Boys," at Center for Performing Arts on **March 25** at 8 p.m.

The thrilling, final collaboration by the creators of "Cabaret" and "Chicago," "The Scottsboro Boys" has been hailed as one of the most visionary and controversial musicals to grace the stages of Broadway and London. Nominated for 12 Tony Awards, and presented in the style of the notorious "minstrel show," this is the true-life story of nine African American teenagers put on trial for a crime they did not commit.

Hedy Weiss of The Chicago Sun Times said "It would not be an exaggeration to say that the entire cast of "The Scottsboro Boys" is brilliant, and together with the vivid direction of Samuel G. Roberson Jr., galvanic choreography by Florence Walker-Harris, fine music direction by Doug Peck, and splendid design (by Andrei Onegin, Richard Norwood and Samantha Jones), this show easily could hold its own alongside "Hamilton."

A free, pre-show public forum, CONVICTED; A look at American Justice from the Scottsboro Boys Trial to the Black Lives Matter Movement, will be held on **Tuesday, March 21** at 5 p.m. in Sherman Hall

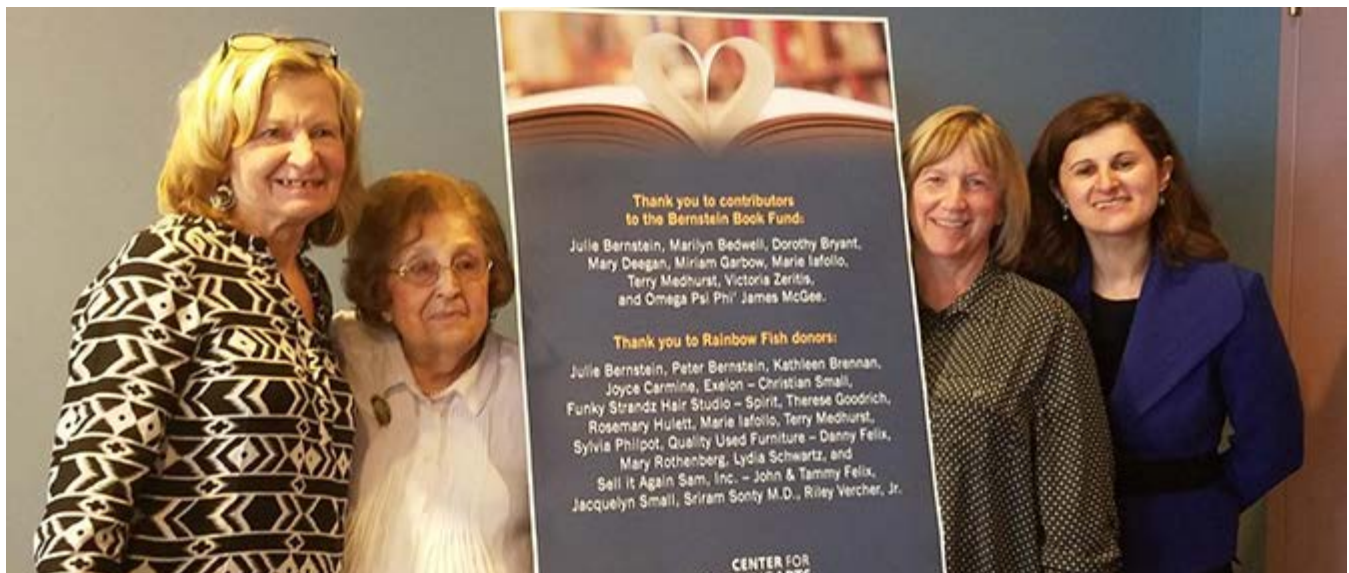
Student tickets are only \$10. For tickets and ticket information click [here](#).

CPA/Emerald City Theatre Summer Camp – School of Rock

It's time students (ages 6 to 14) to step up and compete in the battle of the bands. Don't stop believing that these kids have what it takes to make it in the world of rock. Campers attending this Emerald City Theatre Summer Camp at the Center for Performing Arts will approach funny characters and learn slammin' musical numbers for a final show that is guaranteed to leave the audience shouting for an encore.

Camp dates are **June 19 – 23**, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. with a performance on **Friday, June 23** at 7 p.m. (Tickets are only \$10 each). Campers must be 6 – 14 years old and will be separated into break-out groups by age. Camp registration fee is only \$250 and it includes an Emerald City Theatre camp t-shirt and Friday hot dog lunch. Call the CPA box office for reservations at 708.235.2222. Space is limited to 60 campers.

Sharing the Gift of Art



Children from south suburban school districts recently gathered at the Center for Performing Arts to see the Rainbow Fish performance. The production was brought to GSU through the Arts in Education Program; an enrichment program that integrates the arts into academic curriculum and exposes over 20,000 students, ages 4-13, to educational performing arts programs – many for the first time.

While the children were enjoying the show, the GSU Foundation in partnership with the CPA and Volunteer Leaders hosted a small family reception in memory of the late Jean Bernstein, one of the founding members of GSU's Center for Performing Arts Board of Directors and former chair of the CPA's Arts in Education committee. Family and friends, joined by supporters and donors of the Arts in Education program, shared fond memories of Jean and celebrated her life and legacy.

"Jean Bernstein dreamed of providing underserved children theatrical experiences for years. Now through the generosity of the Medhurst Children's Fund, many children who would never have the opportunity to experience these performances come to the theater at no charge. In addition, many will receive books to encourage the love of reading. Donors at GSU are not only helping us change lives, they help us fulfill dreams." said Jackie Small, Director of Institutional Advancement.

How to Succeed in College, Not Just Survive



The GSU Student Education Association (SEA) recently hosted a Student Panel & Dinner: How to Succeed in College, Not Just Survive. This event was organized and lead by Lexi Marquardt, the membership and recruitment leader for SEA, and Dr. Katy E. Hisrich, faculty chair of SEA.

During the panel presentation, SEA leaders provided useful tips and information on topics such as communication, organization, time management, and college involvement. Members of the panel answered questions about their experiences, involvement, and success. Students from all years and disciplines in the university attended the presentation, asking questions focusing on how to succeed in college, not just survive.

Student panel members included: Samantha Allen, Gwen Medrano, Tanya Mathers, Michael Flood, Elexis Marquardt, Kinga Drag, Erin Peterson, Stephanie Henning, and Jessica Dunahoo. Also attending were Dr. Timothy Harrington, chair of DOE, Dr. Andrea Evans, Dean of COE, Dr. Xiaobo She, and Dr. Jeannine Klomes.

The event was made possible by a GSU Intellectual Life Grant.

Spring into Action – Donate to the GSU Library

The Friends of the GSU Library need your clean, gently used books, CDs, and DVDs for the Friends' Ongoing Book Drive. Books donated now will be sold at the Friend's Fall Book Sale and all the proceeds will help support the GSU Library.

To make a donation, bring items to the GSU Balcony during Library hours and place them on the Friend's donation table. Fill out the donation form, leave it with your donation, and you will receive a thank you letter. For more information, email gsulibraryinfo@govst.edu.

Announcements and Events

Global Lunch Series

The Global Lunch Series brings information and discussion of global topics to GSU. Each semester the Office of International Services (OIS) hosts the series of presentations by faculty, staff, and outside organizations during the lunch hour to encourage global awareness and add to the internationalization of our campus. The series continues on **March 22** with a presentation on Understanding Culture through Mythology. The final presentation on Land Acquisition in West Bengal, India is on **April 19**. Presentations are from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in E-Lounge. Everyone is welcome.

For schedule information, click [here](#). If you are interested in presenting or would like to suggest a topic, please email ois@govst.edu.

S.H.E.R.O. Registration Now Open

The S.H.E.R.O. Women's Leadership Symposium (**Sharing Her** story of **E**mpowerment **R**esilience & **O**ppportunity) will be held on **Friday, March 31**. We are currently accepting workshop proposals for this awesome event that allows women to share stories and experiences that will empower them, increase resilience, and promote opportunities in their personal and professional development. [Register](#) by **Friday, March 24**. For more information or to submit a workshop proposal, call 708.534.4551 or email diversity@govst.edu.

"13th" – the Documentary and the Discussion at GSU



The Oscar nominated, nationally acclaimed documentary, "13th," directed by Ava DuVernay, will be screened on **Tuesday, March 28**. "Awareness, Social Action, & Political Change," a discussion led by Associate Professor, Dr. Lorri Glass will follow the screening. This free event is open to the entire GSU community and guests and is sponsored by Generating Hope Student Network, with the support of the Intellectual Life Grant.

This riveting film explores the history and injustices found in America's criminal justice system, and further illuminates the detrimental impact mass incarceration has had on people of color, particularly African-Americans.

Members of the discussion panel include: Assistant Social Work Professors Drs. Gisela Grumbach and Vickii Coffey, Criminal Justice Sr. Lecturer Caron Jacobson, and UIC Associate Director and Researcher, Dr. Joseph Strickland.

The Tuesday, March 28 event is in Engbretson Hall. A reception begins at 4:30 p.m., with the screening at 4:45 p.m., and the discussion from 6:35 to 7:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the sale of snacks and refreshments support Generating Hope's organizational efforts. Free tickets are available [here](#). Contact Ameenah Rashid at arashid2@student.govst.edu for more information.

Find a Job – Career and Internship Fair

The Office of Career Services will be hosting the annual 2017 Spring Career and Internship fair on **Thursday, April 13**, from 2 – 5 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts theatre lobbies and the Hall of Governors. This is your chance to meet with employers focusing in the areas of communications, technology, business, public administration, criminal justice, addictions studies, community health and education. All students, alumni and community members can attend for free.

For more information, contact the office of Career Services at 708-235-3974 or [click here](#) to see the latest list of registered employers.

Screening of Documentary on Effects of Traumatic Brain Injury

The Department of Communication Disorders is sponsoring the screening of "Who Am I to Stop It," a documentary film concerning the effects of Traumatic Brain Injuries on **Wednesday April 19** from 1 – 3 p.m. in Sherman Hall or 3 – 4:45 p.m. in the E Lounge. Following each screening, an interdisciplinary discussion will be held.

The filmmaker, a TBI survivor, offers an intimate look into disability, sexuality, spirituality, poverty, family, and community of individuals with TBI. GSU students, faculty, and the community are welcome.

For more information, contact [Dr. Jessica Bonner](#) at 708.534.4591 or [Dr. Jennifer Armstrong](#) for more information.

Symposium on Mindfulness and Contemplative Practices

GSU is hosting the 4th Annual Symposium on Mindfulness and Contemplative Practices in Higher Education on **Friday, April 21** from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the GSU gymnasium. The daylong symposium will explore ways in which mindfulness, meditation, and contemplative practices can be incorporated into academic settings to create learning communities. The event includes presentations, panel discussions, and experiential learning.

This symposium is free and open to the public. Six CEUs are available. Register [here](#) or contact Dr. Maristela Zell for more information at mzell@govst.edu.

Get Your Team Together for Relay for Life

Join us on **April 28** as we raise money for the Relay for Life. Students, faculty, and staff create teams and fundraise all year long for the cause. Interested in creating a team? Email bterry3@govst.edu for more information.

Faculty Highlights

GSU Doctoral Student named NBCC Fellow



Christine Brown (left) and Jahaan Abdullah (right)

Congratulations to counseling doctoral students Christine Brown and Jahaan Abdullah, who have been awarded National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) doctoral-level counseling fellowships. GSU has had a fellowship recipient in the doctoral program since the inception of this fellowship in 2012.

The National Board for Certified Counselors Minority Fellowship Program awards up to 23 doctoral-level counseling fellowships of \$20,000. Eligible applicants must demonstrate knowledge of and experience with racially and ethnically diverse populations, and commit to providing mental health and/or substance abuse and addictions counseling services to underserved minority populations through direct practice or the training of direct practitioners.

NBCC has both doctoral and masters level fellowships. Counseling students interested in applying should click [here](#) for more information.

Eight GSU Faculty and Staff Named Spring 2017 AAC&U Award Recipients

The GSU Equity Campus Planning Team is focused on the design, implementation, and assessment of campus action plans to advance equity in student learning and success. This year, the team implemented an opportunity for faculty and staff to help in achieving these goals by awarding seed grants to successful proposals.

The following faculty and staff members received Excellence in Equity Mini-Grant for Spring 2017:

- Leann Cambric, “Creative Career and Adaptability”
- Robert Clay, “Utilizing Self Authorship to Assess and Develop Best Practices to Enhance Junior African American Male Students Collegiate Experiences”
- Kristina Dangles, “Building Professional Etiquette in the Junior Year”
- Dwight Floyd, “SWAG (Scholars Working At Graduation)”
- Dr. Crystal L. Harris, “Responding Where it Hurts: Community Engagement and Individual Social Responsibility”
- Dr. Anne Morlet, Untitled Grant
- Dr. Serena Wadhwa, “Sircle of Sisters (S.o.S.)”
- Sulbha Wagh, “Textbooks for the Sciences”

Faculty teaching Junior Seminars are encouraged to apply for the next cycle of grants available for the Fall 2017 semester. Participation in these workshops are required in order to submit a proposal. There are two

upcoming workshops, the first scheduled on **April 4** from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and the second on **April 6** from 2 – 4 p.m. To register for either workshop, click [here](#).

The work of the GSU Equity Campus Planning Team is funded by a grant to develop replicable, equity-focused, campus-based strategies for student success from the [Association of American Colleges and Universities](#). GSU was honored as one of 13 recipient schools to be selected to receive the grant. GSU's project focuses on promoting student success in the junior year of college consistent with the four project goals outlined by the AAC&U.

Workshops & Trainings

Workshops

A wealth of workshop and training opportunities are available to students, faculty, and staff sponsored by a variety of university departments and committees. A sampling of the workshops offered are

- APA Citations or PowerPoint 2013
- Thought Leadership Workshops
- Developing a grant proposals
- [Development for Civil Service Employees](#)

Click [here](#) to learn more about the many trainings and workshops opportunities offered at GSU.

Please note –

Faculty: If you have not already done so, it's time to have a new headshot photograph taken. Please refer to the [schedule](#) to find a convenient time.

Student Employees: Attend three [Career Service workshops](#), receive your Certificate of Professional Development, and get a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate from the GSU Bookstore!

Do you have a story or event you want to submit for the GSU View?

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