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Spring 2013
Semester
Registration
Through January 26
Semester begins
January 22

Student Clubs
Resource Fair
January 22
Noon - 6 p.m.
Hall of Governors

Secretary of State
Mobile Services
January 22
1 - 6 p.m.
Hall of Governors

Campus Crawl
January 23
3 to 6 p.m.
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Hypnotist
Performance
January 24
6 - 8 p.m.
Sherman Recital Hall
GSU students &
families
Free

Braid Tales
January 26
8 p.m.
Cntr Perf Arts
[Tickets](#)

MLK Day
Celebration
January 28
10 - 11:30 a.m.
Cntr Perf Arts

NMSP Winter Walk
and Chili Dinner
January 26

News and Events

Talent Show Winner Headed for Chicago Live! (10-29-12)

Audrey LaBranche, a CAS junior majoring in math and biology, stepped into the spotlight at last week's *GSU's Got Talent* competition, delivering a stunning vocal performance that she'll reprise at Thursday's *Chicago Live!* show at Governors State University Center for Performing Arts.



Audrey LaBranche

As winner of GSU's talent contest, LaBranche earned the opportunity to perform at this week's live stage show, produced by the Chicago Tribune. She will sing an original song, *Love You*, that she wrote two years ago. LaBranche, who performs as Audrey Cher, has been singing for more than 20 years. She is a non-traditional student whose children inspired her to return to school.

Other participants in *GSU's Got Talent* were Lisa Wallace, Hosea Crossley, Lori McGregor, Angela Southall, and Christopher Cook.

Chicago Live! will be recorded for broadcast in the CPA at 7 p.m. Thursday, November 1. Host Rick Kogan will introduce LaBranche, and also discuss recent successes at GSU with President Elaine P. Maimon.

Second City, the legendary improv comedy troupe, is one of the *Chicago Live!* headline acts. Other performers and guests include Grammy Award-winning blues musician Sugar Blue; WVON radio host and former Chicago alderman Cliff Kelley; rapper and humanitarian Psalm One; Barnaby Struve, vice president of Three Floyds Brewing Company; and, from the Tribune, editorial page editor Bruce Dold, columnist Dawn Turner Trice, and travel and beer writer Josh Noel.

Thursday's show is the first time that *Chicago Live!* has been presented outside Chicago. The show will be broadcast on WGN-AM at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 3.

Tickets for *Chicago Live!* are \$20 and can be purchased at the Center for Performing Arts [box office](#) at 708.235.2222.

Very Special Chicago Live! Event

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708.534.3084

Mindfulness and
Psychotherapy
Certificate Program
Information Session
February 1
7 - 9 p.m.
E-Lounge
[Dr. Maristela Zell](#)

Scholarship and
Application
Essay Writing
Workshop
February 6
3 p.m.
Hall of Honors

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For more information, or to reserve your VIP reception tickets, contact [Gina Ragland](#) at 708.235.7559.

Thanks for Session on First-Year Success

Provost Terry Allison recently thanked everyone who participated in the October 19 workshop on first-year success. His message includes a Blackboard shell for the session.

You can read [Dr. Allison's message](#).

National Rankings Show GSU Near the Top

The October 25 issue of *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* reports federal data that ranks GSU ninth in the country for universities producing graduate degrees to African-American students in health professions and health-related programs.

You can view the [rankings](#) in *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*.

Non-Traditional Student Week – 2012

GSU Celebrates Non-Traditional Student Week on November 4 to 10. The university is celebrating the hard work and dedication of the non-traditional student. Events are sponsored by Student Life and the College of Arts and Sciences (IDSS Program).

Non-Traditional Week Scheduling:

- November 5: GSU Cyber Café
Enjoy coffee and desserts while you mingle with other students.
Hall of Governors, 3 to 7 p.m.
- November 6: Election Results

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Bring your "I voted" receipt to Student Commons (A2134) between 4 and 7 p.m. and enjoy refreshments, compliments of Student Life.

- November 7: *Linked-In for the Professional*, presented by Courtney Sanders, Vice President of Enrollment Management.

D34012, 12:30 to 2 p.m.

- November 8: Notes @ Noon with *Financial Aid 101*, presented by Sylvia Ponce DeLeon, Interim Director Financial Aid B2203, Noon to 1:15 p.m. Bring your brown bag lunch—drinks and dessert will be provided.

- November 8: Alpha Sigma Lambda Induction Sherman Hall, 6 p.m.

- November 9: GSU Family Night at the Movies featuring *The Avengers*. Sherman Hall: 6 to 9 p.m.

Reclaim the Prairie at NMSP – November 11

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Catch Bears Fever at GSU

The first-place Chicago Bears are 6-1, and 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](#).

Learn from Chicago Live! (10-25-12)

Chicago Live! at GSU poses a unique and entertaining education opportunity for students at GSU. Multiple curricula are demonstrated through the production itself and its varied and informative content.

The Second City

To enable as many students as possible to benefit from this experience, the administration is encouraging faculty to incorporate this event into their teaching and is providing a free ticket to each student in any class that has a Chicago Live! assignment or project.

Faculty members interested in tickets for their class should contact [Sheree Sanderson](#). Distribution of the tickets will be the responsibility of the faculty member.

Special Benefit for GSU Promise Donors & Invitation to the VIP Chicago Live! Pre-Reception \$100 tickets Available



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Haunted Harvest Fest – October 26

It is time to have a frighteningly good time at the Annual GSU Haunted Harvest Fest on Friday, October 26, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The fest includes lots of fun activities for the whole family and delicious foods to satisfy everyone's Halloween cravings. There will be face painting, a bouncy house, and laser tag. The Association of Latin American Students (ALAS) is sponsoring a pumpkin carving contest. And a DJ will provide music all night long. You can even drop by Engbretson Hall to see how the GSU's Got Talent contest is going.

The event takes place in the Hall of Governors. It is free and open to students and their families. Student Life and the GSU Student Senate are event sponsors.

Information Security Presentation – October 25

Students from the Information Security Policy course will present on the topic of Wireless Security today, from 5 to 7 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. Demonstrations on how to stay safe while online will also be presented. A special demonstration on how wireless networks are hacked will be performed live. Members of the Information Technology department will also discuss the security of GSU's network and student security.

Everyone is welcome to come and learn from this free, student sponsored workshop.

Chicago Tribune Comes Alive – Chicago Live! November 1

Five days before the presidential election, on November 1, GSU invites the south suburban community to see the Chicago Tribune come to life on stage. GSU's Center for Performing Arts was selected as the first on the road venue for the new format of Chicago Live! Hosted by Chicago's Tribune's Rick Kogan, Chicago Live! is a live stage show recorded for WGN AM.

Rick Kogan will lead audiences on a unique tour of the city, engaging with local newsmakers and uncovering fascinating stories and characters.

Kogan's masterful hosting has been described as a "tour de force" and his wildly popular "Almanac" segment will be expanded. The evening will feature

nationally recognized improv company Second City, one of Chicago's most influential people Bruce Dold the Tribune's editorial editor; Cliff Kelley WVON Radio host and beloved past alderman; Barnaby Struve Vice President of Three Floyds Brewing Company; music, interviews, news and entertainment and much more.

Chicago Live



Politics, the arts, and comedic wit come to life in a radio variety show format which brings reporters, newsmakers artists and more together all in one show. This is a one of a kind opportunity for the southland community to experience the live taping up close and personal. Tickets are \$20 and for audience members of all ages.

The curtain rises at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by visiting the Chicago Live website at www.chicagolive.com or call 708-235-2222 to

purchase tickets at the box office.

Lincoln Laureate – Katherine Rhea Baggarly

This year, GSU honors student Katherine Rhea Baggarly as the Lincoln Laureate for 2012. Each year an outstanding senior from each of the four-year degree granting institutions of higher learning in Illinois is named a Student Laureate of The Lincoln Academy of Illinois. Student Lincoln Laureates are chosen for their commitment to the principles of democracy and humanity as embodied by Abraham Lincoln.

This year's Lincoln Laureate from GSU was honored for her academic accomplishments and her passion for humanity and education. Baggarly was nominated by Dr. Susan Burke of the College of Education.

Baggarly and Burke have been invited to attend the Student Lincoln Laureate Award Ceremony in Springfield, on November 3.

GSU's Got Talent - October 26

Student Life is seeking the most talented GSU student to perform with the Chicago Tribune Chicago Live! At the Center for Performing Arts on November 1. To discover the GSU star, a contest will be held on October 26, at 7 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

While registration is closed, you can still attend the contest and cheer on talented GSU performers. Everyone is welcome.

Blackboard Collaborate Web-Conferencing Software

Learn how to effectively use Blackboard Collaborate (live conferencing software) in a Blackboard course, at workshops offered by the Center for Online Teaching and Learning.

Workshops will be held on:

Monday, October 29, from 10 a.m. to noon, in D2430 (ACS lab)
Tuesday, October 30, from 2 to 4 p.m., in D2438 (ACS lab)

This is an introductory-level workshop for those who would like to become more familiar with Blackboard's web-conferencing software, Collaborate.

To register for a workshop, visit the [COTL website](#). For more information, contact [Nikki Rosebourgh](#).

Faculty Lunch – The Times in Class

Student Life and The New York Times are inviting faculty to attend a complimentary faculty luncheon and workshop hosted by Norm Wave, Regional Education Manager for the New York Times, on November 8, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

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R.S.V.P. to [Johnsie McAuley](#) by Monday, November 5.

ScholarShip – Dr. Natalia Ermasova

Dr. Ermasova successfully defended her doctoral dissertation, "Capital Budgeting at the State Level: An Empirical Analysis from the Economic Downturn through the Present" on October 17, 2012 in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University.

The Impact of Trauma Discussed – October 29

A free public forum, *Before and After Deployment: Trauma and the Impact on the Military Family*, will be held on Monday, October 29, from 3 to 6:30 p.m., in the GSU Center for Performing Arts.

This event is being sponsored by the College of Health and Human Services, the Department of Social Work, the College of Education, Governors State University Intellectual Life Committee, the University Honors Program, and the Wounded Warriors Project.

Featured speakers and their topics include:

- Michael Johnson: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Marquell Smith: Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual and Transgender (GLBT) persons serving under the Don't Ask Don't Tell (DADT) Policy
- Nicole McCoy: Women serving in leadership roles in the military
- Sharon Orsborn: Family members of combat victims
- Adam Widner, Wounded Warrior Project: After Deployment - Warriors to Work through Economic Empowerment

RSVP for this event by contacting Michael Griffin at 630.201.3485, or militaryforum2@yahoo.com. Please leave your name, e-mail address, and the number of people who will be attending.

Election Issues Discussed - October 29

On Monday October 29, GSU will host a community forum on the *Issues of the 2012 Elections* from 5 to 7 p.m., in Sherman Hall.

Panelists include Dr. Larry Levinson, professor of political science; Dr. Donald Culverson, associate professor of political and justice studies; Dr. Chelsea Haring, assistant professor of political science; and Dr. David Golland, assistant professor of history.

The forum is free and open to the public. Co-sponsors are the Political and Justice Studies Program and the Consortium for Civic Engagement.

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Poetry and Presentation - Nikki Giovanni

In honor of Nikki Giovanni's appearance at GSU on November 7, the Intellectual Life Committee has chosen her book *Quilting the Black-Eyed Pea* for this semester's *One Book, One University* selection.



Copies of the book are available at the University Library.

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Refreshments will be served. Both this event and the evening presentation are free and open to the public. Registration is not required to the OneBook, One University event. To registration for the Giovanni presentation, go to <http://nikkigiovanni.eventbrite.com/>.

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Chicago Live

www.centertickets.net.

Get your tickets today for the family-friendly show. Get ready to enjoy the masters of improvisation, *The Second City*, as they get us all in the mood for Election Day. Host Rick Kogan, veteran reporter and author, will guide us through conversations with and performances with Cliff Kelly, WVON radio host and former Chicago alderman; Barnaby Struve; vice president of Three Floyds Beer; travel and beer writer Josh Noel; Tribune columnist Dawn Turner Trice; and hip-hop artist Psalm One.

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Friends Book Sale - October 24

Find the perfect book for yourself or a friend at the annual GSU Friends of the Library fall book sale on Wednesday, October 24, from noon to 5 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. Members of the Friends of the Library will be able to preview the sale items from 11 a.m. until noon.

A vast selection of books on subjects including, psychology, counseling, health services, English and literature will be for sale. Teacher's materials, books, and videotapes from the library will also be on sale.



Buy a small bag of book for only \$3 or supersize it to a large bag of books for only \$5. Individual hard copy books are a \$1 and paperbacks are 50 cents. Items from the library are only 25 cents each.

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The event is free and open to the public. Ms. Giovanni's presentation will be followed by a question and answer period and book signing.

Register online to reserve a space at nikkigiovanni.eventbrite.com. For more information call 708.534.4024.



Nikki Giovanni

Nikki Giovanni's appearance is sponsored by the GSU College of Education, College of Arts and Science, Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education, and Illinois Counseling Association. WVON-1690 AM is the media sponsor.

E & F Winging to Completion

It was one year ago when GSU "tore down the walls" at the ceremonial groundbreaking for the E/F Renovation Project.

Great progress has been made:

- The F atrium infill is complete
- New drain lines are installed beneath the slab
- Duct work is hung
- Copper lines for hot and cold water, plus science gases, are being

installed

- New windows on the second floor offer a panorama to GSU's lake
- Metal stud walls are framed
- Classroom F1622 is gutted
- Tons (literally) of new mechanical equipment have been installed on the roof

A committee of stakeholders is meeting regularly this fall to finalize furniture, equipment, and technology needs to coordinate orders, deliveries, and movers for occupancy of Phase 1 next Spring.

See Bruce Crooks' [photos](#) of the renovation progress.

One Book, One University – Quilting the Black Eyed Pea

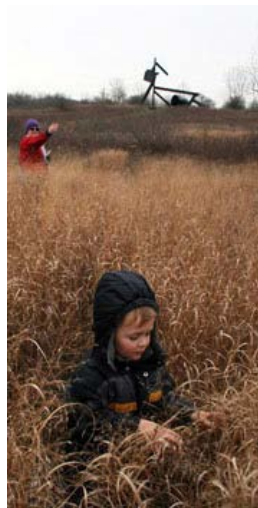
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Mindfulness and Psychotherapy Certificate Open House – November 16

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.

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Get your tickets to Chicago Live!, a live stage show, coming to the Center for Performing Arts on Thursday, November 1, at 7 p.m. This is

Chicago Live



a unique opportunity to experience the live taping of a radio show and enjoy exceptional talent, conversation, and entertainment.

Chicago Live! is produced by the Chicago Tribune for WGN-AM Radio. Participating in this 90-minute live taping, hosted by veteran reporter and author Rick Kogan, are Cliff Kelly, WVON radio host and former Chicago alderman; Barnaby Struve; vice president of Three Floyds Beer; travel and beer writer Josh Noel, Tribune columnist Dawn Turner Trice and hip-hop artist Psalm One. The show will be broadcast on WGN-AM on November 3, at 11 a.m.

This will be the first time *Chicago Live!* has been produced outside the city limits. Tickets for *Chicago Live!* at GSU are \$20 and can be purchased at the Center for Performing Arts box office, 708.534.2222, or www.centertickets.net.

Nikki Giovanni – November 7

Nikki Giovanni, world-renowned American poet, writer, activist, and educator, will appear at the Governors State University Center for Performing Arts on Wednesday, November 7, at 7 p.m. She will speak on *The Courage for Equality: Love, Work, Society*.

The event is free and open to the public. Ms. Giovanni's presentation will be followed by a question and answer period and book signing.

Register online to reserve a space at nikkigiovanni.eventbrite.com. For more information call 708.534.4024.



Nikki Giovanni

Nikki Giovanni's appearance is sponsored by the GSU College of Education, College of Arts and Science, Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education, and Illinois Counseling Association. WVON-1690 AM is the media sponsor.

Political Candidates Discuss the Issues

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Candidates with moderator,
Dr. Donald Culverson

Dr. Donald Culverson, Associate Professor of Political and Justice Studies moderated the event. The candidates had the opportunity to make answer questions from the audience of more than 200 on a wide range of issues from healthcare to jobs to the state pension deficit.

Participating candidates were Don Peloquin (R) Candidate 1st Congressional District; Bryan Woodworth (R) Candidate 2nd Congressional District; Marcus Lewis (I) Candidate 2nd Congressional District; Representative Bill Cunningham (D) 18th Senate District; Dr. Barbara Bellar (R) Candidate 18th Senate District; Mike Hastings (D) Candidate 19th Senate District; Edgar Montalvo (R) Candidate 19th Senate District; Senator Toi Hutchinson (D) 40th District; Joseph "Tuck" Marshall (R) Candidate 40th District.

New Registration Feature: Waitlisting

The Registrar's Office is pleased to announce a new registration feature

for the Spring 2013 semester. Students will now have the opportunity to add their names to a waitlist when they attempt to register for most classes that have reached enrollment capacity.*

Although adding their name to a waitlist will not guarantee a seat in class, all newly available seats will be offered on a first come, first served basis to waitlisted students.

For more information, go to <http://www.govst.edu/register> to download a Waitlisting FAQ and/or a Waitlisting Tutorial.

* Waitlisting is now available for most GSU class sections. For a variety of reasons, some classes do not permit waitlisting by academic division request.

Let's Talk... Curriculum 2014

Members of the General Education (GE) Task Force, in collaboration with the Faculty Center for Teaching and Scholarship, will host a Brown Bag Lunch at which the GSU community may discuss the Curriculum Plan report, on November 7, from noon to 1 p.m., in D1496.

This report represents many months of development by the GE Task Force, and integrates many best practices in undergraduate education. The recommendations that will be discussed at the Brown Bag span the full undergraduate experience and prepare us to serve our incoming lower division students who will arrive in 2014.

The Curriculum Plan is still a work in progress, and the task force encourages input and questions. In addition to attending the Brown Bag Lunch, the Task Force also invites you to respond to the report at gened@govst.edu.

View the [Curriculum Plan report](#).

Campus Security

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act requires colleges to annually report the three previous years of statistics for crimes committed on campus, including all crimes motivated by hate or bias, and statistics on arrests for drug and alcohol violations and weapons violations.

Statistics compiled by the GSU Department of Public Safety are available on the [DPS website](#).

2013 Intellectual Life Grants

GSU's Intellectual Life Committee is again offering Intellectual Life Grants to staff, faculty, and enrolled students who have a faculty collaborator.

Intellectual Life Grants will be awarded for up to \$500 for events taking place between January 22, 2013 and May 3, 2013 that promote and increase awareness of the arts, humanities and other intellectual topics of universal interest.

Submissions are due October 26. Please fill out the [application form](#) in Microsoft Word and email it to lruetten@govst.edu. Award winners will be notified by November 9, 2012. For more information, contact [Lydia Morrow Ruetten](#).

Impact on Military Families - October 29

A free public forum, *Before and After Deployment: Trauma and the Impact on the Military Family*, will be held on Monday, October 29, from 3 to 6:30 p.m. in the GSU Center for Performing Arts.

This event is being sponsored by the College of Health and Human Services, the Department of Social Work, the College of Education, Governors State University Intellectual Life Committee, the University Honors Program and the Wounded Warriors Project.

Featured speakers and their topics include:

- Michael Johnson: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
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RSVP for this event by contacting Michael Griffin at 630.201.3485, or militaryforum2@yahoo.com. Please leave your name, e-mail address, and the number of people who will be attending.

Yes, You Can! - October 25

Parents and others interested in developing language and literacy skills in children are invited to attend a free, interactive workshop at Governors State University (GSU).

"Yes, You Can! Enriching Your Child's Language & Literacy Skills" will be presented by Dr. Jennifer Armstrong, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Assistant Professor of Communication Disorders at GSU, and graduate students from the Department of Communication Disorders at GSU. The event will be held Thursday, October 25, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

The two-hour workshop will provide parents with examples of interactive activities they can share with their children, as well as tips for improving their child's reading skills. Informational handouts, books, and other materials will be available for parents to take home. Area students who are interested in developing language and literacy enrichment among young children are also encouraged to attend this informative program.

Limited seating is available. Reservations may be made by contacting [Dr. Armstrong](#) at 708.534.4593.

This event is partially funded through a GSU Intellectual Life Grant.

NEC Program Information Session – October 20

Information on the degree programs offered at the GSU Naperville Education Center (NEC) will be available at an open house on October 30, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Undergraduate bachelor's degree completion programs include Criminal Justice, Psychology, Interdisciplinary Studies, and Human Communication. Information will also be available on the Master of Arts in Psychology program offered at the NEC.

Admissions advisors and program representatives will be on-hand to answer questions about Governors State University and the NEC.

The GSU Naperville Education Center is located at 2244 W. 95th Street, Naperville, in the Fry Properties building. For more information, visit the [NEC website](#).

Image Makeover Conference - October 23, 24, 25

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To RSVP, or for further information, contact to GSU Office of [Career Services](#) at 708.235.3974.

ScholarShip - Dr. Allen Marber

Dr. Allen Marber, adjunct marketing faculty, recently published "Marketing Warfare: A Case Study from the 2008 Beijing Olympics," (International Journal of Business and Public Administration, Vol. 9, No. 2, Spring 2012). Dr. Marber co-authored with Paul Wellen (Roosevelt

University), Michael Wurtz (Fordham University), and GSU MBA graduate Xiaoke Yi (from GDUT). This is a great example of working with colleagues and students.

Student Leadership Institute Needs Mentors

Mentors for the Leadership Institute are needed to make the GSU Student Leadership Institute a success. Mentors will be drawn from the GSU community and will be assigned two or three student mentees from the 40 participants enrolled in the program. Assignments will be made by the planning committee unless previous relationships and/or connections are identified.

Mentors will be required to attend one orientation, either on November 28 or January 22. They must also be available to meet with mentees two or three times a year. Mentors will be given meeting guidelines and suggestions.

For more information, visit the [SLI website](#). For information about the mentorship program, contact [Keith White](#).

Athletic Advisors Needed

Still enjoy swinging a club, bouncing a ball, or kicking it? Then Student Life needs you! Sports club advisors are needed for golf, basketball, volleyball, and soccer.

It is time to get the ball rolling on clubs that will get students moving. Interested faculty and staff are asked to contact [Dean Jennings](#), Assistant Program Director, at ext. 4945.

SEA Has Pinterest - October 24

Calling students in the College of Education - the lesson for the day is "Pinterest for the classroom." The teachers are GSU Student Education Association (SEA) members. The presentation will be held on Wednesday October 24, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in A2134.

Participants will learn how to navigate and use Pinterest for bulletin board ideas, website resources for activity sheets and lesson plans, and much more! The meeting is a make and take as well. Participants will make an item from Pinterest that can be used in the classroom. Bring your laptop or an iPad will be available.

Pizza for a Good Cause

Help support GSU's Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA) by eating at Frankie's Pizzeria in Monee on Thursday, October 25, from 4 to 10 p.m. Twenty percent of every patron's bill will go towards the SOTA. Frankie's Pizzeria is located at 25921 South Governors Highway, Monee.

Additional information may be obtained by contact [Kimberly Tate](#).

Information Session for MOT - October 24

The [Department of Occupational Therapy](#) will sponsor an information

session on the Master of Occupational Therapy (MOT) degree program on Wednesday, October 24, from 5 to 6 p.m., in G127.

Attendees are encouraged to bring unofficial copies of transcripts. For more information, contact [Patricia Kalvelage](#) at 708.534.7294 or visit the [MOT website](#).

The Creative Woman

The GSU Library will begin digitizing its archival collection of the periodical *The Creative Woman*, a feminist journal published at GSU from 1977-1993.



Funds for this proposal were made available by CARLI (Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois). Having it digitized through CARLI will make it available not only in the Library's [Digital Collections](#) but also in the [Internet Archive](#). This will make it more widely

The Creative Woman accessible to faculty, students in the new GSU Gender and Sexuality Studies program, and researchers who are interested in the feminist perspective of that time.

The Creative Woman was an Illinois small press publication, which featured the work of GSU faculty and others, on a wide variety of topics of interest to women. It was a unique Illinois contribution to herstory and the feminist movement in America and abroad. The Creative Woman was recognized with a Chicago Women in Publishing award in 1988. The following year, the Illinois General Assembly honored The Creative Woman staff with House Resolution 137 presented by Rep. Loleta Didrickson on March 7, 1989.

For more information, contact [Sarah Wegley](#), Library Operations Associate at ext. 7518.

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Chicago Live



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Handicap This! – October 17

The GSU community is invited to attend a free, live stage show, *Handicap This!* on Wednesday, October 17, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts.

The show stars 23-year-old Mike Berkson, a funny, optimistic genius who, while living with Cerebral Palsy, refuses to “dwell on limitations. Instead I ponder unlimited possibilities.”

Joining Berkson in this stage show is his former middle school teacher and now friend, Tim Wambach. With music and humor, together Berkson and Wambach share their inspirational message of challenging stereotypes, breaking down barriers, coping with handicaps and living up to one’s potential – and beyond.

Handicap This! debuted in January, 2010. Since then the show has received rave reviews and standing ovations all across the country.

This event is sponsored by the Intellectual Life Grant, the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Health and Human Services, the Academic Resource Center, and the GSU Office of Student Life.

For more information, contact Dr. [Robbie O’Shea](#), Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy.

Shoe Collection – October 17

Donate new and gently used shoes to the Kids Wish Network on Wednesday, October 17, from 1 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The shoe collection is a Wellness Club community service project.

The Kids Wish Network is an international charitable organization dedicated to infusing hope, creating happy memories, and improving quality of life for children experiencing life-altering situations.

Monetary donations will also be accepted. For further information, contract [Vanessa Newby](#) at 708.534.4551.

CUG Meeting – October 17

The next meeting of the Colleague Users Group (CUG) is Wednesday, October 17, at 2 p.m., in D34115.

CUG provides a monthly forum for GSU community members to share and discuss their experiences using the system. Membership in CUG is open to all faculty and staff.

The forum will include a demonstration of Automated Class Wait Listing. Please come to learn about this new registration enhancement and to share your comments and questions.

Contact the [Colleague Project Office](#) with any questions about the meeting.

Throwaways Screening – October 17

Students in the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice degree program are hosting a special program to encourage discussion and understanding

of the adjustment problems facing women after incarceration. The program begins at 6 p.m., on October 17, with the screening of *Throwaways*, a documentary film made by GSU students. The film follows the lives of several women as they adjust to life after prison.

Immediately following the film, the students and the women featured in *Throwaways* will participate in a discussion of the film's message and a question and answer session.

The program will be held in the Center for Performing Arts. It is free and open to the public. To help the women transition to community life, donations of gift cards for groceries, gas, and household goods will be gratefully accepted.

This event was coordinated by Caron Jacobson of the GSU Criminal Justice Department. The project was funded by Andrea A. Raila & Associates and a GSU Intellectual Life Grant. Special thanks to the Cook County Commission on Women's Issues Districts 5, 6, and 12.

For more information, contact [Caron Jacobson](#) at 708.235.2136.

Flu Free for Free – October 18

Free flu shots for state employees and retirees will be administered Thursday, October 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 pm in Engbretson Hall.

Free flu shots will be available to state employees, retirees, and university staff with health insurance through the Quality Care Health Plan (QCHP) or State-sponsored managed care plan.

To receive the seasonal vaccination at no charge:

- Each employee must present his/her state health insurance card and his/her state ID card.
- Each retiree must present his/her state health insurance card and another form of ID.

The following are not eligible for free flu shots: dependents, spouses, contractual workers, consultants, and students. Employees who have opted out of health coverage through the state are not eligible.

Quilting the Black Eyed Pea – November 7

In honor of the appearance at GSU of Nikki Giovanni on November 7, the Intellectual Life Committee has chosen her book *Quilting the Black-Eyed Pea* for this semester's *One Book One University* selection. Copies of the book are available at the University Library.

Before Giovanni's 7 p.m. performance at the Center for Performing Arts, everyone is invited to join the discussion of her book and hear some of her poems recited at the *One Book One University program* beginning at 3:30 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

Members of the discussion panel include Dr. Christopher White, Assistant Professor of English and Dr. Elizabeth Johnson, Assistant Professor of History. Dr. Rashidah Muhammad



Nikki Giovanni

will serve as moderator. Dr. Muhammad will also lead students in a choral reading of the title poem. Individual students will read selected Giovanni poems.

Refreshments will be served. Both this event and the evening presentation are free and open to the public.

'8' - October 25, 26

"8," a play chronicling the historic trial in the federal constitutional challenge to California's Proposition 8, is coming to Governors State University for two performances in Sherman Hall, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 25 and Friday, October 26.

"8," written by Academy Award-winning screenwriter Dustin Lance Black, is a production of the Southland Area Theater Ensemble (SLATE).

The play is an unprecedented account of the Federal District Court trial in *Perry v. Schwarzenegger* (now *Perry v. Brown*), the case filed to overturn Proposition 8, which stripped gay and lesbian Californians of the freedom to marry.

Admission to "8" is free with reservations. To reserve tickets, contact the GSU Center for Performing Arts at www.centertickets.net or 708.235.2222.

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Cookie Dough and Popcorn

It is time to stock you shelves with the ingredients that make a delicious holiday season. The Family Development Center is sponsoring a Savory Foods Fresh Homemade Ready-to-Bake Cookie Dough, Gourmet Caramel Popcorn, and Lava-alicious Fudge Cake fundraiser.

The cookie dough comes in 15 different flavors and each tub makes four dozen cookies. There are four types of popcorn plus bundt and fudge cakes. Orders must be placed by October 24. Products will be delivered on November 15.

For more information or to place an order, contact the FDC at 708.235.7300.

A Touch of M.A.G.I.C. (10-15-12)

This year's Campus Community Campaign got off to a rousing – and magical – start at Tuesday's kickoff event. Donations to the campaign provide important funds for worthwhile initiatives such as the GSU Promise and other student



scholarships, college programs, the GSU Library, Nathan Manilow, Sculpture Park, and the Center for Performing Arts.

This year's theme is Making A Greater Individual Commitment – M.A.G.I.C. In keeping with the theme, a magician appeared at

Jean Malloy, Sheryl Jones-Harper, Tracy Sullivan, and Bettie Lewis

Tuesday's event. There was a high level of enthusiasm at the kickoff as campaign coordinators were introduced from GSU's various colleges and departments.

Coordinators for this year are Clarrisa Anagnos, Margaret Brady, Colleen Buche, Lisa Carra, Lynn Dimaggio, Adrienne Gray, Patricia Guy, Rhonda Jackson, Elizabeth Johnson, Sheryl Jones-Harper, Bettie Lewis, Victoria Lloyd, Rashidah Muhammad, Laura Owens, Robert Sinclair, Jackie Small, Pamela Stipanich, Patricia Thompson, Michael Trendell, and Ayita Woods.

To make a donation to the Campus Community Campaign, or for more information, contact your departmental coordinator, or Jackie Small at ext. 2188.

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New Director of Academic Engagement

The Office of the Provost is pleased to welcome Dr. Randi Schneider as the director of its new program for academic engagement. As the Director of Academic Engagement, Dr. Schneider will report to Dr. Sandra Mayfield, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs.



Dr. Schneider

Dr. Schneider will collaborate in the development of a framework for embedding High Impact Practices throughout GSU's undergraduate curriculum. In her role at GSU, Dr. Schneider will interface with activities that are currently under way in preparation for GSU's first cohort of freshmen in 2014.

Dr. Schneider comes to GSU from Kent State University in Ohio, where she returned to her position of Director of Student Success following a six-month assignment as Interim Special Assistant to the Provost. While at Kent State, Dr. Schneider also served as Director of Enrollment Management and Student Services. Her early career experiences were at Indiana University in Pennsylvania, where she directed University Health Services and assisted with the management of student housing.

Dr. Schneider is a Chicago native who completed her doctoral degree

at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Muntu Brings Flash and Energy to GSU

Muntu Dance Theatre of Chicago brings its electrifying synthesis of dance, rhythm, and song to GSU Center for Performing Arts on Friday, October 12, at 8 p.m.

Muntu, coming to GSU Center for one performance only, will feature dynamic works from its vast repertoire, highlighting traditional dance and music rooted in West Africa and performed with its signature "flash and energy."



Muntu Dance Theatre

A colorful and dynamic company, Muntu brings audiences out of their seats and into the aisles with its authentic and progressive interpretations of contemporary and ancient African and African-American dance, music, and folklore. Muntu is highly regarded for its innovative repertory, preserving traditional African dance while creating new works that build on African, Caribbean and African-American cultural traditions.

Tickets for Muntu Dance Theatre are \$15 to \$52. To purchase tickets, or for further information, contact the GSU Center box office at www.centertickets.net or 708.235.2222.

Dr. Berger at GSU

In a special presentation, GSU will host Dr. Rony Berger, clinical psychologist, family and child therapist, and internationally recognized expert in dealing with the psychological preparation for and the aftermath of terrorism and other major disasters.

Dr. Berger will discuss *Fostering Psychological Healing in the Aftermath of Terrorism and Other Major Disasters*, on Monday, October 15, from 5 to 6 p.m., in Sherman Hall. The event will also include a screening of the trailer for the film, *10-Percent: What Makes A Hero? – A Documentary*, which is currently in production, concerning Dr. Berger's collaborative research with Stanford Professor Philip Zimbardo. The film, by noted director Yoav Shamir, is produced by Michael Moore.



Dr. Rony Berger

This event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the GSU Intellectual Life Committee, Department of Psychology and Counseling, and Division of Communications, Visual, and Performing Arts.

Family Feud!

A game show star in our midst? Professor Yvette Brown from the Division of Communications, Visual, and Performing Arts,



Yevette Brown

will appear soon with her family on the television game show, *Family Feud*.

"It was the dream of my son Kyle and his wife Carla, so my husband Michael, daughter Elise, and I went along," she said. "We tried out and made it! Though it's harder than it looks, it was lots of fun and host Steve Harvey was amazing."

Of the five show maximum, Yevette and her family played four. The airdates for the Brown family are: October 19 to 24 and December 21 to 26 on WPWR-Channel 50, a Fox-affiliated station, at 5 and 5:30 p.m.

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The project was led by Colleague Curriculum Team Leaders Colleen Rock, Director of Academic and Technological Support in the Provost's Office, and Bonnie Simpson, Assistant to the Registrar.

CS Students Honored

The Illinois Technology Foundation (ITF) will honor two GSU students at its sixth annual *50 for the Future* ceremony, which recognizes

exceptional students in technology. Tamisha Rose and Donald Washington were nominated by University Lecturer Steve Hzyny for their achievements at GSU and potential in their fields.

The ceremony on Tuesday, October 23, will be attended by many of Illinois technology industry leaders along with the winners and their families.

Rose, president of the Computer Science Club, and Washington, president of the MIS Club, have demonstrated great capabilities at GSU in both their academic pursuits and extracurricular activities.

Winners of *50 for the Future* go through a rigorous judging process and are chosen for their interest in and potential to use technology. [ITE](#) offers free membership to Illinois students and free job search tools.

Wellness Club Hosts Shoe Collection

You can donate new and gently used shoes to the Kids Wish Network on Wednesday, October 17, from 1 to 6 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. The shoe collection is a Wellness Club community service project.

The Kids Wish Network is an international charitable organization dedicated to infusing hope, creating happy memories, and improving quality of life for children experiencing life-altering situations.

Monetary donations will also be accepted. For further information, contact [Vanessa Newby](#) at 708.534.4551.

Colleague Users Group October Meeting

The next meeting of the Colleague Users Group (CUG) is Wednesday, October 17, at 2 p.m., in D34115.

CUG provides a monthly forum for GSU community members to share and discuss their experiences using the system. Membership in CUG is open to all faculty and staff.

The forum will include a demonstration of Automated Class Wait Listing. Please come to learn about this new registration enhancement and to share your comments and questions.

Contact the [Colleague Project Office](#) with any questions about the meeting.

Handicap This!

The GSU community is invited to attend a free, live stage show, *Handicap This!* on Wednesday, October 17, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts.

The show stars 23-year-old Mike Berkson, a funny, optimistic genius who, while living with Cerebral Palsy, refuses to "dwell on limitations. Instead I ponder unlimited possibilities."

Joining Berkson in this stage show is his former middle school teacher and now friend, Tim Wambach. With music and humor, Berkson and

Wambach share their inspirational message of challenging stereotypes, breaking down barriers, coping with handicaps, and living up to one's potential – and beyond.

This event is sponsored by the Intellectual Life Committee, CAS, CHHS, ARC, and the GSU Office of Student Life.

For more information, contact [Dr. Robbie O'Shea](#).

Throwaways Screening and Discussion

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Immediately following the film, the students and the women featured in *Throwaways* will participate in a discussion of the film's message and a question and answer session.

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This event was coordinated by Caron Jacobson of the GSU Criminal Justice Department. The project was funded by Andrea A. Raila & Associates and a GSU Intellectual Life Grant. Special thanks to the Cook County Commission on Women's Issues Districts 5, 6, and 12.

For more information, contact [Caron Jacobson](#) at 708.235.2136.

Learn About Healthier Food Choices

Take the right turn on the road to health by attending the Nutritional Health Summit on Thursday, October 18, from 1 to 7 p.m., in the Hall of Governors.

Learn the 12-step path to a healthier lifestyle, how to count calories and make healthier selections, and how to incorporate exercise into your life.

The summit is sponsored by the GSU Intellectual Life Committee. For further information, contract [Vanessa Newby](#) at 708.534.4551.

Undergraduate Instant Admission Day – October 20

The Office of Admission and Student Recruitment is hosting an Undergraduate Program Instant Admission Day on Saturday, October 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Representatives from the Offices of Admission, Financial Aid, and Career Services will be on hand to answer questions and guide prospective students through the application process. Academic advisors will be available to answer questions about bachelor's degree programs offered in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business and

Public Administration, Education, and Health and Human Services.

Applications for all undergraduate degree programs, except art and nursing, will be accepted and processed immediately. Attendees are asked to bring official or unofficial transcripts. The undergraduate application fee is \$25.

The Undergraduate Program Instant Admission Day will be held in the Hall of Governors. For more information, please call 708.534.4490.

LGBT History Month Continues

The GSU Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) is sponsoring several events during October, LGBT History Month.

National Coming Out Day Forum will be held today, at 3 p.m., in Engbretson Hall. The forum will include gay, lesbian and ally speakers who relate their personal coming out stories followed by a question and answer session. Refreshments will be served.

GSA meetings are held every Wednesday, at 3 p.m., in E2590. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact gsa.govst@gmail.com or visit <http://gsagsu.weebly.com>.

Get Your Flu Shots

Free flu shots for state employees and retirees will be administered Thursday, October 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 pm in Engbretson Hall.

Free flu shots will be available to state employees, retirees, and university staff with health insurance through the Quality Care Health Plan (QCHP) or State-sponsored managed care plan.

To receive the seasonal vaccination at no charge:

- Each employee must present his/her state health insurance card and his/her state ID card.
- Each retiree must present his/her state health insurance card and another form of ID.

The following are not eligible for free flu shots: dependents, spouses, contractual workers, consultants, and students. Employees who have opted out of health coverage through the state are not eligible.

Goody Treats and CRCP Information

The Chicago Regional College Program (CRCP) has information that can help you pay for your education. Stop by the information table on Monday October 15, from 4 to 6:30 p.m., in the Hall of Governors. You can learn valuable information and get a goeey fudge puppy treat.

For more information on CRCP, visit www.crcprogram.com or call 866.501.2727.

Board of Trustees Meeting – October 5, 2012 (10-08-12)

In a unanimous vote, Governor State University's Board of Trustees

Friday extended President Elaine P. Maimon's contract through June 30, 2018.

Trustees, in approving the contract extension, expressed continuing support, and sincere appreciation and gratitude for Dr. Maimon's leadership of the university.



President Maimon

Since taking office in 2007, Dr. Maimon has focused on, and succeeded in, five areas of leadership that are of strategic interest to GSU's future, trustees said. They are:

- Growing enrollment and programs at the university;
- Improving educational and service quality;
- Increasing and enhancing the access of all students to GSU's educational programs;
- Establishing the university as a regional leader in area development; and
- Enhancing the productivity and accountability of the university's programs and management.

Trustee Lorine Samuels said Dr. Maimon is responsible for GSU's notable forward progress in recent years. "It is because of her that this university is on a trajectory of great success," she said.

Dr. Maimon thanked the board for its vote of confidence and gave credit to the current administrative team, along with GSU faculty and staff members who work tirelessly to help students succeed.

Dr. Maimon's current contract runs through June 30, 2013.

In other business, the Board of Trustees authorized the university to accept a \$100,000 gift from the Canadian National Railway. The gift will be used to establish a state-of-the-art video conferencing supply chain and logistics laboratory that provides software and hardware to deliver the university's new MBA in supply chain management.

Board approval is needed to accept the gift, as well as to name the classroom laboratory after CN Rail, with a plaque located in the room. In addition, four graduate fellowships will be considered "Canadian National Railway Fellows."

GSU is considering further naming opportunities as a means of raising funds for university programs. A proposed new university policy was introduced Friday. If approved, it will set rules for the naming of GSU structures, programs, endowments, and other funds in honor of significant financial donors.

Trustees approved a request for a new unit of instruction for a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science degree. Provost Terry Allison explained that GSU is the only state university in Illinois without an undergraduate political science program. He said most of the courses for the political science major are already in place.

Under GSU's academic master plan, social science offerings are being expanded. A new anthropology and sociology major was recently introduced and plans are in the works for history and economics

programs. Dr. Allison said a political science bachelor's degree could be offered as early as next fall. It first needs to be approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

The Board of Trustees also:

- Awarded Professor Emeritus status to six retired faculty members: Dr. Joseph Addison, Dr. Greg Blevins, Dr. Arthur Bourgeois, Dr. Marsha Katz, Dr. Peggy Woodward, and Professor Nancy Shlaes.
- Approved a collective bargaining agreement and wage increase for GSU police officers, corporals, sergeants, and telecommunicators represented by the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police.
- Approved one personal day, to be taken during the 2013 fiscal year, to non-negotiated employees who are rated "generally exceeds expectations" or "superior" on their annual performance reviews. The university traditionally grants an extra day off to employees who fall within this category.
- Elected officers for the coming year. Jack Beaupre will serve as chair, Brian Mitchell will be vice chair, and Eileen Durkin will be secretary.



Lois Mayer

Prior to the meeting, the Board paid tribute to former Trustee Lois Mayer, who retired from the Board earlier this year. She had been on the Board since 2006 and was instrumental in bringing the GSU wind turbine to campus.

Dr. Maimon said Mayer was always concerned with making GSU a better place – whether in terms of safety, beautification projects, or the environment – for students and the rest of the university community.

Mayer said it had been an honor to serve on the Board. "The most significant thing we did was to bring on Dr. Maimon as president," she said. "It is amazing to see what's happening at GSU."

WTTW Plans 'Reflections on Fatherhood' Broadcast (12-04-12)

Reflections on Fatherhood, a production of GSU's Division of Digital Learning and Media Design, will be presented on WTTW-Channel 11 early next year.

The one-hour program was videotaped in April, and features stories by GSU students and faculty members. The project is based on journalist John Fountain's book, *Dear Dad: Reflections on Fatherhood*, a compilation of true stories about relationships with fathers. WGN-Channel 9 anchor/reporter Robert Jordan hosted the program.



"This is a major accomplishment and a tribute to the united efforts our staff, faculty and administration," said DLMD Director Charles Nolley. He said the airing of the program will show GSU in the best possible light.

Robert Jordan, John Fountain

The project began as an Intellectual Life Grant proposal from Keisha Dyson, program developer and adjunct faculty member, and graduate assistant Blake Labriola.

Board of Trustees Meeting Friday

The full Board of Trustees meeting will take place on Friday, October 5, in the William D. McGee Hall of Honors.

GSU will honor retired Trustee Lois Mayer with a breakfast beginning at 8 a.m. The meeting will begin after the breakfast, at approximately 8:30 a.m.

Sergio Gomez Chosen as Featured Artist

Congratulations to GSU alumnus Sergio Gomez, who has been chosen as one of 18 featured artists during Chicago Artists Month 2012.

You can [read his profile](#) at the Chicago Artist Month website.

GSU Library Supports Information Literacy Month

October has officially been proclaimed Information Literacy Month in Illinois. The gubernatorial proclamation stresses the importance of information literacy skills in education, career, and citizenship.

As a strong advocate for information literacy, the GSU Library is providing a workshop series in October to help students brush up on skills needed for accessing, evaluating, and using academic information. GSU students and clubs can also arrange a customized workshop that meets their needs.

Visit the [Library Workshop Schedule](#) for upcoming workshops, or [Request a Workshop](#) page to set up your made-to-order workshop.

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These conversations are free and open to the public. Co-sponsors are the Political and Justice Studies Program and the Consortium for Civic

Engagement. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate.

NMSP Hosts Iron Pour Saturday

Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park (NMSP) at Governors State University is hosting a full day of exciting activities at its inaugural Iron Pour Jamboree, a family event from 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 6.



Dan Kendall

The Iron Pour Jamboree is a unique opportunity to see how metal sculptures are created, to produce your own art, and to witness spectacular results when fire and iron come together.

From 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., participants can join artists and students as they create sculptures by using scratch molds, small molds for making simple relief sculptures.

As darkness falls, NMSP is hosting the Iron Pour Spectacle, a once-in-a-lifetime visual experience. It is free of charge and takes place from 5 to 7 p.m. Boston-based artists Marjee Levine and Dan Kendall will pay homage to the Great Chicago Fire, whose anniversary falls on October 8.

Tickets for the Iron Pour Jamboree are \$25 before October 6 and \$35 on the day of the event. Scratch molds cost \$20. For more information, to make reservations, or to buy tickets, contact NMSP director and curator Geoffrey Bates at 708.534.4486 or sculpture@govst.edu.

SLATE Show Chronicles Proposition 8 Battle

"8," a play chronicling the historic trial in the federal constitutional challenge to California's Proposition 8, is coming to Governors State University for two performances in Sherman Hall, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 25 and Friday, October 26.

"8," written by Academy Award-winning screenwriter Dustin Lance Black, is a production of the Southland Area Theater Ensemble (SLATE).

The play is an unprecedented account of the Federal District Court trial in *Perry v. Schwarzenegger* (now *Perry v. Brown*), the case filed to overturn Proposition 8, which stripped gay and lesbian Californians of the freedom to marry.

Admission to "8" is free with reservations. To reserve tickets, contact the GSU Center for Performing Arts at www.centertickets.net or 708.235.2222.

Nikki Giovanni to Speak at GSU November 7

Nikki Giovanni, world-renowned American poet, writer, activist, and educator, will



Nikki Giovanni

appear at the Governors State University Center for Performing Arts on Wednesday, November 7 at 7 p.m. She will speak on "The Courage for Equality: Love, Work, Society."

The event is free and open to the public. Ms. Giovanni's presentation will be followed by a question and answer period and book signing.

Register online to reserve a space at nikkigiovanni.eventbrite.com. For more information call 708.534.4024.

Nikki Giovanni's appearance is sponsored by the GSU College of Education, College of Arts and Science, Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education, and Illinois Counseling Association. WVON-1690 AM is the media sponsor.

Sculpture Exhibit at GSU Gallery Ends Saturday

The GSU Visual Arts Gallery presents *Ways of Making: Sculpture* through October 6. The exhibition is being presented in conjunction with events at the International Sculpture Center Convention in Chicago and Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park at GSU.

The exhibition features featuring Chicago-area artists Juan Angel Chavez, Barbara Cooper, Bob Emser, and Vivian Visser. It is the fourth in the series that focuses on the art program's offerings at GSU. The exhibit was curated by gallery director Jeff Stevenson.

The closing reception, on Saturday, October 6, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., will honor the artists. It will also coincide with the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park Iron Pour Jamboree and the International Sculpture Center Convention in Chicago. Convention attendees will be bused to GSU's campus to enjoy the festivities.

Campus Community Campaign Plans Magical Kickoff

The 2012-2013 annual Campus Community Fund starts Tuesday, October 9 with a gala kickoff event at 12:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria Annex. This year's theme is Making a Greater Individual Commitment – M.A.G.I.C.

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To sign up for the M.A.G.I.C. campaign or for more information, employees may contact their respective Campus Community Campaign volunteer, come to the Development Office in room D34200, or contact [Jackie Small](#) at ext. 2188.

LGBT History Month Events Continue

October marks the 18th annual celebration of LGBT History Month, a time dedicated to celebrating moments in the history of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. The GSU Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) is sponsoring several events during the month of October.

The GSA will host a presentation by Erin Davies on October 9, at 3 p.m., in Sherman Hall. Davis was the victim of a hate crime when her VW Beetle was vandalized because she sported a rainbow sticker. Her subsequent 45-state, 58-day tour of the country is chronicled in the documentary *Fagbug*.

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Discount Tickets for Fright Fest this weekend

Have a frightfully fun day at Great America this weekend -- and save while you're enjoying yourself. The GSU Alumni Association has arranged for discounted tickets on Saturday, October 6 and Sunday, October 7.

You'll receive tickets for only \$30 each when you order tickets at www.sixflags.com/greatamerica and use the discount code GSUAlumni2012.

Civil Service Sells Sweets

The Civil Service Affy Tapple/Bake sale will take place on Wednesday, October 24, from 11a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Hall of Governors. All proceeds will go to the GSU Educational Assistance Fund.

If you would like to place a preorder you may do so by contacting [Andrea Dalpolo](#) at ext. 4582 before October 17.

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Forum Examines Deployment Family Challenges

A free public forum, *Before and After Deployment: Trauma and the Impact on the Military Family*, will be held on Monday, October 29, from 3 to 6:30 p.m. in the GSU Center for Performing Arts.

This event is being sponsored by the College of Health and Human Services, the Department of Social Work, the College of Education, Governors State University Intellectual Life Committee, the University Honors Program and the Wounded Warriors Project.

RSVP for this event by contacting Michael Griffin at 630.201.3485, or militaryforum2@yahoo.com. Please leave your name, e-mail address, and the number of people who will be attending.

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Planning for 2014 Takes Center Stage

All GSU faculty and staff are invited to "The Essentials of First-Year Student Success: Planning for 2014," an informational forum, on Friday, October 19. The event, taking place on the Center for Performing Arts stage, begins with a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m.

The program will start at 9 a.m.

Two nationally known experts from the John N. Gardner Institute for Excellence in Undergraduate Education, Betsy Barefoot and John Gardner, will speak at the event.

The campus-wide discussion regarding planning for GSU's first freshman class in 2014 began with last March's forum featuring Carol Geary Schneider. The October 19 event will continue that conversation.

Lunch will also be served. The day's activities should be finished by 4:30 p.m.

RSVPs are required for this event. To RSVP, contact [Joan Johns Maloney](mailto:Joan.Johns.Maloney@gsu.edu) at 708.534.4131.

GS2U Workshop on Tuesday

You can refresh, revise, and renew your skills at a GS2U workshop on Tuesday, October 2, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the Hall of Honors.

The workshop, a collaboration between GS2U, Online Teaching and Learning, and the Colleague Project Management Office, offers assistance with Blackboard, the GSU portal, and online learning.

For more information, to register, or to suggest a future workshop topic, e-mail gs2u@govst.edu.

Pierre Tests The Tail of the Dragon



Occupational Therapy student Jackie Ryon provided this narrative about Pierre the Penguin's trip to the mountains this summer. GSU View is reproducing it in its entirety.

"Pierre had the time of his life during his trip to our nation's most visited National Park, The Great Smoky Mountains.

A penguin and his bike of the Dragon-Deals Gap,' aka Route 129 through

Tennessee and North Carolina, on his own motorcycle with the big boyz, while riding for our POWS. The Tail of the Dragon-Deals Gap is a world-renowned stretch of highway that is 11 miles long with 318 twisting and turning curves. He did awesome!

"Afterward, Pierre got some R & R in from 'the day of the adrenaline rush' and rafted down the Little River in Townsend, Tennessee.



Captain Pierre

"He also had the experience of being captain for the day, as he navigated his way through the back hills of Tennessee!!! He had sooooo much fun; he can't wait to go back and do it again when the fall colors are at their peak!"

Magical Kickoff to Campus Community Campaign

Simply magical.

When you contribute to GSU's 2012-2013 Campus Community Campaign, you'll create the best kind of magic. Your contributions provide important funding for scholarships and worthwhile projects at our university.

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To sign up for the M.A.G.I.C. campaign or for more information, employees may contact their respective Campus Community Campaign volunteer, come to the Development Office in room D34200, or contact [Jackie Small](#) at ext. 2188.

Application Period Starts for Intellectual Life Grants

The Intellectual Life Committee is again offering Intellectual Life Grants. Intellectual Life Grants will be awarded for up to \$500 for events taking place between January 22 and May 3, 2013, that promote and increase awareness of the arts, humanities and other intellectual topics of universal interest. Possible events might include lecture series, faculty research salons, workshops, panel discussions, film screenings, exhibits, presentations in local communities and field trips.

The primary audience for these events is GSU students, although the events should be open to all members of the GSU community and the region.

GSU staff and faculty, as well as enrolled GSU students with a faculty collaborator, are invited to apply using the Intellectual Life Grant Application. Events must be promoted as sponsored by the GSU Intellectual Life Committee in addition to any other sponsors.

Selection criteria include:

- Comparative analysis between grant projects presented
- Value to the GSU community in terms of intellectual life,
- Strategies for promoting the event,
- Completion of the event within Spring 2013 Semester, and
- Feasibility of the project based on the support of this grant plus any other sources of funding.

Grant funding may not be used to compensate GSU employees or purchase hardware or software.

Submissions are due October 26. Please fill out the [linked form](#) in Microsoft Word and e-mail it to lruetten@govst.edu. Award winners will be notified by November 9.

Fostering Psychological Healing

In a special presentation, GSU will host Dr. Rony Berger, clinical psychologist, family and child therapist, and internationally recognized expert in dealing with the psychological preparation for and the aftermath of terrorism and other major disasters.



Dr. Rony Berger

Dr. Berger will discuss *Fostering Psychological Healing in the Aftermath of Terrorism and Other Major Disasters*, on Monday, October 15, from 6 to 7 p.m., in Sherman Hall. The event will also include a screening of the trailer for the film, "10-Percent: What Makes A Hero? – A Documentary" on Dr. Berger's collaborative research with Stanford Professor Philip Zimbardo. The film, currently in production, is being directed by Yoav Shamir and produced by Michael Moore.

Dr. Berger is on the faculty of Emergency Medicine at Ben Gurion University as well as on the faculty of the Stress, Crisis and Trauma program at Tel Aviv University. He also serves as a Fellow of Psychology beyond Borders; a humanitarian organization that aims at alleviating the psychological suffering in the aftermath of traumatic events.

This event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Intellectual Life Committee; the Department of Psychology and Counseling; and the Division of Communication, Visual, and Performing Arts.

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Users of the Faculty/Staff Exchange E-mail system should anticipate some delays and rejections of sent e-mails. It may be necessary for users to contact individuals to resend important e-mail messages. If possible, users should avoid sending e-mails during the implementation period.

For further information, contact the GSU Helpdesk, at 708.534-H-E-L-P (4357).

GSU Students Present Film and Discussion on Life after Prison

Students in the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice degree program are hosting a special program to encourage discussion and understanding of the adjustment problems facing women after incarceration. The program begins at 6 p.m., on October 17, with the screening of *Throwaways*, a documentary film made by GSU students. The film follows the lives of several women as they adjust to life after prison.

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For more information, contact [Caron Jacobson](mailto:Caron.Jacobson@gsu.edu) at 708.235.2136.

Master Academic Calendar Posted in Portal

The Office of the Provost has produced a calendar of important deadlines in the academic area. It is now posted in the portal and is accessible under the "announcements" section. Timelines for Retention/Promotion/Tenure/PAI processes, Assignment of Duties, Faculty Search processes, and more, are included.

Don't be late in completing important processes and paperwork – make the calendar a place you visit regularly. Please note that a key to the acronyms used for many of the calendar entries is available at the end of the calendar.

New Issue of Reconstructed Under Construction

Attention aspiring writers and artists. *Reconstructed*, GSU's online literature and arts journal, is looking for submissions for its next issue.

If you're interested in more exposure for your poetry, short stories, artwork, or short films—we're here to help. Visit <http://www3.govst.edu/reconstructed/> to view the current issue and for submission guidelines under the "Submit" tab.

Send submissions or any inquiries to: reconstructed@govst.edu. Submissions deadline for the next issue is December 2.

Flu Fighters

Free flu shots for eligible state members are being offered on Thursday, October 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Engbretson Hall.

State employees, retirees and university staff who have health insurance through the Quality Care Health Plan (QCHP) or a state-sponsored managed care plan are eligible for the shots.

Dependents, spouses, survivors, contractual workers, consultants, students and employees who opted out of the health insurance through the state are NOT eligible for the free seasonal flu shot through this program.

To receive the shots, employees must present their health insurance card and state ID card. Retirees must present their health insurance card and another form of identification.

For additional dates and locations, go to www.benefitschoice.il.gov.



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