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## NEWS

### **Students are Tweeting the GSU Facts, #SaveOurEducation**

With the threat of serious budget cuts to Illinois higher education looming, the GSU Student Senate campaign entitled #SaveOurEducation for GSU students is in full-swing and they want everyone to get involved.

This week, the GSU Student Senate is tweeting and posting facts about GSU on FB and Twitter under the #SaveOurEducation hashtag. They strongly encourage you to Like their Facebook page, and share their posts daily or create your own. The point is to generate buzz about the great things happening at GSU.

You can also sign the Change.org petition written by the Student Government Association Vice President, Addison Jackson at <http://bit.ly/saveoureducation>. They would like to get as many signatures as possible, so share the petition with your friends, family, and others who care about the future of higher education in Illinois.

Next week, the GSU Student Senate asks you to write letters to the editors of local papers and make your voice heard.

The culminating event will be a student and staff trip to Springfield on April 22 to meet with state legislators.

If you're interested in going to Springfield visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SaveOurEducation>  
Or contact Sheree Sanderson at [ssanderson@govst.edu](mailto:ssanderson@govst.edu).

### **Workshop on Doing Business in Latin America is a Success**

On Friday, March 27, the College of Business and Public Administration (CBPA) at GSU held a "Doing Business in Latin America" workshop in Engbretson Hall. More than 90 people from area businesses and other organizations attended the day-long event.

The workshop included presentations by trade specialists from Brazil, Colombia, and Panama, as well as federal and state government trade representatives. Presentations focused on the opportunities and

challenges presented by emerging Latin American markets, as well as the various services provided by U.S. government agencies to assist small and medium-sized businesses that intend to expand their reach to global markets. The keynote speaker was Dr. Roberto Garcia, Director of the Indiana University Center for International Business Education and Research (IU CIBER), who shared valuable insights on understanding and managing in Latin American cultures. The event concluded with a dynamic business panel where business representatives shared their experiences in doing business in the Latin American markets. For the presentation slides, please visit the following link: <http://www.govst.edu/DoingBusinessIn/>



*Speakers at the Doing Business in Latin America Workshop were: Front row, from left: Dr. Olu Ijose, GSU Faculty; Vicki Linko, CEO Funk Linko; Jun Zhao, Division Chair; Lorraine Campos do Nascimento (of Brazilian Consulate); Margo Markopolous, Acting Deputy Director, Office of Trade and Investment, State of Illinois; Mary Ma, Director ITC, GSU. Back row, from left: Pricilla Cordero, Director of SBDC; Carter Sterling, CEO Sterling Lumber; Dr. Ellen Foster-Curtis, Dean; Juan Heilbron, Economic Attache, Embassy of Panama, and Christopher Timmons, Senior Solutions Manager, CN.*

Some of the companies represented in the audience were British Petroleum (BP), Canadian National Railway (CN), ELFI Building Systems and Solutions, Home Depot, MB Financial Bank, Sterling Lumber, and WinTrust Corp. The event not only provided an opportunity for the business representatives to learn from the experts in the field who spoke during the program, but also a chance for them to make connections that will be helpful to their expansion in the emerging markets in Latin America.

This event was supported by a Department of Education grant through the Indiana University Center for International Business Education and Research, a long-term CBPA partner. It was co-sponsored by the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and International Trade Center (ITC), as well as the U.S. Department of Commerce, and Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (IL DCEO). This was the first in the "Doing Business in..." series the CBPA will offer during the next four years (2014-2018) with IU CIBER grant support. The focus region in 2016 will be Africa.

The 2014-2015 IU CIBER grant will also provide support for GSU study abroad trip to Brazil (June 7-19), and a two day Faculty Development in International Business workshop, created for business and economics faculty at community colleges (June 10-11). More details about the summer workshops can be found at the link: <http://www.govst.edu/oce/FDIBworkshops/>

## **Students Rate Lorenzini Top 5 Criminal Justice Prof in U.S.**

Congratulations to GSU professor Pietro Lorenzini, who is featured as one of the top criminal justice professors in the country in a blog post on Criminal Justice Pursuit entitled "[Top 5: Student-Rated Criminal Justice Professors.](#)" Criminal Justice Pursuit is an educational publishing website specializing in criminal justice degrees and careers.

## National Security Agency Representative Visits GSU

Diana Parr from the National Security Agency (NSA), Washington, DC visited GSU on Wednesday, March 25 to speak about the NSA's mission, academic alliances and internship/employment opportunities. Parr told a packed Hall of Honors crowd that the NSA is especially looking for students majoring in computer science, information technology, and mathematics. She fully explained the application procedures with the NSA to students who might be interested in a career with the agency.



*From Left: Richard Manpriso, GSU university lecturer, Science; Ms. Diana Parr of the NSA; Dr. Yun-Yau (Steve) Shih, GSU Division Chair, Science, and Aslam (Sam) Shahid, university lecturer, Computer Science.*

After her presentation, Parr was presented with a "Certificate of Appreciation" signed by Dr. Shih, Dr. Park, and Mr. Shahid and a GSU coffee mug from the Division of Computing, Mathematics, and Technology. She also toured the new computer and science labs, and was "very impressed" with GSU's infrastructure.

## Addictions Studies Students Attend State Conference

In late March, two students of GSU's Master of Health Science in Addictions Studies attended the 2015 Illinois Counseling Association's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Conference, held in Collinsville.

The students, Sandra Knezevic and Shirley Washington, conducted a joint poster presentation on "Understanding Stress Reactivity across a Culturally Diverse Population among Children Affected by War Zone Complex Trauma."

"Our main focus was to look at the effects of childhood trauma (primarily war zone-inflicted trauma) by focusing on attachment theory, stress-reactivity, and brain chemistry. We then focused on treatment alternatives and ways in which counselors can be sensitive in working with this population," Knezevic said.



*Shirley Washington (left) and Sandra Knezevic, students in GSU's Master of Health Science in Addictions Studies program.*

The students — both newcomers to academic presentations —received extremely positive feedback on their research and presentation, Washington noted. “I wasn’t sure what to expect. Several attendees felt that we should win the prize for best presentation,” she said.

“People were very impressed with our topic,” Knezevic said. “The fact that we looked at war zone trauma in particular struck an interest. People wanted more information and asked us to forward our references to them. Most of them felt like this was a topic that can benefit from further research. Our overall experience was phenomenal.”

At some point, Washington would like to work with veterans; both she and Knezevic are preparing to take their CADC (Certified Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Counselor) exams in April. They are both graduating in May from the MHS in Addictions Studies/Addictions Counseling Concentration, which both students give high marks.

“Ours is a top-quality program,” Knezevic noted. “I have received a well-rounded education and feel that I’m well-equipped to work with this population in the near future. The professors have been outstanding, willing to go ‘the extra mile,’” she said.

Washington would “definitely” recommend the MHS program in Addictions Counseling to other students, she said. “And it’s a much-needed program, considering the issues we face in our society today. The program features a lot of real-world experience, with an emphasis on translating theory to practice,” Washington said.

## BUZZ

### Sexual Assault Awareness Month Events

A promotional poster for Sexual Assault Awareness Month at Governors State University. The top section is orange with white text: "GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY" and "2015 SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH". Below this is a dark grey section with white text: "SAFER CAMPUSES. BRIGHTER FUTURES. PREVENT SEXUAL VIOLENCE." The main text "ACTIVIST FOR CHANGE" is in large, bold, white letters, with a circular logo containing a megaphone icon. At the bottom, there is a teal link "JOIN THE MOVEMENT: WWW.NSVRC.ORG/SAAM" and the "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" logo with a teal ribbon icon.



April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) and GSU is holding a number of activities throughout the month. Beginning with the Monday, April 6 review of the film "The Invisible War" at 7:30 p.m. in the Hall of Honors, and continuing through Denim Day on April 29, SAAM events at GSU will provide an opportunity for education and discussion for students, faculty, and staff. [Click Here](#) to see the entire SAAM schedule of events.

## Vacation Education At GSU



Take advantage of the ultimate summertime college opportunity... the chance to pick up a class you need to fill a General Education requirement while you have the time and none of the stress. Vacation Education at GSU offers Gen. Ed. courses at convenient times – when you have the time. Our flexible summer schedule accommodates your need to work as well as your need to have a summer break by offering daytime and evening classes. [Click here](#) for more information.

## The Annual Student Leadership Awards

The Student Leadership Awards will be held on Friday, May 1, in the Hall of Governors. This program is designed to highlight the achievements, of GSU Student Clubs and Organizations, as well as the staff, faculty, and administrators who support these groups. This year's event, will celebrate the students' many accomplishments, and reminded them of the impact that their student clubs and organizations have on the university and campus community. Nominations are currently being accepted in the following categories:

- Outstanding Student Club/Organization Award
- Outstanding Graduate Student Award
- Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award
- Freshman of the Year Award
- Rising Star Award
- New Student Club/Organization of the Year
- Program of the Year
- Outstanding Club/Organization Advisor
- Outstanding Support Staff
- The Elaine P. Maimon Award

GSU Students, Faculty, Staff and Administration are eligible to nominate by using the link below. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/StudentLeadershipAwards2015>

## Get Growing With the Sustainable Garden!



Begin preparing your gardening tools to use at the University Sustainable Garden! GSU will once again offer garden plots for the 2015 growing season. The University Sustainable Garden gives faculty, staff, students, and community members an opportunity to grow organic vegetables of their choice. Facilities Development & Management has expanded the size and number of plots based on demand. Make 2015 a healthier year for you and your family! Stay tuned for more announcements in the upcoming weeks.

## Volunteers Needed!

Dr. Robbie O'Shea, Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy at Governors State University, is seeking individuals with a neurological impairment to participate as mock patients/clients for her students' final exam on Wednesday, April 29, at either 10 a.m.–Noon or 1–3 p.m. at GSU.

The 2nd year Doctor of Physical Therapy students have been studying Neuro PT for the past year and are to be tested on their neuro evaluation skills. All those serving as mock patients/clients will receive a free Physical Therapy Assessment and home program.

For more Information, please contact Dr. Robbie O'Shea, at [roshea@govst.edu](mailto:roshea@govst.edu) or 708.235.3994. Participants must register in advance.

## EVENTS

### Friends of the Library Book Sale April 8

The donations to the Friends of the Library during the most recent book drive have been outstanding! There are a number of newer items in a broad variety of subject areas including: education, psychology, technology, nursing and criminal justice to name a few. In addition, there are some DVDs and cassettes along with a number of surprises.

The sale will be from Wednesday, April 8 from 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the alcove between the top of the stairs in the main entrance to GSU and the elevator. A large bag of books is \$5, and a small bag of books is \$3. Individual books, depending on whether they are paperback or hard cover will begin at 25 cents.

### Got Chow?

Donate canned goods on Monday, April 13 at noon in the Hall of Governors and you will receive a free baked good! All donations will go to restock GSU's Food Pantry. Sponsored by the Muslim Student Association and Social Work.

### National Volunteer Week April 13-18

# National Volunteer Week

"Celebrating People in Action"

**April 13-18 2015**



National Volunteer Week, April 13-18, is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their communities. It's about demonstrating to the nation that by working together, we have the fortitude to meet our challenges and accomplish our goals. This week is about taking action and encouraging individuals and their respective communities to be at the center of social change – discovering and actively demonstrating their collective power to make a difference.

The Community Service Council and the Civic Engagement and Community Service Center will host a week of events dedicated toward encouraging the GSU's community to understand the important community service and ways they will be able to give back to their local community. [Click Here](#) to see the scheduled events.

## **Blood Drive April 14**

GSU's Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA) and The Community Service Council (CSC) will co-sponsor a GSU Community Blood Drive Tuesday, April 14, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the University's Game Lounge.

Donors are asked to register in advance at [www.heartlandbc.org](http://www.heartlandbc.org), or contact Saadah (SOTA) at [sottman@student.govst.edu](mailto:sottman@student.govst.edu), Taneisha (CSC) at [tpalmer2@govst.edu](mailto:tpalmer2@govst.edu), or call the OT office at 708.235.7589. Donors must be at least 17 years of age and weigh a minimum of 110 lbs. You must bring a photo ID with you to the Blood Drive.

Those with questions regarding their donor eligibility are asked to contact Heartland Blood Centers directly at 708.633.0101. Donated blood is a precious gift. All blood donors will receive a T-shirt in thanks for their lifesaving contribution.

## **Dr. Sonia Nieto April 16**

The Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center and the College of Education with support from The Teacher Quality Partnership Grant Present: A Conversation with Dr. Sonia Nieto, April 16, 5:00 p.m. in the E-Lounge.

Educator, researcher, writer, and teacher, Sonia Nieto is Professor Emerita of Language, Literacy, and Culture, College of Education, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She has taught students from elementary school through doctoral studies and her research focuses on multicultural education, teacher education, and the education of Latinos, immigrants, and other students of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.





Dr. Nieto will be speaking about her recently published book, *Why We Teach Now* (Teachers College Press, 2015). Other recent books include *Finding Joy in Teaching Students of Diverse Backgrounds: Culturally Responsive and Socially Just Practices in U.S. Classrooms* (2013); *Affirming Diversity: The Sociopolitical Context of Multicultural Education* (6th ed, 2012, with Patty Bode); *The Light in Their Eyes: Creating Multicultural Learning Communities* (2nd edition, 2010); *Language, Culture, and Teaching: Critical Perspectives* (2nd ed, 2010). Her memoir, *Brooklyn Dreams: My Life as a Public Educator* (Harvard Education Press) will be published in the fall.

The program includes a reception and book signing. Books will be available for purchase at event.

For further information about Dr. Nieto, please see her web page <http://www.sonianieto.com>. For further information about this workshop, please contact Teri Sosa, Director Faculty Scholarship and Teaching Center, [tsosa@govst.edu](mailto:tsosa@govst.edu).

## Spring Career Fair April 16

The Spring Career and Internship Fair will be held Thursday, April 16, from 2-5 p.m., in the Center for Performing Arts Lobby, Engbretson Hall and the Hall of Governors. The fair is for people interested in jobs and internship opportunities in communications, technology, business and public administration, criminal justice, addiction studies, community health, and related fields.

Current students, alumni, and community members are invited to attend. Potential employers are also invited to register as participants. This is an opportunity to match jobs and internships positions with qualified personnel. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (708) 235-3974.

## Gender Matters Conference April 17-18

The 5th annual Gender Matters Conference will be held Friday and Saturday, April 17-18 in Engbretson Hall. Conference hours are 11 a.m.-9 p.m. on Friday, and 9 a.m.-8:15 p.m. on Saturday. This year's program promises to be as outstanding as ever!

In addition to conference panel presentations and keynote speakers, David Hanley-Tejeda, a performance poet and intercultural communication professor, will perform *MeSo Mestizo* on Saturday.



*David Hanley-Tejada*

All are welcome and admission is free. [Click here](#) for more information and a complete schedule of events.

## Poetry on the Prairie

Are you a lover of poetry? Are you a poet? April is National Poetry Month and we are celebrating poetry here at GSU! Mark your calendars for April 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> between 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the library D2401A where all at GSU are invited to join Professor Rashidah Muhammad and fellow poetry lovers in a lively conversation inspired by the poems featured daily on the [POETS.org](http://POETS.org) site.

There will also be a poetry workshop conducted by Dr. Muhammad and Josh Sopiartz of the library faculty, Wednesday, April 15 from 5-7 p.m., in the library conference room. This workshop will allow students who are interested in participating in the Poetry Slam/Open Mic on Monday, April 27 to prepare their work. Topics of the workshop will include:

- Free expression: put thoughts on paper
- Purpose: What is it the poet wants to say?
- The Beat: Poetry must have rhythm

For more information, email: [RMuhammad@govst.edu](mailto:RMuhammad@govst.edu)

## MILE Workshop April 16

Join us on April 16 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. in the E Lounge when the Metropolitan Institute for Leadership in Education (MILE) hosts Dr. Donna Ford presenting an all day workshop: "To Be Young, Gifted, and Black: The under-representation of minorities in gifted education programs."



*Dr. Donna Ford*

Dr. Ford's research on gifted and diverse student populations is unique, moving, personal, and powerful. This workshop will bring hands-on tools for teachers and principals to improve their strategies on identifying and supporting gifted minority children. [Register here](#).

## SAVE THE DATE

### Fundraiser for Sertoma Centre April 18

The GSU Chapter of the National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association (NSSLHA) will host a Spring Bowl fundraiser for Sertoma Centre, Inc., on Saturday, April 18, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Oak Forest Bowl and The Park, 15240 Cicero Avenue, Oak Forest. NSSLHA members are graduate and undergraduate students enrolled in Communication Disorders at GSU.

In addition to bowling, a Silent Auction featuring evening gowns, sports tickets and more will be held. All proceeds will go to Sertoma Centre, Inc., a not-for-profit agency headquartered in Alsip that serves individuals with developmental disabilities.

Children age 11 and under may bowl for free. Adults and children age 12 and older who want to attend the event (but not bowl) will be charged \$5. Adults and children age 12 and older who would like to bowl will be charged \$10. Admission for senior citizens is \$5; senior citizens who want to bowl will be charged \$7.

Additional information and updates are available at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/804621752920545/>

### Ice Cream Social Thursday, April 23

All students, faculty, staff are invited to stop by the Hall of Governors Thursday, April 23 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for an Ice Cream Social, sponsored by the Graduate Professional Network.

Zarlengo's Italian Ice and Gelato will be coming to campus with Italian ice, chocolate-dipped ice cream bar cookie sandwiches, and four flavors of gelato.

For more information, Email Matt Gentry at [mgentry@student.govst.edu](mailto:mgentry@student.govst.edu).

### Faculty Research Salon April 24: Impact of Environments on Children with Disabilities

Nine faculty members from the College of Health and Human Services and the College of Education will discuss their evidence-based scholarship relating to the role that physical, social, cultural, political and economic environments play in the daily lives of children with disabilities.

The event will commence with a continental breakfast at 8 a.m. on Friday, April 24, 2015, and will end at 1 p.m. All GSU students, faculty, staff members and the general public are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Katie or Melissa at [chpintern@govst.edu](mailto:chpintern@govst.edu) or 708-235-3981. If there is no answer, leave a voice mail and you will be added to the RSVP list.

### Kimberly Akimbo April 24-25

GSU Theatre and Performance Studies will present "Kimberly Akimbo" Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25 at 8 p.m. in the Sherman Recital Hall.



This hilarious play follows a teenager with a rare condition causing her body to age faster than it should. When she and her family flee Secaucus under dubious circumstances, Kimberly is forced to reevaluate her life amidst dealing with a totally dysfunctional family, her own mortality, and, most terrifying of all, the possibility of first love. [Click Here](#) for tickets and more information, and to watch a backstage video on Kimberly Akimbo.

## 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Student Research Committee

GSU will hold its 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Student Research Conference on Tuesday, April 28.

**Conference:** The conference will provide students an opportunity to present their research work before an audience of their peers, and will provide a forum to highlight research accomplishments at GSU. All the presentations will be made by students only. Please encourage your students to present their research and other scholarly work in this conference.

**Registration and Abstract Forms:** The registration and the abstract submission forms are [available here](#). Please send the filled forms electronically by email to [skumar@govst.edu](mailto:skumar@govst.edu).

All attendees are required to register using the registration forms. Students are encouraged to attend the conference even if they are not presenting any paper. Invite your students to attend the conference and join for lunch. However, students must be registered before the deadline of Friday, April 17, 2015. There is no registration fee.

**Deadline:** Registration and Abstract Submission Deadline: Friday, April 17, 2015.

**Program:** 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The conference will begin at 9 a.m. and will have morning and afternoon podium presentations. The posters will be displayed right after the lunch, which will be provided to all registrants. Certificates of Merit will be awarded to all student participants.

**Conference Format:** Students may present their work in podium presentation or poster presentation formats. The podium presentations will be 15 minutes in duration followed by five minutes question/answer session. In the poster presentations students will display their work in small posters which will cover an area of 4' W x 3' H.

**Conference Proceedings:** All abstracts will be published in the conference proceedings.

### Facebook Posts of the Week



*Response to our Association of Latin American Students at GSU hold a "die-in" post:*  
**Fabi Capetillo** Wow that's really amazing!!  
**Cynthia V. Guerrero Barrera** Heartfelt!!!!



*Response to our Lorenzini named Top 5: Student-Rated Criminal Justice Professors post:*  
**Matthew Chrysokos** I had him for my constitutional law course. He was one of my better professors.  
**Dre Gee** He was my professor and a great one too.

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