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FORUM

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AWRI gets \$250,000 grant for outreach, education

Researchers at the Annis Water Resources Institute will be able to continue extensive Great Lakes education and outreach programs through 2014 after receiving a \$250,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The grant will fund the Coordinated Vessel-Based Education and Outreach Activities program, which delivers onboard educational experiences for the general public, public officials, educators and K-12 students in strategic ports of call around the Great Lakes.

The program has been in place for two years, and is a coordinated effort among AWRI, Michigan State University's Sea Grant Extension Program and the Inland Seas Education Association. The two-year grant will allow program organizers, including Janet Vail, AWRI associate research scientist, to continue coordinated efforts of school research vessels to address education and outreach goals.

"Being on an outreach and education vessel provides a unique opportunity to experience the Great Lakes through the lens of a scientist, and helps adults and children gain

an understanding of ecosystem health and water quality," Vail said. "The tours also serve as a venue for participants to talk about their concerns about local bodies of water, and what can be done to help restore them."

AWRI achieves outreach and education goals on the Great Lakes through the Making Lake Michigan Great program, which has visited 33 ports of call over 15 years.

AWRI uses one of its research vessels, the *W.G. Jackson*, for most of the tour activities. The boat is 65 feet long and takes more than 3,300 adults and students on water quality sampling excursions each year. The purpose of the port visits is to spread the word about the Lake Michigan Lakewide Action and Management Plan for Lake Michigan. AWRI's other vessel, the 45-foot long *D.J. Angus*, has been used for teacher workshops, which are another part of the project.



AWRI earned an EPA grant to continue its Great Lakes education and outreach programs, like this one in Chicago.

In addition to the EPA grant, Vail and the outreach and education team will get matching funds from Grand Valley and the Inland Seas Education Association in amounts of \$17,984 and \$19,176, respectively.

Across Campus

Wardrop named assistant vice president

Jennifer A. Wardrop was recently named assistant vice president for University Development, replacing Karen Loth, who is now the vice president for University Development.

She has served as director of corporate giving for the department since 2010.



Jennifer A. Wardrop

"I'm honored to have been offered this position, and I look forward to continuing to work with our donors, and with the exceptional team here at Grand Valley to increase educational opportunities for our students," Wardrop said.

Wardrop will be responsible for all aspects of capital and special project campaigns identified as priorities by President Thomas J. Haas and Board of Trustees. She will also supervise the department's major gift team.

"I am very pleased that Jen accepted the position," said Loth. "Her experience working with the West Michigan and Grand Valley communities, along with her demonstrated leadership, will ensure her success."

Prior to working at Grand Valley, Wardrop worked with the West Michigan business community for 19 years, primarily in health care, including leadership in the campaign for Helen DeVos Children's Hospital.

WeCar available on Allendale Campus

Students, faculty and staff members can now rent a vehicle by the hour through the WeCar Car Sharing Membership Program.

WeCar, owned and operated by Enterprise, provides a transportation option for those who don't have a vehicle on campus. Vehicles are located on the Allendale Campus, reserved online and accessed using a membership card. Members must be age 18 or older and have a driver's license and a credit card.

"I see this as an opportunity to expand on the transportation options offered to students, faculty and staff," said Tim Thimmesch, associate vice president for Facilities Services.

"With fewer people bringing cars to campus, the WeCar program offers the opportunity to still meet the occasional need for a personal vehicle. This program has been successfully implemented at other colleges and we are happy to provide this option at Grand Valley."

For details on rental times and fees, visit www.gvsu.edu/bus.

Across Campus

Deadlines near to participate in Commencement

The fall semester Commencement Ceremony will be held on December 8 at the Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids.

Faculty and staff members who plan to process must RSVP online at www.gvsu.edu/commencement by November 16. New faculty and staff members who require regalia should contact the University Bookstore at x12450 by November 9.

Additional guest tickets for general seating will be issued to participating faculty and staff members upon request. Questions can be directed to LeaAnn Tibbe in the Office of Student Life, x12345, or Sue Willemsen in the Dean of Students Office, x13585.

Fellowships allow students to work on nonprofit research, programs

Three students were selected to work on "Our State of Generosity," a project at the Johnson Center for Philanthropy.

Jennifer McGraw was selected as the first Joel J. Orosz Fellow in Philanthropy, and Brooke Hotchkiss and Jacob Scheller were selected as the Kathy Agard fellows in Community Philanthropy.

"Our State of Generosity" is a project that will provide the international nonprofit and philanthropic field with insights on Michigan's experience in growing philanthropy. It is expected to launch during the summer of 2013.

Orosz was a distinguished professor of philanthropic studies for the Johnson Center. He is also the founding director of The Grantmaking School. Previously, he was program director at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Agard retired as executive director of the Johnson Center in December 2010. Previously she worked for the Council of Michigan Foundations on the Michigan Community Foundations' Youth Project and Learning to Give.

Fellowships honoring Agard and Orosz were started after their respective retirements from the nonprofit community.

Departments urge people to use stairs

Several departments have joined forces to promote walking up and down stairs of campus buildings, rather than using the elevator, when possible.

The "Take the Stairs" campaign features photos of Louie the Laker walking up a flight of stairs. The initiative serves to remind people that using stairs promotes good health, and is a sustainable effort because of decreased elevator usage, according to Lindsey DesArmo, health and wellness coordinator.

"All of our small daily habits are what really add up when it comes to physical activity," DesArmo said. "We don't have to schedule an hour to hit the gym but can take five minutes every hour to burn — and save — some energy taking the stairs."

The website www.gvsu.edu/takethestairs lists campaign locations of main campus staircases and wellness resources.

Campaign sponsors are Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies, Health and Wellness, Facilities Services, Movement Science and Disability Support Resources.



A campaign featuring Louie the Laker urges the campus community to take the stairs when possible.

Grand Valley named among top 20 for animation programs

Animation Career Review listed Grand Valley on the top 20 list of Best Animation Programs in the Midwest.

The rankings take into account university-wide reviews by major surveyors, like *U.S. News Best Colleges* and the Princeton Review, and additional criteria including curriculum, faculty, internship possibilities, location (as it pertains to industry hubs), campus life, accolades, tuition and more.

Of the three Michigan universities listed, Grand Valley ranked number 16, ahead of Ferris State University (17) and University of Michigan (19).

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Faculty and staff members can find an online "Sketches" submission form on the Web at www.gvsu.edu/forum.

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GVFaces

Amorak Huey Assistant Professor of Writing

A poem, "Memphis," written by assistant professor of writing Amorak Huey is included in *The Best American Poetry 2012*, a collection of 75 poems selected by guest editor Mark Doty.

"I grew up in the South and all of the inspiration from that area, the city and Blues music is swirling around in the poem," said Huey.

Ever since reading books with his parents at a young age, Huey said he has been passionate about writing and hopes his work will have an impact on others.

"When I read something meaningful to me it changes the way I see the world and has an impact on the way I think about things," said Huey. "When I write I hope to create that for someone else."

Huey, born in Kalamazoo, earned a bachelor's degree in English from the Birmingham-Southern College in 1992. He earned a master's

in fine arts with an emphasis in creative writing from Western Michigan University in 2008.

Before joining the Writing Department at Grand Valley in 2008, Huey was a journalist and worked at a number of newspapers, most recently the *Grand Rapids Press*.

Huey said the best part about teaching at Grand Valley is the interactions he is able to have with students. "It's inspiring to be around people that are that eager to learn and make a name for themselves," said Huey, adding he most looks forward to teaching poetry writing because that is where his true passion lies.

In his free time, Huey said he enjoys spending time with his family and attending his children's soccer games.



Amorak Huey



What's Ahead

Race, gender topics at event about election

The Women's Center is hosting an event that will focus on race, gender and the presidential election.

Jane Junn, professor of political science at the University of Southern California, will give a presentation, "Race & Gender: Election 2012," on Monday, October 22, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room.

Junn is the author of three books on political participation in the U.S., including *Education and Democratic Citizenship in America*, which won the Woodrow Wilson Foundation Award from the American Political Science Association for the best book published in political science.

Junn earned degrees from the University of Michigan and the University of Chicago, and has taught at Rutgers University and the Eagleton Institute of Politics. Her father, Robert Junn, is professor emeritus of political science at Grand Valley and the former chair of the Political Science Department.

The event is co-sponsored by Women and Gender Studies, Political Science Department, Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Honors College. For more information, contact the Women's Center at x12748.

Two presentations about faith, work setting scheduled

The Rev. Doug Van Doren, from Plymouth Congregational United Church, will give two presentations this week about personal faith and the dynamics of power within the context of a professional role.

"But I'm a Person of Faith" is a professional development workshop sponsored by the Inclusion and Equity Division for faculty and staff members; it is set for Tuesday, October 23, at 4 p.m. in the Alumni House. Register for the session online at www.gvsu.edu/seminar.

Van Doren also will give a free, public presentation at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Kirkhof Center, room 2204. It is sponsored by the LGBT Resource Center. This session will explore conflicts between being faithful to one's values and accepting of other people who have different values.

Performance of 'The Four Seasons' continues Fall Arts Celebration

Grand Valley's Fall Arts Celebration continues with the exuberance of Antonio Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons," as performed by celebrated violin soloist Rachel Barton Pine, will be coupled with the athleticism of modern dance by Thodos Dance Chicago in a unique multimedia interpretation set by Shawn T Bible, Grand Valley faculty artist choreographer.

"The Baroque Splendor of Venice: Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons" in Dance," is set for Monday, October 22, 8 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center, Louis Armstrong Theatre. Admission is free. Seats fill quickly; arrive early.

Guest artists from Thodos Dance will highlight

Van Doren is a founding member of Concerned Clergy of West Michigan, an organization of pastors and church leaders who support the LGBT community.

Panel will discuss Title IX legislation

Campus Recreation is sponsoring a film and panel discussion that centers on Title IX and the advancements made since the legislation passed in 1972.

"Title IX: License to Thrive" is set for Wednesday, October 24, beginning at noon in the Kirkhof Center, room 2250. Following the film, panel members will discuss the legislation and its role in providing educational access and opportunities for women and girls.

Panel members are Dwight Hamilton, assistant vice president for Affirmative Action; Keri Becker, associate athletic director; Patti Rowe, professor of movement science; and Sally Ross, professor of movement science.

Register for the session online at www.gvsu.edu/seminar.

Castro lecture focuses on universal health care

Universal health care will be the topic of the Seidman College of Business Ethics Center Sixth Annual Barry Castro Lecture.

Kim Horn, president of the Mid-Atlantic Region for Kaiser Permanente, will discuss "Morality, Money and Medicine: Thoughts on Universal Health Care." The event will be held Wednesday, October 24, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium.

Horn was recently named the new region president for Kaiser Permanente, the largest health care concern in the country.

For the past 15 years, Horn led the 600,000-member, Grand Rapids-based health insurance company Priority Health, which has annual revenue of more than \$2 billion.

In 2010, she was named a "Woman to Watch" by *Crain's Detroit Business*.

The lecture is open to the public and free. For more information contact Michael DeWilde at dewildem@gvsu.edu or x17468.

the event and open the performance with one of their own works. Founded by Melisa Thodos in 1992, ensemble members are noted for their achievement as performers, educators and choreographers — a rather unique combination in the national dance community.

"We have invited 10 dancers, five women and five men, from Thodos to perform alongside four of our GVSU Dance Company members," said Bible.

"Adding another level to the performance will be specially created animated software projections that will react to the dancers movements on stage."

Pine performs on one of the most rare and valuable violins in the world, the ex-Soldat, made in 1742 by Guarneri del Gesu.

The performance will be followed by a

Symposium on biology, computational research

A Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Symposium will be held Friday, October 26, from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Pere Marquette Room.

The symposium will include guests from the Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center, Oak Ridge National Lab and Van Andel Research Institute and research students from Grand Valley, Calvin, Hope, Western Michigan University and Van Andel.

The event is sponsored by College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Regional Math and Science Center, Cell and Molecular Biology, Honors College, Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship and Van Andel Institute. For more information contact Agnieszka Szarecka at x13376.

WGVU to host food, jazz event

WGVU will team with D&W Fresh Market for "Food, Wine and All That Jazz," set for Friday, October 26, from 7:30-10 p.m. at the Grand Rapids Public Museum.

Participants can choose from more than 300 beer and wine selections, along with local restaurant items. Edye Evans Hyde will perform.

Tickets are \$50 in advance and \$60 at the door. Purchase tickets at D&W Fresh Markets or online at www.wgvu.org. Call (800) 442-2771 for more information.

Meijer Campus to host Make a Difference Day

The Meijer Campus in Holland is sponsoring a volunteer event in Holland for Make a Difference Day on Saturday, October 27.

Students, faculty and staff members will meet at the Holland Museum, 31 West 10th St., from 10 a.m.-noon to read to children and help them with crafts. Volunteers will receive lunches and T-shirts.

Sign up by contacting Emily DeLano at x13910 or delanoem@gvsu.edu.



The next Fall Arts Celebration event highlights Vivaldi's 'The Four Seasons.'

reception. For more information, visit www.gvsu.edu/fallarts, or call x12180.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Events

x12530 for more information.

Mon., Oct. 22

- 6 p.m.: Women's Center Speaker Series: "Race and Gender: Election 2012," by Jane Junn. 2250 KC. Call x12748 for more information.
- 7 p.m.: Mexican Contemporary Film Festival: "Espiral/Spiral." Celebration Cinema, Rivertown. Call x12286 for information.
- 7 p.m.: Global Eyes Film Series: "Life and Debt." Area 51 KC. Call x18110 for more information.
- 8 p.m.: Fall Arts Celebration Event: "The Baroque Splendor of Venice: Vivaldi's 'The Four Seasons in Dance.'" LAT, PAC. Call x12180 for more information.

Tues., Oct. 23

- 3 p.m.: Disability Support Resources Workshop: "Autism Spectrum Disorders," by Amy Matthews. 2204 KC. Call x12490 for more information.
- 4 p.m.: Inclusion and Equity Workshop: "But I'm a Person of Faith," by the Rev. Doug Van Doren. AH. Visit www.gvsu.edu/seminar to register.
- 6 p.m.: Women's Center hosts "Pink Ribbon, Inc.," by Julia Mason and Theresa Rowland. 2250 KC. Call x12748 for more information.
- 6 p.m.: Modern Languages hosts "Melodies: An Evening of French Poetry, Song and Music." 1325 PAC. Call x13203 for more information.
- 6 p.m.: LGBT Resource Center Ongoing Conference: "But I'm a Person of Faith," by the Rev. Doug Van Doren. 2204 KC. Call

Wed., Oct. 24

- 11:30 a.m.: FTLC Brown Bag Lunch: Part-Time Chat. 1142 KC. Call x13498 for information.
- Noon: Allendale Toastmasters. 2201 KC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/toastmasters for more information.
- Noon: Arts at Noon Series: Cello Fest. CDC. Call x13484 for more information.
- Noon: Health and Wellness hosts "Caregiving: A Reason to Overcome Sibling Rivalry," by Jennifer Feuerstein. 302E DEV. Call x12215 for more information.
- 3-7 p.m.: Meijer Campus hosts Blood Drive. HOL. Call x13910 for more information.

- 6 p.m.: Seidman College of Business Barry Castro Lecture: "Morality, Money and Medicine," by Kim Horn. Loosemore Auditorium, DEV. Call x17468 for more information.

- 8 p.m.: Octubafest: Celebrating the Tuba and Euphonium as Solo Instruments. 1325 PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

Thurs., Oct. 25

- 7:30 a.m.: Downtown Toastmasters. University Club Room, DEV. Visit www.gvsu.edu/toastmasters for more information.
- Noon: Health and Wellness hosts "Caregiving: A Reason to Overcome Sibling Rivalry," by Jennifer Feuerstein. 2259 KC. Call x12215 for more information.
- 6 p.m.: Women's Center hosts "The Bro Code," by MarcQus Wright and Brian Bossick. 2270 KC. Call x12748 for more information.

Fri., Oct. 26

- Noon: Writing Center hosts Faculty Friday. 120 LOH. Call x12922 for information.
- 3:30 p.m.: Evolution for Everyone hosts "Causes of Crime: Juvenile Delinquents to Serial Killers, What Makes Them Tick?" by Chris Kierkus. 308 PAD. Call x12470 for more information.
- 7:30 p.m.: WGUVU hosts "Food, Wine and All That Jazz." Grand Rapids Public Museum. Call (800) 442-2771 for tickets.
- 8 p.m.: Octubafest: Celebrating the Tuba and Euphonium as Solo Instruments. 1325 PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

Sat., Oct. 27

- 10 a.m.-Noon: Meijer Campus hosts Make a Difference Day. Holland Museum. Call x13910 for more information.
- 8 p.m.: Symphony Orchestra. LAT, PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

Sports

Fri., Oct. 26

- 7 p.m.: Volleyball hosts Northern Michigan University.

Sat., Oct. 27

- 1 p.m.: Swimming and Diving hosts Ashland University.
- 4 p.m.: Volleyball hosts Michigan Tech University.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

Sketches

Melodee Vanden Bosch, assistant professor of nursing, co-wrote an article, "Post-Hospital Heart-Healthy Behaviors in Adults with Co-Morbid Diabetes," published in *Clinical Nursing Research*. She also received the MSU College of Nursing 2012 Dissertation Award at the MSU College of Nursing Annual Awards Dinner in East Lansing.

Ruthann Brintnall, associate professor of nursing, was chosen to serve as a consultant on a National Institutes of Health National Cancer Institute grant, "Managing Fatigue Using Virtual Reality for Post-Operative Lung Cancer Patients."

Ruth S. Stevens, assistant professor of legal studies, and **Patricia Bravender**, library faculty, co-wrote an article, "Self-Service Holds in Libraries: Is Patron Privacy being Sacrificed for

Patron Convenience?" published in *Reference & User Services Quarterly*.

Joel Wendland, visiting professor of liberal studies, wrote an article, "Illegal Noise - The Sound of Change in H.T. Tsiang's And China Has Hands," published in *EurAmerica*. He gave a presentation about that research at the North American Labor History Conference in Detroit.

Amy Russell, assistant professor of biology, wrote an article, "Deglaciation Explains Bat Extinction in the Caribbean," published in *Ecology & Evolution*.

Lori Houghton-Rahrig, assistant professor of nursing, gave a presentation, "Symptoms Experience in Persons with Obesity-Related Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease," during the Presentations of Distinctions at the 2012 State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research in Washington, D.C.

Andrea Bostrom, professor of nursing, gave a presentation, "Addressing Mental and Physical Health Care Needs: Preliminary Results of Including Mental Health Content in a Doctor of Nursing Practice Curriculum," at the Second European Festival of Psychiatric Nursing in Stockholm.

Laurence José, assistant professor of writing, gave a presentation, "Building Sustainable Partnerships on Campus," at the STC Academic Partnerships for Professionalism Pre-Conference held at Michigan Tech University in Houghton.

Johnson Center for Philanthropy staff members **James Edwards**, **Michael Moody** and **Matthew Downey** presented TEDx-style talks at a joint conference between the Council of Michigan Foundations and the Michigan Nonprofit Association held in Dearborn.