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9/11 seminar has students reflecting, documenting

Erin Harbour was in the fifth grade in 2001 when terrorists attacked the World Trade Center in New York City.

The biomedical sciences major and Honors College student said, at the time, teachers shielded students from the news. “They told us the smoke clouds were a swarm of bees,” Harbour said.

She was among 16 students in an Honors College seminar, “Remembering 9/11,” taught by Rob Franciosi and held in the Niemeyer Learning and Living Center. “What happened that day is a part of our history, and that’s why I wanted to take this class,” Harbour said.

At the 10th anniversary of the September 11 attacks, Franciosi, professor of English, said he wanted to teach the course partly because, in about six years, there will be Grand Valley students who weren’t even in elementary school on that day.

In class on September 7, Franciosi had students brainstorming different ways media and communities would commemorate the attacks in the week prior to the anniversary date. He also discussed cultural differences that would occur if the attacks took place in 2011, rather than 2001.

“There are technological differences,” Franciosi said. “In 2001, there were no cell phones with cameras. No one could video-capture what was happening inside those buildings. “In 2011, people would be sending real-time images via a 4G network.”

Franciosi began the course by having students watch television coverage from 2001 and by reading a book that recounts the Twin Towers attack “from the inside looking out.”



Photo by Amanda Pitts

Rob Franciosi, professor of English, leads his class in discussion of how the 9/11 terrorist attacks would be commemorated during an Honors College course, ‘Remembering 9/11.’

For most people, he said, 9/11 lacks those types of first-person accounts. “We see the burning Twin Towers through a long, telephoto lens,” he said.

Students will also create a 9/11 archive of events and responses to the anniversary, and complete an assignment asking them to consider how the attacks are viewed through the perspectives of their particular academic disciplines.

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‘Year of Interfaith Understanding’ launches 9/11 responses

In a bold response to the 10th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks, a large West Michigan group has launched the “2012 Year of Interfaith Understanding,” designed to cultivate peace through community interest and understanding of all faith traditions.

The endeavor was developed through a unique partnership led by Grand Valley’s Kaufman Interfaith Institute. Hundreds of events will be sponsored by participating congregations, campuses and community organizations, including sacred space tours, study groups, speakers and interfaith service projects in Grand Rapids, Holland and Muskegon throughout 2012.

Douglas Kindschi, director of the Kaufman Interfaith Institute, said the goal is for participants not only to learn about each other’s faith and culture, but how to live in community with respect for their differences. “Unlike interfaith dialogues that stress similarities, this effort will frankly confront differences and encourage personal experience of other faith traditions,” he said. “This will be a unique community-wide response to the 10th anniversary of 9/11.”

“The 2012 Year of Interfaith Understanding”



will culminate in the Triennial Interfaith Dialogue on October 30, 2012, featuring prominent scholars from the Jewish, Christian and Muslim traditions: Rabbi Donniel Hartman, Marilyn McCord-Adams and Omid Safi.

For more information, including a list of participants, visit www.2012gr.org or call x15702.

MapWorks survey aimed at freshmen

Grand Valley freshmen are invited to complete the interactive MapWorks web survey from September 12–October 3.

Faculty and staff members are asked to encourage freshman students to complete

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the survey and get connected to Grand Valley's student support services. Nancy Giardina, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs, said MapWorks is an excellent tool that allows faculty and staff members to work with new students and help them transition successfully to college life.

Giardina said when students complete the survey, they are given feedback and advisors may follow up with individual students after viewing survey responses, connecting them to services and resources.

Faculty and staff members were sent an email message from the MapWorks Committee that provides details about the program. Additional questions about MapWorks can be directed to Giardina or Joe Godwin, Provost's Office, x12400.

Garden dedicated for Elizabeth Murray

The Elizabeth Murray Garden was dedicated in a ceremony outside of the Murray Living Center on September 6. Elizabeth, wife of former Grand Valley President Mark A. Murray, served as first lady during their five years at the university, 2001-2006.



Photo by Bernadine Carey-Tucker

Former President Mark A. Murray and Elizabeth Murray listen to speakers during the dedication of the Elizabeth Murray Garden, outside of the Murray Living Center, September 6.

During the ceremony, President Thomas J. Haas said the success of Grand Valley's presidents was enhanced by the first ladies. "Elizabeth was an outstanding partner with Mark," said Haas. "Her outreach to students and this community

has made a difference in the life and vitality of the learning environment at Grand Valley."

Marcia Haas said the garden will serve as a reminder of Elizabeth's spirit and dedication to Grand Valley. "It is fitting that this lovely place is named after Elizabeth. For generations to come, this will serve as a place for students to reflect and study," she said.

Elizabeth Murray noted that gardens are often seen as an inspiration for the future. "I hope this will be a special place for students, for everybody. A learning environment for pleasure and beauty. I have a favorite flower that is special to me — the delphinium. I'm happy to know there are some in this garden," she said.

Keynote speaker for MLK celebration announced

Longtime civil rights advocate and attorney Michelle Alexander will be the keynote speaker during Grand Valley's annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration in January.



Michelle Alexander

Alexander will give two presentations on campus: Wednesday, January 18, at 5 p.m. on the Allendale Campus; and Thursday, January 19, 10 a.m. in the Cook-DeWitt Center. Both presentations are free and open to the public.

Alexander is the author of *The New Jim Crow*, a critique in which Alexander argues that racial caste has not ended in America, it has been redesigned. Alexander writes that by targeting black men and other people of color, the U.S. justice system functions as a system of racial control.

Alexander is a former law clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun. She now holds dual appointments at Ohio State University in the College of Law and Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity.

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Lindsay Corneal, assistant professor of engineering

Lindsay Corneal joins Grand Valley's engineering faculty with a diverse background that includes work at a Big Three automaker.

Corneal, assistant professor of engineering, teaches product design and manufacturing.

She earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Windsor and a doctoral degree from Michigan State University in materials science and engineering. She also earned a MBA from Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

Before coming to Grand Valley, Corneal worked for six years at Daimler Chrysler as a product engineer for the power steering parts system for Ram pickup trucks. While she left in 2005, long before the company's 2009 bankruptcy, she said hard times were very apparent at the Auburn Hills automaker.

"I saw some tough times, with constant pressures to cut costs across the board while

maintaining durability and functionality," Corneal said.

Prior to her work at Chrysler, Corneal devised a system to purify drinking water using manganese oxides as a catalyst with ozone as a catalyst to oxidize organic matter in the raw water.

She said its benefits are improved water quality and less maintenance such as cleaning clogged filters.

While her idea for a municipal-sized water treatment system has yet to be realized on a full scale, Corneal said she had been in discussions to commercialize her process.



Lindsay Corneal



What's Ahead

Departments invited to Homecoming expo

Campus departments and organizations are encouraged to participate in the annual Campus Expo during Homecoming on October 29.

Participation during the popular expo gives groups and departments an opportunity to promote their services before thousands of Laker alumni, students, faculty and staff members.

The deadline to reserve a spot during the expo is Monday, September 12. Participation is free and includes a display table, two tailgate tickets and promotion in Homecoming materials and via its website.

Contact Kim Schmidt, Alumni Relations, at x13592 for more information.

Snacks will celebrate campaign success

Staff members from University Development will deliver treats to faculty and staff members as a thank you for contributing to the annual campaign.

Freezerfest, with ice cream and apples, will take place Tuesday, September 13, on the Allendale Campus at the following stops and times: Kirkhof Center, room 2259 (12:45-1:45 p.m.); Mackinac Hall, room A-1-173 (2-2:45 p.m.); and Service Building, conference room A (3-3:45 p.m.).

Freezerfest will stop at the DeVos Center on Wednesday, September 14, in the University Club Room from 12:30-1:30 p.m.; and at the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences that afternoon.

A record number of participants, 51 percent, participated in the 2010-2011 Faculty and Staff Campaign, raising \$962,800.

Seidman event will discuss politics, business

Grand Valley's Seidman College of Business Alumni Association is hosting a panel discussion, "Political Fallout: Impact on Main Street and Wall Street."

The breakfast event will feature experts from Grand Valley and the community.

The breakfast meeting is set for Wednesday, September 14, 7:30-9 a.m. in the Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center.

Moderators will be Sridhar Sundaram, chair of finance, and Paul Isely, chair of economics. Panelists include Mitch Stapley, Fifth Third Asset Management; Bob Roth, RoMan Manufacturing; and Erika King, professor of political science.

The event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited. For more information, call x17100.

Panel discussion serves as prelude for Sandel lecture

In anticipation of the Fall Arts Celebration lecture by Michael Sandel, a faculty panel discussion will focus on political discourse.

"The Lost Art of Democratic Debate" will be held Thursday, September 15, from 4-5:15 p.m. in Kirkhof Center, room 2215. For more information, call the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at x12495.

Sandel's FAC lecture is set for September 22; the Harvard professor has argued that political discourse will be improved only if people learn to argue about moral convictions and principles of justice.

Registration opens for pedometer challenge

Registration is now open for the sixth annual Pedometer Challenge, sponsored by Health and Wellness. The challenge, which coincides with Student Senate's Battle of the Valleys, will run October 3-November 9.

Teams of faculty and staff members are encouraged to register online at www.gvsu.edu/healthwellness, click on "Pedometer Challenge" on the Popular Pages menu.

Grand Valley faculty and staff members will count their steps and compete against colleagues at Saginaw Valley State University. Questions can be directed to x12215.

Sandel brings 'Justice' to Fall Arts

A Harvard professor with rock star status will present the Distinguished Academic Lecture during the Fall Arts Celebration.

Michael Sandel will present "Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do?" Thursday, September 22, at 7 p.m. at the Eberhard Center, Pew Grand Rapids Campus.



Michael Sandel

A professor of political philosophy at Harvard since 1980, Sandel's wildly popular course, "Justice," has enrolled more than 15,000 students. The introduction to moral and political philosophy is based on the great philosophers of the past and their relevance to contemporary issues, ranging from affirmative action and bioethics, to government bailouts and immigration reform.

Fred Antczak, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, called Sandel one of the leading public philosophers of our time. "His recent *New York Times* bestseller, *Justice*, is that rare accomplishment — an excellent work of professional philosophy that is accessible to the public," he said. "And it has had far-reaching impact."

In fact, Sandel's is the first Harvard course to be made freely available online (www.JusticeHarvard.org). His books, essays and lectures have captured audiences, in part, because of his engaging style and wealth of knowledge that brings historic context to bear on contemporary issues.

Sandel's book, *Justice*, will be available for purchase and signing after the lecture. For more information about Fall Arts Celebration visit www.gvsu.edu/fallarts, or call x12180.

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The MLK Executive Planning Committee continues to meet monthly. Co-chairs Bobby Springer and Kathleen Underwood said they welcome more faculty and staff members who are interested in serving on the committee. People interested should contact Linda Rettig, Office of Multicultural Affairs, at x12177 or rettigli@gvsu.edu.

Schools of Hope improves literacy

Grand Valley is encouraging students, faculty and staff members to volunteer for a Heart of West Michigan United Way program aimed at helping improve literacy among Grand Rapids Public School students. Schools of Hope is an in-school reading tutor

program that pairs students with volunteers for weekly visits that last 30 minutes.

"Grand Valley has been a university that truly shows it cares about the community," said Fritz Crabb, director of literacy initiatives for Heart of West Michigan United Way. "In 2010, about 100 students, faculty and staff from Grand Valley were active Schools of Hope tutors, the largest group from any organization. In addition, staff have helped design our Strategic Tutoring sessions and developed our online tutor database."

Bryan Bickford, advertising and communications manager in Institutional Marketing, has volunteered as a tutor at Sibley Elementary for the last three years. "It is extremely rewarding," said Bickford. "You get a chance to bond with the student and become a mentor and friend. It really opened

my eyes to the work that needs to be done at the elementary level. The individual attention the students receive really makes a difference."

Darren Walhof, associate professor of political science, was a tutor at Brookside Elementary last year. "At the beginning of the year, my student often struggled over each word," said Walhof. "By the end of the year, he would sometimes forget that he was reading and just get lost in the story itself."

Tutoring sessions are held during the school day and volunteers may chose from any of the 15 participating Grand Rapids Public Schools locations. With supervisor approval, no vacation or personal time will be lost to participate. Each first-time tutor is required to undergo a two-hour training program. Training

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Art Gallery

Now through Fri., Sept. 23

10 a.m.-5 p.m.: GVSU Art Gallery hosts "American Cuisine: New Paintings," by Tim Fisher. 1121 PAC. Call 12563 for more information.

General Events

Mon., Sept. 12

8 p.m.: Fall Arts Celebration Event: "A Night in Hapsburg Vienna: From the Marriage of Figaro to Fidelio as arranged for Wild Harmonie." Louis Armstrong Theatre, PAC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/fallarts for more information.

Tues., Sept. 13

9 a.m.: Excellence Series: "Respect in the Global Workplace," by Sean Huddleston, director of Intercultural Training. 2270 KC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/seminar to register.

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts Divorce Recovery Group. 2264 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

Wed., Sept. 14

10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.: Farmers Market.

Wednesdays in Parking Lot F through Sept. 28.

Noon: Allendale Toastmasters. 2259 KC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/toastmasters for information.

1:30 p.m.: Excellence Series: "Time Management," by Jerry Conrad and Lowell Johannsen. 2266 KC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/seminar to register.

Thurs., Sept. 15

7:30 a.m.: Downtown Toastmasters. University Club Room, DEV. Visit www.gvsu.edu/toastmasters for information.

11:30 a.m.: Health and Wellness hosts Alzheimer's Support Group. 2264 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

4 p.m.: Intercultural Student Reception. Grand River Room, KC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/oma for information.

4 p.m.: CLAS Panel Discussion. "The Lost Art of Democratic Debate." 2215 KC. Call x12495 for more information.

Fri., Sept. 16

Noon-5 p.m.: Writing Center hosts Faculty Fridays. 302C DEV. Call x12774 for more information.

2 p.m.: AWRI Seminar: "Using Crayfish

as a Model System," Daniel Bergman. Multipurpose Room, LMC. Call x13749 for more information.

2 p.m.: Office of Multicultural Affairs hosts CinemAwareness. "Farmingville" by Carlos Sandoval and Catherine Tambini. 1240 KC. RSVP at oma@gvsu.edu or call x12177.

6 p.m.: Hispanic Heritage Month Event: Caribbean Night. Courtyard, DEV. Call x12177 for more information.

Sat., Sept. 17

9 a.m.: Master Class with Terje Moe Hansen, violin. Sherman Van Solkema Hall, PAC. Call x13484 for information.

Sports

Fri., Sept. 16

7 p.m.: Volleyball hosts Lake Superior State University. FH.

7 p.m.: Soccer hosts Michigan Tech.

Sun., Sept. 18

Noon: Soccer hosts Northern Michigan.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

Sketches

Jean Nagelkerk, vice provost for Health, received a grant from the U.S. Department of Defense to continue funding the Wounded Warrior Traumatic Brain Injury Project, a collaborative effort between Grand Valley and Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital.

Carmen Nochera, professor of biomedical sciences, and **Linda Goossen**, associate dean of

the College of Health Professions, co-wrote an article with students, "Consumption of DHA +EPA by Low-Income Women During Pregnancy and Lactation," published in *Nutrition in Clinical Practice*.

Brian J. Bowe, visiting assistant professor of communications, gave several presentations and organized a panel, "Framing of Islam vis-a-vis Documentary Film," at the Communication Theory & Methodology

Interest Group at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Conference in St. Louis, Missouri.

Soon Hong, professor of statistics, gave a presentation, "Skewed T Confidence Intervals for the Mean," at the Spring Research Conference on Statistics in Industry and Technology held at Northwestern University.

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is scheduled for September 20, from noon-2 p.m., in Kirkhof Center, room 2259; and September 23, from noon-2 p.m., in DeVos Center, room 302C.

Register by visiting www.gvsu.edu/seminar. For more information, contact Sue Sloop at x12215 or sloops@gvsu.edu.

Correction

An article in the August 30 issue of *Forum* incorrectly stated the number of people who

visit the Counseling Center. The statistics should have counted individual appointments, rather than people. During 2005-2006, 5,943 individual counseling appointments were made; during 2009-2010, that number rose to 7,709.

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