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FORUM

**A NEWSLETTER FOR THE GRAND VALLEY
STATE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY**

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Grand Valley readies for third year of ArtPrize

Thirty outdoor works of art, a panel discussion and weeks of hands-on events will welcome visitors during ArtPrize 2011 at the Grand Valley exhibition center, throughout the grounds of the Pew Grand Rapids Campus.

The Grand Valley site provides visitors a shuttle stop, voter registration site, an ArtPrize store and an information tent on Front Street at the Eberhard Center.

The art works include a variety of materials, scales and messages by national and international artists. Included this year is Buenos Aires artist Juan Batalla, whose work is also featured in the Fall Arts Celebration Art Gallery exhibition "Arte Argentino Actual/Contemporary Argentine Art," opening October 6 in Allendale.

Henry Matthews, director of Galleries and Collections, said Rick DeVos will join Batalla and others for a panel discussion, "Perspectives on ArtPrize," Friday, September 23, 5:30 p.m. at the DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium.

"This year we designed our annual DeVos Art Lecture to give an insider's view of ArtPrize," said Matthews. "We've included a panel of highly creative individuals who will share their perspectives as artists and educators, from Buenos Aires and Amsterdam, to Michigan."

A series of events, all free and open to the public, for visitors of all ages will also be held throughout ArtPrize, including:

- Try It! September 21, 6-8 p.m. Make your own "Mini-monument to Mother Nature" out of soft recycled stone and then add it to the collaborative assemblage sculpture.

Additional sessions will be held on Fridays and Saturdays from 3-7 p.m., and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. through October 7.



Photo by Amanda Pitts

Students from Black River Public School in Holland worked with Dutch artist Cyril Lixenberg to create a series of steel sculptures.

- Playing with the Wind, September 21, 7 p.m.

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Across Campus Climate survey findings to be discussed

Findings from the myGVSU survey, the voluntary survey completed by students, faculty and staff members, will be detailed during campus meetings in late September.

Sue Rankin, of Rankin and Associates, will explain her findings at open meetings for the campus community on September 29-30. Rankin was hired by Grand Valley in 2010 to administer the survey; she is a noted expert in the field of climate studies.

Members of the campus community are invited to any of the meetings detailed below:

- September 29: Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room, 10-11:30 a.m.; Cook-DeWitt Center, 4-6 p.m.
- September 30: Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences, Hager Auditorium, 9-11 a.m.

An executive summary of the results will be

available online at www.gvsu.edu/mygvsu one week before the meetings.

The survey ended February 18. Overall, 29 percent of all students, faculty and staff members participated in the anonymous survey.

The myGVSU Survey is the fourth campus climate study. Many positive changes have occurred at Grand Valley since the university started conducting such studies. These changes include establishing the Inclusion and Equity Division, Team Against Bias and LGBT Resource Center.

Student gives presentation at breast cancer symposium

A physician assistant studies major initiated a study of Michigan breast cancer patients that suggests routine mammography and self-breast exams continue for women ages 40-49 as important screening tools, despite recommendations from a national task force.



Photo courtesy of ASCO

Daniel Smith gives a research presentation at the 2011 Breast Cancer Symposium in San Francisco.

Daniel Smith presented his team's research as part of a panel discussion at the 2011 Breast Cancer Symposium in San Francisco on September 8. While most of the presenters at the national meeting were practicing physicians, Smith was the only student not attending medical school to give a presentation.

Smith, a native of Twin Lake, said he got the

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idea for the study while an undergraduate student at Grand Valley, taking a biomedical ethics class. At that time, his class discussed the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommendations that discouraged teaching self-breast exams and recommended that only women over 50 be offered routine mammograms.

For the study, Smith teamed with Theresa Bacon-Baguley, professor of PAS at Grand Valley; Dr. Jamie Caughran, Lacks Cancer Center in Grand Rapids; GVSU students Jennifer Kreinbrink and Grace Parish, and others from different medical organizations. Researchers used the Michigan Breast Oncology Quality Initiative, a breast cancer registry, to analyze data from patients who were diagnosed with breast cancer between the years of 2006-2009.

The registry, during that time frame, included nearly 6,000 patients. Of that number, 42.2 percent of patients had presented through palpation or mammography under the age 50. According to Smith and Bacon-Baguley, the percentage of patients with breast cancer suggests that not teaching self-breast exams or not recommending screening mammography has the potential to impact early detection.

Memorial service set for former faculty members

A memorial service is planned in Maryland for retired Grand Valley faculty members Loretta and Irving Wasserman.

The service will be held Sunday, September 25, 1 p.m. at St. John's College in Annapolis. Loretta Wasserman, a professor of English, died on August 7, and Irving Wasserman, professor of philosophy, died in late August.

Compliance website offers resources

A University Compliance website is now available, serving as a centralized guide to Grand Valley's initiatives and activities related to compliance with federal, state and local laws.

The website, www.gvsu.edu/uco/compliance, is published and maintained by the University Counsel Office. It includes a description

of the university compliance program, directory of faculty and staff members who are responsible for key compliance areas, links to resources and help with questions or concerns. Contact Donna Markus, University Compliance officer, at x12067 with questions about the site.

CSCE opens Allendale office

The Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence will staff an office in Allendale, making it easier for faculty members to access the center's various departments.

The office in Mackinac Hall, room B-4-231, will be staffed Monday through Thursday. CSCE oversees areas like research protections, sponsored programs, undergraduate research, and research and development. Faculty members can meet with Robert Smart, executive director, on Tuesdays and Thursdays; a member of the Human Research Review staff on Mondays; and Christine Chamberlain, director of Sponsored Programs, on Wednesdays.

Appointments are suggested. For more information, call the CSCE office at x12281.

Bike rentals on campus



Photo by Elizabeth Lienau

Students, faculty and staff members can rent bikes for a semester on the Allendale and Pew Grand Rapids campuses. The new initiative was introduced as a pilot program this fall.

A deposit and small fee are required; departments are also encouraged to rent a bicycle. Learn more about renting a bike at www.gvsu.edu/bus, click on "Bike Rentals on Campus."

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GVFaces

Patrick Johnson Assistant director, Writing Center

Perhaps no other campus department has undergone the growth and increase in popularity of the Fred Meijer Center for Writing and Michigan Authors, in Lake Ontario Hall.

Students from all majors seek help with their writing from peer tutors at the center. Patrick Johnson, assistant director, said the number of consultations has increased from 1,600 in 2003 to nearly 10,400 in 2010.

Johnson was hired in February and began working in July. He had been the director of the writing center at Washington State University, where he also taught English courses. Johnson said the centers at Grand Valley and Washington State are quite similar.

"They have both seen rapid and impressive growth beyond what the staffs could handle," Johnson said.

He earned a bachelor's degree in advertising and English, and a master's degree in rhetoric and composition from Washington State.

While at Grand Valley, Johnson said he would like to work on expanding the center's online tutoring capabilities at the writing center and increasing student awareness and usage of the writing center.

In his spare time, Johnson said he enjoys playing badminton and reading. Fun fact: he can quote the movie "The Princess Bride" from start to finish.



Patrick Johnson

What's Ahead

Flu shot clinics set

Flu vaccination clinics will be held September 20-October 17 for students, faculty and staff members, their dependents and retirees.

Sponsored by the Kirkhof College of Nursing, there is no charge for the vaccination for faculty and staff members, their dependents and retirees; a G-number is required. Students and members of the public can bring health insurance cards but should be prepared to pay the \$25 fee.

Clinics will be held on the dates listed below:

- September 20, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences, room 331
- September 27, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Kirkhof Center, room 2266
- September 29, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., CHS, room 123
- October 4, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., DeVos Center, student project area
- October 6, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Fieldhouse, upper arena lobby
- October 7, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Meijer Holland Campus
- October 17, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Annis Water Resources Institute
- October 17, noon-1 p.m., MAREC.

People with children ages 6 months-3 years, or those with latex allergies, should call the GVSU Family Health Center at 988-8774 to make an appointment.

Hone networking skills at workshops

Three Career Connections workshops in September will help faculty and staff members hone their networking and professional skills.

Sponsored by Human Resources Career Services, "Speed Networking" is set for Tuesday, September 20, beginning at 5 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, room 1104. The free workshop will help faculty and staff members polish their networking skills.

"Be a Better Writer at Work" is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21, noon-1:30 p.m., Kirkhof Center, room 1142. Consultant Angela Klinske will discuss common writing mistakes and how to improve written communications.

"Personal Branding and Presentation

Strategy" is set for September 27, 10-11 a.m., Kirkhof Center, room 1142. Discussion will focus on work image and personal style.

RSVPs are required for each of the three workshops; call Human Resources at x12215 to register.

Communications leader to give lecture

Lance Strate, professor of communication and media studies at Fordham University and one of the founders of the Media Ecology Association, will give a presentation Wednesday, September 21, at 7:30 p.m. at Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center.



Lance Strate

The lecture, sponsored by the School of Communications, is free and open to the public.

Strate has served as executive director of the Institute of General Semantics, editor of *Speech Communication Annual*, and *Explorations in Media Ecology*, and is supervisory editor of the media ecology book series published by Hampton Press.

His lecture will draw from his recent book, *On the Binding Biases of Time and Other Essays on General Semantics and Media Ecology*. In the book, Strate grapples with the question of what it means to be human, and what the prospects may be for continued survival.

For more information, contact Valerie Peterson at petersov@gvsu.edu or x12981.

Fall Welcome followed by art reception

Grand Valley's Women's Commission will host its annual Fall Welcome this week with a keynote speech from Keri Becker, new senior women's administrator for Athletics.

The event is set for Thursday, September 22, beginning at noon in the Kirkhof Center, room 2263. A light lunch will be served. RSVP for the event online at www.gvsu.edu/w_commission.

Following the luncheon, the Women's Center will host a fall reception for artists who display work within the center's suite. To celebrate the center's 10th anniversary, the theme for artwork this year was evolution.

Artists are Dulcee Boehm, Monica Johnstone, Darlene Kaczmarczyk, Rachel Kauff, Hankondo Sibalwa, Elizabeth Uitvlugt and Barbara Williams. Their artwork will remain on display throughout the year.

Ott Lectureship to feature chemist

The Arnold C. Ott Lectureship in Chemistry consists of two lectures by Harry B. Gray, professor of chemistry and founding director of the Beckman Institute at the California Institute of Technology.

Gray will give a public talk, "The 21st Century Army," at 6 p.m. on Thursday, September 22, in the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences, Hagar Auditorium. Gray will address students about electron flow through proteins on Friday, September 23, at 1 p.m. in Manitou Hall, room 123.

Gray has published more than 750 research papers and 18 books. He has received several medals including the National Medal of Science from President Ronald Reagan (1986), the National Academy of Sciences Award in Chemical Sciences (2003), the Wolf Prize (2004) and six national awards from the American Chemical Society.

The lectures are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Chemistry Department at x13317 or visit www.gvsu.edu/chem.

Shakespeare Festival kicks off

Michigan's oldest and largest Shakespeare Festival is ready for a new season at Grand Valley. A full line-up of events begins September 23 and runs through November 5.

The festival's 18th season begins with a free public performance of the popular touring show, "Bard to Go: Lovestruck," on Friday, September 23, at 2 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, room 1506. The production is a 50-minute collage that explores the complications of falling in love, using scenes from *The Taming of the Shrew*, *Comedy of Errors*, and other popular Shakespeare plays.

Geared for touring to area secondary schools, this production will be performed in early October in the Bahamas, by invitation as part of a "Shakespeare in Paradise" program, then return to West Michigan for high school matinees.

Art Gallery plans events around ArtPrize

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Stop by the ArtPrize entry, "Win, Win, Wind" to hear Sue VanderVeen read her new children's book, *Farming the Wind*, and make a paper pinwheel to take home. "Win, Win, Wind! Protecting our Great Lakes for Future Generations," organized by Richard VanderVeen of Lowell, is a kinetic sculpture that includes a mural designed by artist

Glenn Wolff and painted on a 36-foot turbine blade by students from Grand Rapids City High School. It is located in front of the Steelcase Library on Fulton Street. Additional reading sessions Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m.-noon, through October 9.

Students from Black River Public School in Holland worked with Dutch artist Cyril Lixenberg to design and create a series of

six steel sculptures entered in the ArtPrize competition by Black River art teacher Jamie Roggenbuck. Black River is a charter school authorized by Grand Valley.

For more information on these and other ArtPrize artists and events at the Grand Valley Exhibition Center, visit www.gvsu.edu/artgallery.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Art Gallery

Through Fri., Sept. 23

Art Gallery hosts “American Cuisine: New Paintings,” by Tim Fisher. 1121 PAC. Call 12563 for more information.

General Events

Mon., Sept. 19

3 p.m.: Afternoon with the Arts: Tafelmusik featuring GVSU faculty and guests. 1121 PAC. Call x13484 for information.

Tues., Sept. 20

9 a.m.: Excellence Series: “Assertive Communication,” by Shirley Jallad. 123 CHS. Visit www.gvsu.edu/seminar to register. Visit www.gvsu.edu/seminar to register.

10 a.m.-1 p.m.: Flu Vaccination Clinic. 331 CHS. Call 988-8774 for more information.

11 a.m.-2 p.m.: Veterans Resource Fair. 2250 KC. Call x17188 for more information.

Noon: Schools of Hope Training. 2259 KC. Register at www.gvsu.edu/seminar.

1 p.m.: Hispanic Heritage Month Event: Latino Health Services Panel Discussion. CDC. Call x12177 for more information.

5 p.m.: Human Resources Career Services hosts Career Networking Group. 1104 KC. Call x12215 to register.

Wed., Sept. 21

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Procurement Services hosts Vendor Fair. 2204 KC.

10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.: Farmers Market. Parking Lot F.

Noon: Human Resources Career Services Workshop: Be a Better Writer at Work. 1142 KC. Call x12215 to register.

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

4 p.m.: LGBT Faculty and Staff Association Welcome Back Social. Gordon Gallery, DEV. Visit www.gvsu.edu/lgbtfacstaff for more information.

7:30 p.m.: School of Communications hosts “On the Binding Biases of Time,” by Lance Strate. Loosemore Auditorium, DEV. Call x13668 for more information.

Thurs., Sept. 22

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

Noon: Women’s Commission Fall Welcome Reception. 2263 KC. RSVP online at www.gvsu.edu/w_commission.

1 p.m.: Women’s Center hosts Artists Reception. 1201 KC. Call x12748 for more information.

2 p.m.: Excellence Series: “Respect in the Global Workplace,” by Sean Huddleston. 2270 KC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/seminar to register.

7 p.m.: Fall Arts Celebration Distinguished Lecturer Michael Sandel, “Justice: What’s the Right Thing to Do?” 215 EC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/fallarts for more information.

Fri., Sept. 23

11 a.m.: General Education Program hosts Proposed Goal Workshop. 127A DEV. Call x18140 for more information.

Noon: MAREC Lunch and Learn Series: Wind Power. 204 MAREC. Call x16900 for more information.

Noon: Lunchtime Sustainability Conversation. “Annie Leonard: The Story of Stuff.” Call x17366 for more information.

Noon: Schools of Hope Training. 302C DEV. Register at www.gvsu.edu/seminar.

Noon-5 p.m.: Writing Center hosts Faculty Fridays. 120 LOH. Call x12774 for more information.

5:30 p.m.: DeVos Art Lecture: Perspectives on ArtPrize. Loosemore Auditorium, DEV. Call x12563 for more information.

8 p.m.: Guest Artist Series: The PEN Trio. 1325 PAC. Call x12999 for more information.

Sports

Fri., Sept. 23

3:30 p.m.: Women’s tennis hosts Lake Superior State University.

7 p.m.: Volleyball hosts Wayne State University.

Sat., Sept. 24

10 a.m.: Women’s tennis hosts Michigan Tech University.

2:30 p.m.: Women’s tennis hosts Davenport University.

4 p.m.: Volleyball hosts University of Findlay.

7 p.m.: Football hosts University of Findlay.

Sun., Sept. 25

10 a.m.: Women’s tennis hosts Hillsdale College.

2 p.m.: Volleyball hosts Hillsdale College.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

In the News

Vandana Pednekar-Magal, associate professor of communications, was interviewed by WGUV-TV for a story about the media’s relationship with the government, related to the documentary “Most Dangerous Man in America: Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers.”

Fred Antczak, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and **Danny Phipps**, chair of music, were interviewed by WOOD and WGUV radio stations for stories about Fall Arts Celebration 2011.

Sketches

Jodee Hunt, professor of biology, gave two presentations, “Honey, I Moved the Kids: Division of Labor and Fitness Benefits in a Biparental Cichlid Fish” and “Have You Licked Your Kids Today? Transmission of Microbes through Parental Care in a Teleost Fish,” at the International Ethological Conference at Indiana University in Bloomington.

William J. Neal, professor emeritus of geology, co-wrote an article, “Post-Irene Beach Plans? Here’s What to Expect,” published in *Metro Focus*, New York.

Michael P Lombardo, professor of biology, was elected as a Fellow of the American Ornithologists’ Union during the organization’s annual meeting.

John Kilbourne, professor of movement science, wrote an article, “In Search of the Meaning of Sami Games,” published in the *International Sami Journal*.

Vandana Pednekar-Magal, associate professor of communications, gave a presentation, “Newspaper Markets Defy the Circulation Spiral in Africa, Asia and Latin America,” at the Association of Educators in Journalism and Mass Communication Conference.