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# FORUM

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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

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## CHS students benefit from Simulation Center

The new Simulation Center team at the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences oversees coordination of the building's high-tech labs and equipment and provides students with opportunities for interprofessional work.

Jean Nagelkerk, vice provost for Health, said the team merged representatives from the Kirkhof College of Nursing and College of Health Professions.

"We established the Simulation Center team to better coordinate all the labs and use of the patient simulators," she said.

She is still seeking a permanent director for the center; Nagelkerk said it's a relatively new position for universities, making it somewhat difficult to find candidates. The interim director is Brenda Pawl, who had operated her own wellness practice. Pawl is a nurse practitioner with experience in practice and administration.

The simulation team also has an advisory com-

mittee comprised of representatives from each of the disciplines housed at CHS: nursing, clinical laboratory science, health professions, radiologic and imaging sciences, occupational safety and health, occupational therapy, physical therapy, physician assistant studies and therapeutic recreation.

Ron Perkins, lab and simulation coordinator, said creation of the Simulation Center gives students a more accurate place to prepare and practice their patient interventions before, and during, their clinical rotations. "It helps the students develop confidence in a safe environment," he said. "With the development of a sim center team, we are able to better develop and implement simulation that results in a smoother, more fluid, center."

Gerard Massey is the liaison to the College of Health Professions for the simulation center. He said simulation has potential to be adopted and practiced by numerous health care settings "to improve the deductive reasoning skills of



Photo by Bernadine Carey-Tucker

The CHS Simulation Center team is pictured. From left, are Chris Swank, Gerard Massey, Nancy Moseler, Brenda Pawl, Pam Ronning, Jeanne Smith, Ron Perkins and Jean Nagelkerk.

clinicians for the future."

Other members of the simulation team are Pam Ronning, Tracey Schollmeyer, Jeanne Smith, Chris Swank and Nancy Moseler.

## Across Campus

### Students revive African Community Center

A bland, rectangular building in southwest Grand Rapids has been revived and energized to better serve the African Community Center housed within, thanks to the care and work of



Photo courtesy of Dennis Nagelkirk

A Student Summer Scholars project under the direction of art faculty members helped revive the African Community Center on Wealthy Street.

a group of students and faculty members.

The center's executive director, Yaka Kamungi, came to the U.S. as a Congolese refugee in 2000, knowing little English or how to function in a foreign culture. He eventually started his own nonprofit organization to assist other African refugees caught in a cycle of poverty and depression. The center, 1019 Wealthy St., distributes food, offers ESL and translation services, women's support groups, computer training, health and hygiene instruction and community events.

Under the direction of art professors Ed Wong-Ligda and Jill Eggers, two students decided to make the center the focus of their Student Summer Scholars project. The program grants a small budget of funds toward accepted 12-week research or creative projects by students that combine academics, field work and reflective analysis.

Students Dennis Nagelkirk and Carrie Schoenborn began their project by first spending time at the center, getting to know the clients and services. They researched the deplorable conditions most African refugees faced on their journey to the U.S. and the difficulties they face once here.

While answering phones or organizing a cluttered donation closet, the students formulated plans to create a more inviting interior and exterior of the building, and organized other volunteers to help execute their plans.

They designed and created a large mural covering the outside 60-foot, two-story building depicting scenes from rural African life merging with city scenes and the Grand Rapids skyline. The colorful and inviting treatment was continued inside the building, where the students created a "kids room" repainted with an African landscape, animals and a silhouette

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area where the children can add their own chalk paintings. The pair also created an art-based approach to teaching ESL classes, using pictures, colors and activities in their creative, interactive lessons for refugees and art classes for children. The building's revitalization was celebrated during an October 16 event.

## Human research review process moves online

Grand Valley's Human Research Review Committee will not accept paper submissions after October 23, as all research protocol will be converted to an electronic format.

Paul Reitemeier, chair of HRRC, said all research records and correspondence will be managed using IRBNet, an industry leader in electronic data security and management systems. He added that the new system will simplify the application and authorization process and speed the review process.

## Nominations sought for advising award

The nomination deadline for the Outstanding Academic Advising and Student Services Award has been extended to November 3. The award recognizes one faculty member and one staff member.

Requirements for nominations include three support letters from professional colleagues and three letters from enrolled students. Award guidelines and a nominating form are online at [www.gvsu.edu/advising](http://www.gvsu.edu/advising), click on the "Awards" link on the menu.

The faculty recipient will be recognized at the Faculty Awards Convocation in February and the staff member will be recognized at the Administrative/Professional Awards Luncheon in April.

## Benefits open enrollment begins soon

Benefit-eligible faculty and staff members will be able to update their benefit plans online beginning October 28 by visiting [www.gvsu.edu/health-wellness](http://www.gvsu.edu/health-wellness) and clicking on the "eBenefits" button.

Open enrollment runs through 5 p.m. November 10. Faculty and staff members who do not update their plans during the enrollment period will see no changes for the upcoming year. Those who plan to participate in flexible spending accounts must log on to the site and enter a deduction amount. Benefits representatives in the Human Resources office are available to answer questions at x12220 or by e-mail at [healthandwellness@gvsu.edu](mailto:healthandwellness@gvsu.edu).

## Remembering victims



*Photo by Amanda Pitts*

*Students, faculty and staff members read stories of people who died following domestic violence attacks. 'Silent Witness,' on October 8 in the Kirkhof Center also featured Betty Partee, who spoke about her daughter's murder.*

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Faculty and staff members can find an online "Sketches" submission form on the Web at [www.gvsu.edu/forum](http://www.gvsu.edu/forum).

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## GRAND VALLEY magazine

Grand Valley Magazine is published quarterly for the university community. Visit its Web site at [www.gvsu.edu/gvmagazine](http://www.gvsu.edu/gvmagazine).

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## GVFaces

### Elena Selezneva Padnos International Center

Growing up in Russia, Elena Selezneva understood how important it is to be aware of different cultures. Now at Grand Valley, she helps students experience other cultures by coordinating faculty-led programs abroad.

Her path to Michigan started with, ironically, a study abroad program.

Selezneva had taught German and English at a Russian university that hosted a program by representatives from Michigan State University. They invited her to visit MSU. She enjoyed it so much she enrolled as a graduate student and eventually earned two master's degrees, one in linguistics and the other in educational technology. She also helped coordinate MSU study abroad programs in Russia and Ukraine.

"I believe in international education," she said. "It is important for students to go around the world and learn about different cultures. The experiences students have will stay with them forever."

Selezneva began working for the Padnos International Center last November as coordinator of

faculty-led programs. The programs are typically shorter than a full semester.

"I am very fortunate to work at GVSU with the faculty who are strongly committed to promoting international education. They prepare our students to become global citizens," she said.

She is a world traveler herself. She has been to France, Poland, Ukraine, Germany, Netherlands, Czech Republic, Belgium, Belarus, Canada, Russia and the U.S. In addition to staying in contact with her friends from around the world, Selezneva enjoys swimming and watching sunsets on Lake Michigan.

"It is so amazing to see so much fresh water, it looks like the sea. I love to watch the waves and the sunset, Michigan reminds me of my home in Russia," she said.



*Elena Selezneva*



## What's Ahead

### Healthy dating program precedes march

To create awareness about sexual assault and dating violence, a student organization will sponsor a program that focuses on healthy dating.

Popular author and lecturer Mike Domitrz returns to campus on Monday, October 20, with his humorous and informative program "Can I Kiss You?" that focuses on healthy dating behaviors. The program is free and open to the public. It will begin at 8 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room. The event is co-sponsored by Eyes Wide Open, a student organization, and Grand Valley's Women's Center.

Following the program, participants are invited to "Take Back the Night" and join a march across campus in a unifying effort to end violence and sexual assault. The march will begin at 9 p.m. outside the Kirkhof Center.

For more information about the events, contact Eyes Wide Open advisor Megan Sanderson at [sanderme@gvsu.edu](mailto:sanderme@gvsu.edu).

### Sustainability Week features many events

For the fourth straight year, Grand Valley will celebrate its commitment to environmental, social and fiscal responsibility with its annual Campus Sustainability Week, October 22–25.

"Shaping Our World" activities will include speakers and presentations, displays and demonstrations, awards and recognition, exhibits and community projects. Highlights include a farmers market on Wednesday, October 22, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room; and a green continental breakfast on Friday, October 24, 7:30 a.m., Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room. Join President Thomas J. Haas, Grand Rapids Mayor George Heartwell and others to acknowledge "sustainability champions."

For more on the week's activities, visit [www.gvsu.edu/sustainability](http://www.gvsu.edu/sustainability) or call the Sustainability Initiative office at x18655.

### 'Mayhem' opens basketball seasons

The Laker men's and women's basketball teams will start their seasons with a fun-filled evening of activities on Wednesday, October 22.

Faculty and staff members are invited to "Start the Mayhem," which will begin at 8 p.m. in the Fieldhouse Arena. Events include a student dunk contest, three-point contest and prize giveaways. Pizza and refreshments will be provided.

### Nursing professor to lead session on menopause

Gayla Jewell, associate professor of nursing, will lead an informational session on menopause, its symptoms and coping strategies on Thursday, October 23.

"The Hot Flash Network," will begin at noon in the Kirkhof Center, rooms 2215/2216. The program is sponsored by Work Life Connections and participants are encouraged to bring their lunches.

Register for the session online at [www.gvsu.edu/seminar](http://www.gvsu.edu/seminar). For more information, call Sue Sloop, Work Life Connections consultant, at x12215.

### Departments sponsor film series

Several campus departments are sponsoring a film series that investigates racial and socioeconomic inequities in health care.

"UnNatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick?" a seven-part documentary produced by California Newsreel that aired on PBS. Filmmakers explored how the social conditions in which Americans are born, live and work affect health and longevity, even more than medical care, behaviors and genes.

The series begins on Thursday, October 23, at noon in the Kirkhof Center, room 2201, with "In Sickness and In Wealth." The series will continue each Thursday through December 11 at the same time and location. Faculty and staff members will lead discussion following the film. Participants do not need to attend the entire series.

The series is sponsored by Grand Valley's College of Interdisciplinary Studies, Career and Counseling Center, and Health and Wellness.



*Lisa Catrett-Belrose and Michael Phillips of the Pascal Rioult Dance Company will perform during 'Dance Stars' beginning on Friday.*

### Grand Valley students dancing with the stars

A variety of choreographers have each spent a week working with students in Grand Valley dance program to create Dance Stars Across America "Coast to Coast," a diverse and entertaining program ranging from classical to contemporary dance.

Tickets are required for the performances, which are part of the university's Fall Arts Celebration. Performances are Friday, October 24, at 8 p.m. and Saturday, October 25, at 2 p.m. in the Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center.

The performances will draw from the experience and expertise of each visiting professional dancer, including Becca Sweitzer, from

TV's "Dancing with the Stars" and the movie, "Hairspray"; Thang Dao, a former member of the Steven Petrino Dance Company; dance faculty members Shawn Bible and Lisa Catrett-Belrose.

The show closes with a signature piece, "Bolero," choreographed by Pascal Rioult. Michael Phillips, a principal dancer from the New York City company, also worked with students this year.

Tickets: general public: \$20; faculty/staff/students with ID: \$10; children age 12 and under: \$5. Tickets may be purchased through Star Tickets Plus with a service fee, by calling (616) 222-4000 or (800) 585-3737, online at [www.starticketsplus.com](http://www.starticketsplus.com) or at any Star Tickets Plus outlet. Tickets are also available weekdays, from noon-5 p.m., at the LAT Box Office (in-person sales only/no phone orders).

### Hundreds expected at Make a Difference Day

About 400 Grand Valley students, faculty and staff members will give back to the Grand Rapids area on Make a Difference Day scheduled for Saturday, October 25. The event is also part of Campus Sustainability Week.

The national day of service, promoted by *USA Today*, is entering its 18th year. Participants are scheduled to arrive at the Pew Grand Rapids Campus at 8:30 a.m., when they will hear from Connie Bellows, director of the Delta Strategy. Volunteers will then be bused to various sites throughout the community to work on different service projects from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Grand Valley's volunteers are organized through the Student Life Office; for more information, contact Heather Hallagan at [hallaghe@gvsu.edu](mailto:hallaghe@gvsu.edu) or x12854.

### Expert panel examines presidential candidates' policies

Experts from around Michigan will gather for a panel discussion to examine the policies of John McCain and Barack Obama and how they will impact Michigan.

Grand Valley's Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies and Michigan Radio have partnered to sponsor "Choosing Michigan's Future: Economy, Energy, Environment, and the 2008 Presidential Race." The discussion is scheduled for Monday, October 27, at 7 p.m., in Loosemore Auditorium at the DeVos Center.

Panelists include Joe Schwarz, former Republican congressman; Mark Brewer, chairman of the Michigan Democratic Party; Mark Coscarelli, vice president for Great Lakes and Environmental Research at Public Sector Consultants; Paul Isley, associate professor of economics; Imad Mahawili, executive director of the Michigan Alternative and Renewable Energy Center.

For more information, contact the Hauenstein Center at x12770.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## General Events

**Art Gallery Hours: Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thurs. 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.**

### Through Oct. 31

Gallery Hours: "Separation as Together: Soonjung Hong and Eunmee Lee, Korean Ceramists at GVSU." Art Gallery, PAC.

### Mon., Oct. 20

8 p.m.: Women's Center hosts "Take Back the Night" program and march. 2250 KC. Call x12748 for more information.

### Tues., Oct. 21

7:30 a.m.: Seidman College of Business hosts "Monsanto: The Business of Feeding the World," by Kevin Holloway. Loosemore Auditorium, DEV. Call x17100 for more information.

Noon: Padnos International Center Study Abroad Fair. Student Project Area, DEV. Call x13898 for more information.

Noon: Work Life Connections Brown Bag Lunch. "Recapture Your Joy," by Eric Klingensmith. 2201 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

### Oct. 22-25

Sustainability Week. Check [www.gvsu.edu/sustainability](http://www.gvsu.edu/sustainability) for activities or call x18655.

### Wed., Oct. 22

Noon: Arts at Noon Series. Mind's Eye quartet. CDC. Call x13484 for more information.

Noon: Allendale Toastmasters. 2259 KC. Call x18655 for more information.

1:30 p.m.: Human Resources Excellence Series. Media Training. 123 CHS. Call x12215 for more information.

### Thurs., Oct. 23

Noon: Grand Rapids Toastmasters. University Club Room, DEV. Call x17337 for more information.

Noon: Work Life Connections Brown Bag Lunch. "The Hot Flash Network," by Gayla Jewell. 2215/2216 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts film series "UnNatural Causes." 2201 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

### Fri., Oct. 24

3 p.m.: East Asian Studies. "China's Reform and its Magazine Market," by Yin Xiaorong. 164 LOH. Call x18110 for more information.

4:30 p.m.: University Club hosts Oktoberfest. Meadows Clubhouse. Call x13592 for more information.

8 p.m.: Fall Arts Celebration. Dance Stars Across America. LAT, PAC. Call x12180 for more information.

### Sat., Oct. 25

2 p.m.: Fall Arts Celebration. Dance Stars Across America. LAT, PAC.

5 p.m.: University Club hosts Tailgate Party. Blue Irwin Lot. Call x13592 for more information.

### Mon., Oct. 27

Noon: Work Life Connections Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group. 2242 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

7 p.m.: Hauenstein Center hosts "Election '08 Impact on Michigan Energy, Environment, and the Economy." Loosemore Auditorium, DEV. Call x12770 for more information.

## Sports

### Wed., Oct. 22

7 p.m.: Volleyball hosts Aquinas College.

### Thurs., Oct. 23

1 p.m.: Swimming and Diving host Lewis University and Hillsdale University.

### Sat., Oct. 25

7 p.m.: Football hosts Ashland University.

## Faculty and Staff Sketches

### In the News

**James P. Dunn**, professor of biology, was interviewed by *E Magazine* for a story about efforts to control the invasive emerald ash borer.

**Jim Penn**, assistant professor of geography and planning, was interviewed by WGUV-AM for a story about his field research course in Peru.

**Marlene Kowalski-Braun**, director of the Women's Center, was interviewed by WOOD-AM for a story about the student organization Eyes Wide Open.

### Sketches

Nursing faculty and staff members **Kay Kline**, **Daniel Wezeman** and **Janice Coye** co-wrote an article, "How to Prevent Competition for Clinical Nursing Education Placements," published in the *Annual Review of Nursing Education*.

**Ellen Yeziarski**, associate professor of chem-

istry, wrote an article, "POGIL Implementation in Large Classes," for a book, *Process-Oriented Guided Inquiry Learning*, published by the American Chemical Society. She also gave a presentation, "Transforming Teacher Professional Development and Instruction in High School Chemistry," at Purdue University.

**Teresa Castelao-Lawless**, professor of philosophy, gave a presentation, "Gaston Bachelard and the Moral Role of Scientific Education in Secondary Schools and Universities," at the Federal University of Bahia in Salvador, Brazil.

**David Vessey**, assistant professor of philosophy, organized the annual meeting of the North American Society for Philosophical Hermeneutics at DePaul University. He gave a presentation, "The Role of the Concept 'Person' in Gadamer's Philosophical Hermeneutics."

**George McBane**, associate professor of chemistry, co-wrote an article, "CO blocking of D<sup>2</sup> Dissociative Adsorption on Ru(0001)," published in *ChemPhysChem*.

Nursing faculty members **Nancy Schoofs** and **Linda Nicholson Grinstead** gave a presentation, "Techniques to Enhance Learning in an Accelerated Program," at the National League for Nursing Education Summit in San Antonio, Texas.

**Elaine Sterrett Isely**, research associate at the Annis Water Resources Institute, and **Paul Isely**, associate professor of economics, gave a presentation, "Using INVEST to Inform Land Use Decision," at the West Michigan Strategic Alliance's Natural Connections Summit in Hudsonville. **Alan Steinman**, director of AWRI, was a co-author. She also gave a presentation, "Rein in the Runoff: Spring Lake Stormwater Integrated Assessment Project," at a Stakeholder Steering Committee meeting in Spring Lake.

**Matt Cooper**, research assistant at the Annis Water Resources Institute, gave a presentation, "Community Metabolism In Coastal Wetlands of the Laurentian Great Lakes," at the Global Lakes Ecological Observatory Network in Norrtälje, Sweden.