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FORUM

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GVSU students develop new methods to fight cancer

Students and faculty members have been working with Van Andel Institute to develop new methods to further a growing medical field that aims to improve early detection of cancer and disease.

A group of four Grand Valley students and graduates, and Anthony Chang from VAI, presented three years worth of research at the World Molecular Imaging Congress, one of the largest meetings in the medical imaging field, in late September in Georgia.

Chang, research assistant professor and director of the Small Animal Imaging Facility at VAI's laboratories, said in the future, if a tumor or lesion is found, a doctor will be able to predict early on if it will spread or grow with the help of advanced imaging technology. "The medical imaging field is booming," said Chang. "Everyone is looking for a person with this type of training and knowledge. It is a new concept, and right now people are starting to realize the power of this technology."

The partnership began when Grand Valley received a National Science Foundation grant to

start a biomedical engineering master's program in 2010. "My colleagues and I reached out to local companies and research labs in the medical industry, which is how our relationship with VAI began," said Samhita Rhodes, professor of engineering. "Since then, the program has taken off and our students are doing great things."

Chang and a group of Grand Valley graduate students, including Anderson Peck, helped form the research lab at VAI three years ago.

Peck, who was in the first class of the master's program, now works at VAI as a full-time researcher. "VAI is the only place in Michigan that's developing these new techniques, and we're right here in West Michigan. We have a few new techniques, and hope they'll be used in the future," said Peck.

Chang said: "We have a strong presence in the imaging research field, which before, only happened at really big universities. We're



Photo by Amanda Pitts

Grand Valley alumnus Anderson Peck helped form the medical imaging research lab at VAI three years ago; he now works there as a researcher.

putting Grand Valley and Grand Rapids on the map in this area. VAI and our students are helping develop new techniques and concepts that could save lives."

Rhodes said she and John Farris and Bruce Dunne are working to expand the program.

75th anniversary of Kindertransport explored

A university stage production plus exhibition and presentation from a survivor will commemorate the 75th anniversary of a mission that evacuated more than 10,000 young Jewish children from Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia before the start of World War II.

Kindertransport occurred between 1938-39, when desperate Jewish parents struggled to get passage for their children on unaccompanied trains bound for the safety of Great Britain. The organized effort was meant to place the children in foster families, hoping a brief separation would spare them from the growing atrocities being inflicted by Hitler and the Nazis.

Campus events in November include a talk by Kindertransport survivor John H. Rosen, a stage production, panel discussions and an exhibition.

Six performances of the dramatic stage production of "Kindertransport" are scheduled

at the Performing Arts Center. Performances are at 7:30 p.m., November 15-16 and November 21-22. Matinee performances are at 2 p.m. on November 17 and November 23.

Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for faculty, staff, alumni, and seniors, and \$6 for all students and



Photo by Amanda Pitts

Mallory Caillaud-Jones portrays Young Eva in 'Kindertransport,' which starts November 15. Other events related to the production include an exhibition and presentation by a survivor.

groups of 10 or more. Call the Louis Armstrong Theatre box office at x12300 or visit www.gvsu.edu/theatre.

"Kindertransport," was written by Diane Samuels and first performed in London in 1993. The play examines the life of one fictional child, Eva, and is based on interviews with many who shared their actual experiences as transported children.

"It focuses on universal themes such as mother-daughter relationships, separation, loss and whether or not the past can be forgotten," said director Karen Libman. "Told in a series of flashbacks over a 40-year period, the play focuses on not only the life of the child, but her adult life and how her experience affects her relationship with others, including her own daughter."

Two panel discussions of various issues relating to the play will take place after

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Across Campus

Grand Valley signs reverse transfer agreement with Oakland CC

Grand Valley signed a reverse transfer agreement October 22 with Oakland Community College in Oakland County.

The agreement helps students who transferred to Grand Valley complete an associate's degree at the community college. The initiative applies to students who have completed at least 40 credits at OCC, but transferred to Grand Valley before earning an associate's degree.

Grand Valley has 26 reverse transfer agreements with community colleges across the state.

Sprout Lab promotes Ag entrepreneurs

Michigan's agribusiness sector is filled with innovators. Many tools and inventions could be scaled up for greater economic and industry impact.

Sprout Lab, sponsored by Grand Valley's Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation and Saginaw Valley State University, is designed to help people with innovative agribusiness ideas find the resources needed to develop their ideas and business concepts.

Sprout Lab will offer three-day workshops in November and January, providing guidance from industry experts and resource information.

"Sprout Lab is a way to engage problem solvers in the agriculture, natural resource and energy sectors in exploring further commercial development of their ideas," said Julie Cowie, program manager for Sprout Lab.

Sprout Lab will be offered November 4-6 at the Pew Grand Rapids Campus and January 8-10 at Saginaw Valley State from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The cost is \$195. Sprout Lab is a pilot program funded by a grant from the Michigan Initiative for Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Register online at www.sproutlab.org.

Student attends MIT program

Allie Bouza, a junior chemistry major, was selected to take part in the prestigious ACCESS program at the Massachusetts Institute of



Allie Bouza

Technology in September. The ACCESS program at MIT is intended to increase the diversity of qualified applicants to doctorate programs in chemistry, chemical engineering and materials science throughout the U.S.

ACCESS is a highly competitive weekend-long program of educational and informative events that serves to introduce talented sophomores, juniors and seniors to the benefits of a graduate education in chemistry, chemical engineering, and materials science.

Bouza received help applying to the selective program from the Frederik Meijer Office of Fellowships. The Office of Fellowships also helped her with applications for the Michigan Space Grant Consortium, where she worked as an undergraduate research fellow and focused on the photo-electrolysis of water for alternative energy applications.

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Exhibit, presentation scheduled

the November 17, 2 p.m. performance and the November 21, 7:30 p.m. performance.

Related events include:

- An exhibition, "The Kindertransport Journey," runs November 1-24 at the exhibition space in the Atrium level of the Mary Idema Pew Library Learning and Information Commons. On loan from the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center of Nassau County, New York, the exhibit includes documents and photographs to describe the Kindertransport experience. Sponsored by Grand Valley's Jewish Student Organization, Hillel, and the Office of Multicultural Affairs, it is free and open to the public during library hours.

- Survivor John H. Rosen, 82, will give a presentation November 5 at 4 p.m. at the library about his experiences as a child during the Kindertransport and after. Sponsored by Grand Valley's Meijer Honors College, the event is free and open to the public.

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GVFaces

Mark Sampson Associate Director, University Counseling Center

Psychology allows Mark Sampson an opportunity to leave his footprint on the world.

"Psychology is a perfect fit for me," said Sampson. "To say that I am able to impact someone every day and that I am able to change the world one person at a time is so rewarding to me."

Before coming to the University Counseling Center at Grand Valley, Sampson spent nine years working as a staff psychologist and training director for the psychology internship program at the University of Michigan.

Originally from southern Ohio, Sampson earned bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in psychology from Ohio State University.

In his role at the Counseling Center, Sampson serves as a clinical director and focuses on ensuring that the center is running smoothly and adequately meeting the needs of the students at Grand Valley. He also serves as a

staff psychologist with his own caseload and facilitates group counseling sessions.

"The Counseling Center is a vital resource on campus because this is the time in their lives that students are discovering who they really are, which can be challenging at times," said Sampson. "The center provides a safe and confidential space for students to talk to someone openly and begin to build a system of support."

In the future, Sampson said he is looking forward to finding ways to continue to meet the growing needs of the Counseling Center and to effectively serve as many students as possible on campus.

In his spare time Sampson said he enjoys exploring West Michigan, being outdoors and running.



Mark Sampson



What's Ahead

Laker Village will host trick or treat

Families in the Allendale area are invited to the Laker Village Apartments on Wednesday, October 30, for games and trick or treating.

From 5:30-7 p.m. resident assistants will host games in the Laker Village North Community Center and lead tours to student apartments for trick or treating.

For more information, contact Ashley Schulte in Housing and Residence Life at x10501 or schulash@gvsu.edu.

Community event kicks off Native American Heritage Month

A group of students will kick off Native American Heritage Month by cleaning up areas surrounding the Hopewell burial grounds in Grand Rapids on Saturday, November 2, from 10 a.m.-noon.

The Grand Rapids Public Museum oversees the preservation of the grounds, which are 13 burial mounds near the Grand River, southwest of downtown Grand Rapids. Hopewell is a scientific name given to an ancient civilization that flourished 2,000 years ago and the Norton Burial Grounds site is one of the best preserved Hopewellian cemeteries in the country. Send an email to scanlokr@gvsu.edu to reserve a spot.

The remaining events, organized by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, will focus on Native American history and traditions. All events are free and open to the public.

- **November 6, 4-5:30 p.m., Cook-DeWitt Center: An Evening with Joy Harjo.**

Harjo is an internationally known poet, performer, writer and saxophone player. From Albuquerque, New Mexico, she performs a one-woman show, "Wings of Night Sky, Wings of Morning Light," and published a memoir, "Crazy Brave," about her journey to become a poet.

- **November 7, 4-6 p.m., Cook-DeWitt Center: "Indians Schools: The Survivor's Story."** A documentary followed by panel discussion. The stories of Native American children taken from families and placed in boarding schools will be shown and discussed.

- **November 15, noon-2 p.m., Kirkhof Center, room 1240: Traditional Native Art Celebration.** Local Native American artists will display their art and demonstrate traditional beading, jewelry making, basket weaving and hand drumming.

- **November 19, 4-6 p.m., DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium: "Our Fires Still Burn" documentary, panel discussion.** The film's director, Audrey Geyer, will lead a panel discussion, as well as film producer Scott Badenoch and Levi Rickert, editor of Native News Network.

For more information, call the Office of Multicultural Affairs at x12177 or visit www.gvsu.edu/oma.

Annual reception will celebrate student leaders

Registration is open for the Venderbush Leadership Lecture, a biannual event that recognizes student leadership on campus.

The fall reception will take place on Monday, November 4, at 2 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Pere Marquette Room. Register by November 1 at www.gvsu.edu/leadership.

Grand Valley alumnus Selma Tucker, director of marketing and communications at Public Sector Consultants in Lansing, will give the keynote presentation. An advocate for energy efficiency and environmentalism, Tucker previously worked for the City of Grand Rapids where he led the BetterBuildings for Michigan program. He was the first president of the Cook Leadership Academy at Grand Valley and is currently a mentor for the program.

New members of Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honorary will be recognized and the Student Organization Center will present the Immediate Impact Award.

For more information, contact Kate Thome, graduate assistant for Leadership and Service, at thomeka@gvsu.edu or x12361.

Fall Arts Celebration to feature modern dance

Modern dance by a nationally celebrated choreographer will be featured next during Fall Arts Celebration at Grand Valley. The unique pairing of iconic American music will celebrate the many moods of summer and its interpretation in dance.

"Memories of Summer — The American Identity in Dance" is set for Monday, November 4, at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, Louis Armstrong Theatre.

Lauren Edson and the Lauren Edson + Dancers will present a fresh modern dance interpretation of iconic American music by Samuel Barber and Virgil Thompson. The music, from the historical period at the end of the 19th century and start of the 20th century, captured a newly emerging American identity while exuding the regional



Lauren Edson and the Lauren Edson + Dancers perform at the next FAC event on November 4.

nature of the South and Midwest.

The performance will include Thompson's "The Plow that Broke the Plains" and Barber's "Summer Music" and "Knoxville 1915," which will also feature special guest soprano Christina Pier, currently an artist-in-residence at Catawba College in North Carolina. Music will be performed by the Grand Valley Chamber Orchestra, directed by Kevin Tutt.

Award-winning choreographer Edson was one of three finalists selected to participate in Milwaukee Ballet's 2013 "Genesis" International Choreographic Competition, and received the Audience Favorite Award. Her work "Foreground" was chosen for performance at the Kennedy Center in 2012, as part of the National College Dance Festival.

All Fall Arts Celebration events are open to the public with free admission. Seating is limited for these popular performances. For more information, visit www.gvsu.edu/fallarts, or call x12185.

Well-known scientist to give presentation

Astrophysicist and well-known space exploration expert Neil deGrasse Tyson will give a presentation on campus on November 13.



Neil deGrasse Tyson

Tyson is the Frederick P. Rose director of the Hayden Planetarium

at the American Museum of Natural History in New York. He has written 10 books on the topic of space exploration, serves as host of the national radio program "StarTalk," and is currently working on a remake of the TV series "Cosmos," which will air on Fox Network next spring.

During his presentation, Tyson will discuss the scientific process as a way to make and discover answers to large and small questions. "Science as a Way of Knowing" will begin at 7 p.m. in the Fieldhouse.

The event is free but tickets are required. Students, faculty and staff members can get tickets at the 20/20 Desk in the Kirkhof Center.

The event is sponsored by the student organization Center for Inquiry at Grand Valley, with support from the Physics Club, Spotlight Productions, Office of Student Life, Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Meijer Honors College, and Center for Inquiry Michigan.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Events

Mon., Oct. 28

8:30 a.m.: Internationalization Task Force Meeting. 302E DEV. Send an email to schaubm@gvsu.edu for more information.

Tues., Oct. 29

11:30 a.m.: 2014 Benefits Open Enrollment Open Labs. 189 CHS. Call x12215 for more information.

5 p.m.: Ott Lectureship in Chemistry with Carl Lineberger. 2250 KC. Call x13803 for more information.

6 p.m.: Concert by Free Play 27: Latitude 49. 1121 PAC. Call x13484 for information.

7 p.m.: Veterans History Project hosts “My Year in Vietnam.” Loosemore Auditorium, DEV. Call x13422 for more information.

Wed., Oct. 30

8:30 a.m.: Human Resources Excellence Series: “Generational Differences In The Workplace,” by Mitzi Taylor. 2204 KC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/seminar to register.

11:30 a.m.: 2014 Benefits Open Enrollment Open Labs. 210A DEV. Call x12215 for more information.

11:30 a.m.: Johnson Center Brown Bag Lunch & Learn: “Grantmakers Talk About the Future of Philanthropy.” BIK. Call x17585 for more information.

Noon: International Faculty and Friends. 2270 KC. Call x13898 for more information.

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

Noon: Women’s Commission Fireside Chat: “Irreconcilable Differences,” by Jessica Jennrich. 1201 KC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/wcommission for more information.

2 p.m.: AWRI Event: “Aquatic Invasive Species Management Perspectives and Opportunities from Michigan’s State Agencies,” by Kevin Walters. Multipurpose Room, LMC. Call x13749 for information.

4 p.m.: Disability Awareness Month: “Leading the Way to a Barrier Free Community.” Multipurpose Room, MIPL. Call x12490 for more information.

6 p.m.: Health and Wellness hosts Financial Fitness. 2259 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

Thurs., Oct. 31

7:30 a.m.: Downtown Toastmasters. 107C DEV. Visit www.gvsu.edu/toastmasters for more information.

7 p.m.: Latin American Studies hosts “Day of the Dead,” Building a Traditional Alter. MIPL. Call x18110 for more information.

Fri., Nov. 1

Noon: Board of Trustees Meeting. Detroit Center.

3:30 p.m.: Evolution for Everyone hosts “Evolutionary vs. Racial Medicine,” by Patrick Thorpe and Noor Ghiasvand. 308 PAD. Call x12470 for more information.

Sports

Fri., Nov. 1

7 p.m.: Soccer hosts Lake Erie College.

Sat., Nov. 2

1 p.m.: Swimming and Diving hosts Lewis University.

7 p.m.: Football hosts Hillsdale College.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

Sketches

A. Scott Rood, assistant professor of hospitality and tourism management, wrote articles, “Cross Cultural Service Gap Analysis,” published in the *Journal of Food Service Business Research*, and “Compensation Patterns and Job Satisfaction Issues of Resort Recreation Professionals,” published in the *Journal of Tourism Insights*.

Sok Kean Khoo, distinguished associate professor of molecular genomics, wrote an article, “Could miRNA Expression Changes be a Reliable Clinical Biomarker for Parkinson’s Disease?” published in *Neurodegenerative Disease Management*.

Annis Water Resources Institute staff members **Bopi Biddanda** and **Scott Kendall** co-wrote an article, “Underwater Sinkholes Sequester Lake Huron’s Carbon,” published in *Biogeochemistry*. **Biddanda** also gave an invited presentation, “Adventures with Carbon Cycling, Sinkhole Exploration and Lake Observing in the Great Lakes,” at the Ferris State University Department of Biology.

John Kilbourne, professor of movement science, gave a presentation, “Creating Activity Permissible Classrooms to Help Students Excel,” at Education in the 21st Century

workshops hosted by Office Resources Inc. He also wrote an article, “Let’s Pop the Bubble Surrounding Part-time Faculty,” published in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

John Uglietta, associate professor of philosophy, gave a presentation, “A Neglected Argument Concerning Morality and Abortion,” at the Western Michigan University Medical Humanities Conference.

Tera Qualls, director of communications and advancement for the College of Community and Public Service, and project manager for the Johnson Center for Philanthropy’s Community Research Institute, was named one of the 2013 “40 Under Forty” Business Leaders by the *Grand Rapids Business Journal*.

Scott L. Stabler, associate professor of history, was a panelist for a session, “Committee on Teaching and Public Education Roundtable: Teacher and Scholar: Working with Your Local K-12 Schools,” at the Western History Association Conference in Tucson, Arizona.

Dawn Evans, assistant professor of English, gave presentations, “Bridging Home and School: Using ELL Funds of Knowledge to Enrich English Language Arts Teaching,” at the Michigan Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Conference in East Lansing,

and “Can Research be a Foundation for Lifelong Learning for Youth? An Exploration of Possibilities and Pitfalls,” at the American Association for Teaching and Curriculum Conference in Chicago, Illinois.

Laurence Jose, assistant professor of writing, gave a presentation, “Globalizing Local Programs: Professional Writing in a 21st Century General Education Curriculum,” at the CPTSC Conference held in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Physician Assistant Studies faculty members **Karlin E. Sevensma**, **Susan Raaymakers**, **Molly Paulson** and **Ginger Biesbrock** gave presentations at the Michigan Academy of Physician Assistants CME Conference in Traverse City.

Al Steinman, director of the Annis Water Resources Institute, gave presentations, “The Degradation, Restoration, and Valuation of Muskegon Lake,” at Ohio University, and “Blue Water Economy,” at the Michiana Greentown Conference in South Bend, Indiana.

Jennifer Deamud, SBTDC state associate director, was named one of the 2013 “40 Under Forty” Business Leaders by the *Grand Rapids Business Journal*.