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# FORUM

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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

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## GIS games help students better understand world

More than 200 middle school students from Grand Rapids Public Schools were invited to spend the day on the Allendale Campus November 19 to play a variety of geography games. It was all part of the GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Day 2008: Our Shrinking World conference.

The students, from three different schools, learned Geocaching, played capture the flag using GPS, conducted GPS mapping and used GPS cameras and photolinks, among other activities.

Grand Valley senior Johnathan Foote was one of the student volunteers who helped the visitors use GPS cameras to take pictures of campus to upload on the Internet and map through GPS systems. "The goal of this exercise is to show the students how GPS can be a tool for important tasks," Foote said. "We want them to see the benefit of historical mapping or the mapping of facilities and utilities."

Edwin Joseph, associate professor of geography and planning, said this was the seventh year Grand Valley has hosted the conference. "Geographic Information Systems is predicted

to play a major role in geographic education in today's global economy," said Joseph. "Learning to solve problems using GIS, GPS, and Internet technology can increase the amount of information available to students, and provide new ways to incorporate this information into learning activities."

Colleen Heyboer, an eighth-grade teacher from Crossroads Middle School, has been bringing her students to this event for six years. "My students loved 'hot linking,'" said Heyboer. "By using Google Earth they learned how to find their home online; even get a street view. Another favorite was having the opportunity to create 3D shapes on computers."

GIS Day conference presentations featured experts and students discussing the use of GIS in rural Michigan, as a tool for wind turbine assessment, and as a way to trace personal histories or design lesson plans.

Participating schools were CA Frost Environmental Science Academy, Martin



Photo by Bernadine Carey-Tucker

A GIS Day participant takes a group photo using a GPS camera during the November 19 event on the Allendale Campus.

Luther King Jr. Leadership Academy, and Crossroads Middle School.

The event was sponsored by Geography and Planning, College of Education, University Bookstore, Regional Math and Science Center, and College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, along with the Michigan Space Consortium and Environmental Systems Research Institute.

## Across Campus

### Campus contingent attends poverty summit

About 50 students, faculty and staff members traveled to Cobo Hall in Detroit November 13 for a statewide conference on poverty.

Organized through the School of Social Work and Women's Center, the Grand Valley contingent boarded buses for the "Voices in Action" summit, sponsored by the Michigan Department of Human Services. The summit drew more than 4,000 people; speakers included Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Martin Luther King III and DHS Director Ismael Ahmed.

David Gabrielse, Grand Valley's BSW program director and affiliate professor, said one of the summit's breakout sessions was led by

an alumna. Rachel Kunnath, program director of the Source in Grand Rapids, led a breakout session on asset building and helping people move out of poverty to earn sustainable wages.

Kunnath earned a bachelor's degree in social work from Grand Valley in 2004 and a master's degree in social work in April. The Source is a not-for-profit organization that supports employees through training and resources.

### Sociology professor receives state teaching award

Jennifer Stewart has taken her students to visit migrant farm worker camps, challenged them

to a sustainable diet and coached them in acting skits for a diversity troupe.

These are a few reasons that Stewart, associate professor of sociology, received one of the highest honors from the Michigan Sociological Association. Stewart, nominated by her faculty colleagues, was presented with the Larry T. Reynolds Award for Excellence at the MSA's annual conference in October.



Jennifer Stewart

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# Across Campus

## Annual gathering honors service award recipients

Nearly 200 faculty and staff members will be honored for their years of service to Grand Valley at the annual Service Award and Holiday Gathering on Thursday, December 4.

The gathering will be held in the Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room, from 3-5 p.m. with the award ceremony beginning at 3:30 p.m. To allow all employees to participate, campus offices may close at 3 p.m.

### The 40-year award recipients:

- Lynn Blue, Academic Services
- Samir Ishak, Management
- Lynn Mapes, History

### The 35-year award recipients:

- Carl Arendsen, Mathematics (retired)
- Milt Ford, Liberal Studies
- Bennett Rudolph, Marketing
- Ruthann Stone, Kirkhof College of Nursing
- Ted Sundstrom, Mathematics
- Lloyd Vermaat, Facilities Services (retired)

### The 30-year award recipients:

- Ester Burns, Procurement Services
- Liz Eubanks, Computer Operations
- Linda Grinstead, Kirkhof College of Nursing
- John Haase, Facilities Services
- Larry Henderson, Facilities Planning
- Norene Hendricks, Political Science

- Sheila Klemm, Financial Aid
- Arnie Smith Alexander, McNair Scholars, TRiO
- Jan Lenic, Accounting Office
- Deborah VanderWal, Accounting Office

### The 25-year award recipients:

- Dorothy Armstrong, Education
- Edward Baum, Chemistry
- David Chapman, Academic Computing Services
- Ruth Ann Brintnall, Kirkhof College of Nursing
- Karen Chavez, Accounting Office
- Shirley Dilworth, Graduate Studies and Grants Administration
- Mary Feenstra, English
- M. Catherine Gardner, Mathematics
- Richard Hall, Management
- Jill Hamilton, Music
- Jo Ann Litton, Financial Aid
- Bob Stoll, Student Life
- Jonathan White, College of Interdisciplinary Studies

### The 20-year award recipients:

- Charlene Beckmann, Mathematics
- Jerry Bosch, Pew Campus and Regional Centers
- Charles Campbell, Pew Campus and Regional Centers
- Jay Cooper, Education
- Jacqueline Cuppy, Institutional Marketing
- Patti Eisen, Padnos College of Engineering and Computing
- Robert Franciosi, English
- Joseph Helgert, Communications

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## GRAND VALLEY magazine

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# Across Campus

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Stewart, who joined Grand Valley's faculty in 2001, said she constantly searches for ways to "create situations that will lead students to ask questions." Her teaching method, she said, leads to better retention.

For example, in her "Sociology of Food" course, Stewart introduced the 100-mile diet and challenged her students to only consume food they could find within 100 miles of their homes. "It's much easier to do in the fall semester than the winter," she said and laughed.

Stewart is also the creator of Grand Valley's Act On Racism troupe. Student actors relay instances of racism and discrimination before audiences in a workshop setting. Established in 2005, Act on Racism has performed for classes and community audiences; they gave a presentation at the October MSA conference.

"Our hope is that through the skits, we get the conversations going," Stewart said.

## Policy for university closings, essential staff online

Faculty and staff members can read the university's emergency closing policy online on the Grand Valley

Manual Web site, [www.gvsu.edu/gvmanual](http://www.gvsu.edu/gvmanual), by clicking on "Policy Index" then "Emergency Closing Policy."

Detailed within the policy are definitions of canceled and closing, and how that will affect Grand Valley's campuses; which departments are considered essential; how closings affect final exams; and parking restrictions.

Non-essential Clerical, Office and Technical staff members may use an inclement weather day to be paid when the university is officially closed. This is coded as WEA in UltraTime. When Grand Valley remains open, COT staff may use up to eight hours in a calendar year for absences that are necessary due to inclement weather conditions or when it is necessary for a parent to remain at home for the health or safety of their children. These hours are coded as SNO in UltraTime.

## Final printed 'Forum' until January

This issue marks the last printed *Forum* until January 12. Keep up with campus news online at [www.gvsu.edu/gvnow](http://www.gvsu.edu/gvnow).

## What's Ahead

### 'UnNatural Causes' film series continues

The film series that explores racial and socio-economic inequities in the nation's health care system continues this week.

"UnNatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick?" is a seven-part documentary produced by California Newsreel. Three campus departments — Health and Wellness, College of Interdisciplinary Studies, and Counseling Center — are sponsoring the series and discussions that started October 23.

Part six, "Collateral Damage," will be shown on Thursday, December 4, beginning at noon in the Kirkhof Center, room 2201. Participants do not need to attend all screenings and discussions.

Questions about the film or discussion can be directed to the Health and Wellness Department at x12215. For more information about the film, visit [www.unnaturalcauses.org](http://www.unnaturalcauses.org).

### Ring in holidays with carillon concerts

Celebrate the holiday season by attending a performance by University Carillonneur Julianne Vanden Wyngaard on the Cook Carillon on the Allendale Campus.

The annual holiday concert is Friday, December 5, from 1-3 p.m. in the Cook Carillon Plaza.

The carillon tower will be open for tours; refreshments will be served. Register for a chance to win a door prize in a drawing con-

ducted after the event. The event is free and open to the public.

A Christmas Eve concert will be held on the Beckering Family Carillon on the Pew Grand Rapids Campus on December 24, from 9:30-10:15 p.m.

For more information, call the Music Department at x13484, or visit [www.gvsu.edu/music](http://www.gvsu.edu/music).



Julianne Vanden Wyngaard will perform two carillon concerts in December.

## Service award recipients will be honored at holiday gathering

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Nancy Hillila, Library  
 Wendy Johnston, Financial Aid  
 Paul Jorgensen, Computing and Information Systems  
 Frances Kelleher, History  
 John Koches, Annis Water Resources Institute  
 Mark Kuzee, Information Technology  
 Ed Lindeman, Information Technology  
 David Madison, WGUV  
 J. David McGee, Honors College  
 Janet Mills, WGUV  
 Tom Norman, Information Technology  
 Karen Novotny, Mathematics  
 William Osborn, English  
 Pamela Potter, Information Technology  
 Marilyn Rapaport, Kirkhof College of Nursing (retired)  
 Lois Searles, Hospitality and Tourism Management  
 Joy Seeley, Information Technology  
 Roger Smith, Facilities Services  
 Patrick Thorpe, Biology  
 Joan VanTimmeren, Pew Campus and Regional Centers  
 Michael Walenta, WGUV  
 Michael Webster, English  
 Wendy Wenner, College of Interdisciplinary Studies  
 Rose Yoder, Continuing Education  
 Jay Zink, Copy Services

#### The 10-year award recipients:

D. Robert Adams, Computing and Information Systems  
 Allison Adams Bousson, Hospitality and Tourism Management  
 Richard Albrecht, Movement Science  
 Brenda Alston, Education  
 Corey Anton, Communications  
 Beth Arras, Accounting Office  
 Douglas Bell, Communications  
 John Bender, Chemistry  
 Robert Bentley, Facilities Services



File photo

The annual Service Award and Holiday Gathering is set for Thursday at the Kirkhof Center.

Allen Bialk, Facilities Services  
 Esther Billings, Mathematics  
 Sheila Blackman, Biology  
 Matthew Boelkins, Mathematics  
 Joan Borst, Social Work  
 Leigh Brownley, Seidman College of Business  
 Steeve Buckridge, History  
 Robin Burris, Engineering  
 Ray Busfield, Facilities Services  
 Donna Campbell, Education (retired)  
 Stephen Chappell, WGUV  
 Phyllis Curtiss, Statistics  
 Jeffrey Daniels, Library  
 Dorothy Danko, Accounting  
 Patricia Diedrich, Facilities Services  
 Jayne Disette, Academic Computing Services  
 Humberto Dominguez, Facilities Services  
 James Dunn, Biology  
 John Farris, Engineering  
 Roger Ferguson, Computing and Information Systems  
 Lisa Feurzeig, Music  
 Anthony Fiore, Annis Water Resources Institute  
 Timothy Fisher, Art and Design  
 Joy Flanders, Athletics  
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 Michael Grannan, Information Technology  
 Ronald Grew, Engineering  
 Jennifer Gross, Psychology

Lori Haisma, Communications  
 Sharon Hall, Registrar's Office  
 Heather Hardy, Academic Computing Services  
 Benjamin Hayes, Library  
 Julie Henderleiter, Chemistry  
 Avis Hewitt, English  
 Mary Ann Holcomb, Facilities Planning  
 Connie Ingham, Biology  
 Tracey James-Heer, Admissions  
 Wanda Jennings, Information Technology  
 Chad Johnson, Facilities Services  
 Susan Johnson, Information Technology  
 Jann Joseph, Biology  
 Terese Kellogg, Registrar's Office  
 Helen Klein, Management  
 Richard Kleis, Facilities Services  
 Carol Kountz, Writing  
 Janice Kuzee, Mathematics  
 Paul Lane, Marketing  
 David Lange, Computing and Information Systems  
 David Leonard, Chemistry  
 Dana Lewis, Seidman College of Business  
 Shantel LoFiego, Financial Aid  
 Steven Lyon, Athletics  
 Helen Marlais, Music  
 Amy Matthews, Psychology  
 Henry Matthews, Art Gallery  
 Stephen Mattox, Geology  
 Jennifer McCaul, College of Community and Public Service  
 Tracy McLenithan, Psychology  
 Shaily Menon, Biology  
 Shanna Meyer, Bookstore  
 Sharon Millard, Bookstore  
 Susan Naber, Continuing Education  
 Charles Norris, Music  
 Beverly Nyhuis, Education  
 Lois Smith Owens, Social Work  
 Coreen Pelton, Kirkhof College of Nursing  
 Melissa Peraino, Continuing Education  
 Anna Platt, Registrar's Office

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## General Events

### Mon., Dec. 1

3:30 p.m.: Psychology Department hosts Open House for Christine O'Connor. 1202 ASH. Call x12195 for more information.

4 p.m.: LGBT Resource Center hosts HIV/AIDS Q&A with panel. CDC. Call x12530 for more information.

### Tues., Dec. 2

3 p.m.: CLAS hosts Retirement Reception for Sandi Bacon. 308 PAD. Call x12495 for more information.

8 p.m.: Symphonic Wind Ensemble. Barry Martin, conductor. LAT, PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

### Wed., Dec. 3

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

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts "Stepmother

Chronicles," by Anjalon Edwards. 1142 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

3 p.m.: College of Education hosts Retirement Reception for Don Pottorff. Call x16650 for more information.

4 p.m.: Welcome Reception for Dee Ann Sherwood Bosworth. AH. Call x13296 for more information.

8 p.m.: University Arts Chorale and Select Women's Ensemble. LAT, PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

### Thurs., Dec. 4

7:30 a.m.: Grand Rapids Toastmasters. University Club Room, DEV. Call x17378 for more information.

10 a.m.: College of Engineering and Computing Project Day. KEN, KEL. Call x16260 for more information.

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

3 p.m.: Annual Service Awards and Holiday

Gathering. Grand River Room, KC.

8 p.m.: University Singers and Cantate Chamber Ensemble. LAT, PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

### Fri., Dec. 5

11 a.m.: Board of Trustees Meeting. EC. Call x12180 for more information.

1 p.m.: Holiday Carillon Concert. Cook Carillon Tower. Call x13484 for more information.

3:30 p.m.: Philosophy Colloquium Series. "The Roycean Learning Community," by Kelly Parker. 110 MAK. Call x12114 for more information.

8 p.m.: Concert Band. Kevin Tutt, conductor. LAT, PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

### Sat., Dec. 6

10 a.m.: Commencement. Van Andel Arena, Grand Rapids.

8 p.m.: Varsity Men and Varsity 8. CDC. Call x13484 for more information.

## Faculty and Staff Sketches

### In the News

**Lindsey DesArmo**, health and wellness coordinator, was interviewed by WLHT-FM for a story about office and worksite fitness tips.

**Bopi Biddanda**, research scientist at the Annis Water Resources Institute, was interviewed by *MiBiz* for a story about his Great Lakes research.

**Edward Aboufadel**, professor of mathematics, was interviewed by WZZM-TV Channel 13, WOOD-TV Channel 8, and the *Chicago Tribune* for stories about falling gas prices and predictions for the future.

**Janet Walls**, associate director for Housing and Residence Life, was interviewed by *Talking Stick*

magazine for a story about artwork in living centers.

### Sketches

**Mark Schwartz**, assistant professor of anthropology, wrote an article, "Warfare at the Dawn of History: Warriors of Babylon and Sumer," published in *Ancient Warfare*.

**Terry M. Trier**, associate professor of biology, co-wrote an article, "Legacy Effects of Low N Diets on a Vernal Folivore: Deprivation Leads to Gluttony," published in *Environmental Entomology*.

**Stephen Rowe**, professor of philosophy, wrote

an article, "Masao Abe and the Dialogue Breakthrough," published in *Buddhist-Christian Studies*.

**WGVU Productions** received a Silver Award from the Davey Awards for "Battle Creek: Celebrating Flight 2007."

**Dan Balfour**, professor of public and nonprofit administration, wrote a review of *Becoming Eichmann: Rethinking the Life, Times, and Trial of a 'Desk Murderer'*, published in *Public Administration Review*.

Music faculty members **Helen Marlais** and **Arthur Campbell** performed a concert at the University of Hawaii, then gave master classes in piano and clarinet, respectively.

## Service award recipients will be honored at holiday gathering

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Kellie Pnacek-Carter, Student Life  
Kenneth Radlick, Information Technology  
Diann Reischman, Statistics  
Thomas Reisterer, Information Technology  
William Rogers, Psychology  
Wilson Roman, Facilities Services  
Dale Schrottenboer, Facilities Services  
David Sayers, Regional Small Business and Technology Development Center  
Patricia Schafer, Kirkhof College of Nursing

Barbara Schneider, English  
Linda Scott, Kirkhof College of Nursing  
Curtis Smith, Modern Languages and Literatures  
Heather Smoes, English  
Gary Stark, History  
Kirsten Strom, Art and Design  
Robyn Toth, Finance  
Kathleen Underwood, History  
Jill Van Antwerp, English  
Gary Van Harn, Padnos International Center  
David VanderSloot, Conference Planning

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