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# FORUM

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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

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## NPR correspondent will highlight MLK celebration

An author, veteran radio correspondent and TV political analyst will highlight Grand Valley's celebration of the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

Juan Williams, NPR senior correspondent and political analyst for FOX News, will be the keynote speaker during the King celebration program, scheduled for January 19 at 2:15 p.m. at the Fieldhouse Arena. President Thomas J. Haas will also speak, and the Voices of GVSU gospel choir will perform.

Williams, Haas and others will lead a silent march to the Fieldhouse. The campus community is invited to join them at Zumberge Library for the start of the march at 1:45 p.m.

Bobby Springer, associate director for the Office of Multicultural Affairs, said Williams will discuss voting rights, the 2008 election and what it means for the country. Williams will give an expanded version of his speech later that evening at Grand Rapids Community

College, and community members will perform a play, "Voting Rights: Changing the Nation, the Power of Unity."

Williams is considered one of the country's leading political writers. He hosted NPR's "Talk of the Nation" from 2000-01 and now appears regularly on "Morning Edition" and "Day to Day." He is a regular panelist on "FOX News Sunday" in addition to other news programs.

His sixth book, *Enough*, was published in 2007 and criticizes America's black leaders and current African American culture. *Publishers Weekly* said in the book Williams continues the conversation started by Bill Cosby in 2004 when he targeted blacks who



Juan Williams

don't take responsibility for their own economic status.

Other community events to celebrate Martin Luther King Day are as follows:

- Sunday, January 18, 6:30 p.m.: MLK Celebration Service, Lighthouse Full Life Center, 640 Burton St. SE in Grand Rapids.
- Monday, January 19, noon: Community Peace March, Grand Rapids Community College Ford Fieldhouse, followed by program with performances from area public school students and GRCC students.
- Monday, January 19, 6:30 p.m.: 23rd Annual MLK Celebration, GRCC Ford Fieldhouse.

The day's events are sponsored by Grand Valley and GRCC. For more information, contact Grand Valley's Office of Multicultural Affairs at (616) 331-2177.

## University plans event, Webcast of inauguration

A campus-wide event marking the historic presidential inauguration of Barack Obama is planned for January 20.

"America United: A Grand Valley Celebration" will begin at 11 a.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Grand River and Pere Marquette rooms. President Thomas J. Haas and others will speak before the start of the inauguration in Washington, D.C. A live Webcast of Grand Valley speakers and a link to the inauguration will be available at [www.gvsu.edu](http://www.gvsu.edu).

Locations will be set up for faculty and staff members and students to watch the day's events. Along with the Kirkhof Center, sites are as follows:

- Eberhard Center, Grand Rapids Press Teleconference Auditorium;
- Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences, Hager Auditorium;
- Holland Meijer Campus, room 104;
- Muskegon Regional Center, room 1100;

- Traverse City University Center, rooms 215 and 217.

Provost Gayle R. Davis said she is pleased that the university is providing an opportunity for the campus community to watch the inauguration together. "Our students, faculty and staff were extraordinarily involved in this presidential election, before the election through programming of the Hauenstein Center and other entities, and on Election Day itself," she said.

Grand Valley's Inauguration Day event was planned with students in mind and to support their continued interest in the election and politics. The Student Senate sponsored bus transportation to the Allendale precinct on Election Day for those registered there. More than 500 students cast votes that day, comprising one-fourth of all votes cast at that precinct.

Jeanne Arnold, vice president for Inclusion and Equity, said the program also will provide opportunities for students and faculty members



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Faculty and staff members can watch the presidential inauguration at one of several sites on all campuses.

to share their perspectives on being involved in the election that put the country's first African American in office.

Tom Butcher, university counsel and member of the planning committee for the event, said the inauguration will rival other historic occasions like the 1969 moon landing.

For more information about the event, contact the Office of Inclusion and Equity at x13296.

# Across Campus

## Walking Works winners announced

Faculty and staff members who participated in the Walking Works pedometer challenge collectively traveled more than 81,330 miles.

The winning team for Category 1 was “To Protect and Clean Dream Team” of Kari Balcom, Dan Lopez, Lisa Morningstar and Laurie Silliman. In Category 2, the winning team was “Campus Dining in Action”: Tammie Luce, Barb Buchanan, Nancy Haskin and Terry Bailey.



Photos by Amanda Pitts

The 12-week challenge was sponsored by the Health and Wellness department. It ended on December 5; participants recorded their daily step count online.

*Winners of the Walking Works pedometer challenge are pictured. At top is the Protect and Clean Dream Team and below is Campus Dining in Action.*

The Protect and Clean team traveled more than 5 million steps, or 2,608 miles. Campus Dining in Action traveled more than 6.5 million steps, or 3,334 miles. Both teams won three group training sessions led by an exercise instructor from Campus Recreation.

## Grants available to support international travel

Grants from the Padnos International Center are available for faculty and staff members interested in partner universities in Australia, China, England, France, Ghana, Japan, Mexico, Norway, Poland, or Turkey. The deadline to apply for a exchange program grant is February 1. Visit [www.gvsu.edu/pic](http://www.gvsu.edu/pic) for more information and click on “Faculty and Staff.”

The faculty development project grants are no longer to support travel to academic conferences. These grants are meant to support projects to enhance the internationalization of a faculty member’s teaching and research. Deadline for these grants is also February 1.

Questions can be directed to Mark Schaub, PIC executive director, at [schaubm@gvsu.edu](mailto:schaubm@gvsu.edu).

## Nonprofits see drop in financial support

The economic downturn in Michigan is affecting financial and in-kind support for nonprofits in Michigan. The Dorothy A. Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership at Grand Valley teamed with the Michigan Nonprofit Association to conduct a survey aimed at assessing how the struggling economy is impacting nonprofits throughout the state.

Responses collected from more than 300 participating organizations showed a number of significant trends within the sector. “What is most troubling is that while 71 percent of organizations stated demand for their services has been increasing, 50 percent of nonprofits have experienced a decrease in financial support over the last 12 months,” said Wes Miller, research assistant with the Johnson Center.

Miller said while 65 percent of organizations have been able to meet a greater demand for their services, more than a third have been unable to do so.

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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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## GVNOW

Other publications by the News and Information Services Office include: To see video features and daily campus news, visit Grand Valley’s online publication, GVNow, at [www.gvsu.edu/gvnow](http://www.gvsu.edu/gvnow).

## 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

### Simone Jonaitis, Executive Director of Continuing Education

Throughout her career, Simone Jonaitis has enjoyed the challenges provided by new opportunities. In her role as executive director of Continuing Education, she works to provide opportunities that will challenge new and returning learners.

While her job has a lot of variety, Jonaitis primarily focuses on providing programs and resources to students along the Lakeshore, including the Meijer Campus in Holland, and Muskegon and Traverse City regional centers. Continuing Education provides degree completion, professional development and opportunities for community engagement at these locations. The intent, she said, is to meet the educational needs of the university’s constituents.

“It’s important to figure out what is happening within the institution and outside in the community to create that synergy between the two areas,” Jonaitis said. “I think the role of public education should be to participate in the public community.”

Jonaitis was first brought to Grand Valley as an employee at the Muskegon center where she worked in partnership with Muskegon Community College. While there, she helped underrepresented students transfer to Grand Valley to complete their bachelor’s degree. She continues to work with the same program in Muskegon campus and a similar program in Holland.

“Right now we have a new program in Holland

where we partner with Grand Rapids Community College to reach out to the nontraditional student,” she said.

“I think it’s important to find ways for people to venture into higher education. People place a high value on education and working with the community college has been a really good thing for the community.”

Not only is Jonaitis providing many opportunities for lifelong learners throughout the community, but she is also working to provide international opportunities as well. She is currently working with the Padnos International Center and several faculty members on the Estile Innovation Project, which is an interdisciplinary learning opportunity for faculty members, students and community members. She lived in Costa Rica for five years and worked for a cultural center developing language and intercultural curriculum and training.

“I want to make sure that there are diverse opportunities for lifelong learners,” she said. “I think it’s important to not be afraid to take a risk every now and again.”



Simone Jonaitis

## What's Ahead

### Session will detail GVSU-MSU medical school admission

Last fall, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine and Grand Valley entered into an agreement that provides a link between pre-medical students at Grand Valley and MSU's medical school. An information session for students interested in that program will be held on Tuesday, January 13.

The program provides an enhanced opportunity for admission to medical school to qualified premedical students who wish to practice in underserved areas.

The information session will be held from 5-7 p.m. in Mackinac Hall, room B-1-120. Christine Schafer, assistant dean, MSU-CHM; and Amanda Cuevas, CLAS Academic Advising Center, will discuss the application process. Pizza and beverages will be served.

For more information, call x18585 or visit or visit Mackinac Hall, room C-1-140.

### Visiting curator to lecture at UICA

The Padnos Student Art Gallery at Grand Valley will present Franklin Sirmans as this year's visiting curator. Sirmans is curator of modern and contemporary art at the Menil Collection in Houston.

His visit includes a public lecture on Monday, January 12, 7 p.m. at the Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts, 41 Sheldon Blvd. SE, Grand Rapids, as well as meetings with Grand Valley classes and individual students.

Sirmans has taught at Maryland Institute College of Art, Princeton University and the School of the Visual Arts. In 2007 the High

### Programs will highlight French prints exhibit

An exhibition of 19th century French Prints from the Hoskin-Raible Collection will feature a newly donated collection, open with an entertaining reception, and provide a series of exciting programs.

The exhibit, "The Paris of Toulouse-Lautrec, Bonnard, and Vuillard: Selections from the Robert L. Hoskins and Erwin A. Raible Collection of Fin de Siècle French Prints," will have an opening reception on Thursday, January 15, from 5-7 p.m. at the GVSU Art Gallery. Admission to the reception, exhibit and programming is free; all are open to the public.

"The generosity of Elaine Rutowski Shay has allowed this incredible collection to now become an important and permanent component of the university's Print and Drawing Cabinet," said Director of Galleries and Collections Henry Matthews. "The prints in this collection are treasures, with many pieces created by leading French artists in the late 19th century."

Museum of Art in Atlanta awarded him the David C. Driskell Prize, the first national award to honor and celebrate contributions to the field of African-American art and art history.

For more information, visit [padnosgallery@gvsu.edu](mailto:padnosgallery@gvsu.edu), or call the Art and Design department at x13486.

### Activist to speak at Professionals of Color Lecture

Activist Keith Boykin will talk about race and sexual orientation at the next Professionals of Color Lecture, sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Boykin's presentation, "One More River to Cross: Building a Bridge Between Race and Sexual Orientation," is scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, beginning at 4 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room. It is free and open to the public.

Boykin is a founder and former president of the National Black Justice Coalition. He also served as special assistant to President Bill Clinton and as executive director of the National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum. Boykin is the author of three books and the editor of the online newspaper, the Daily Voice.

For more information about his presentation, call OMA at x12177.

### Winter Hall available for workouts

Faculty and staff members, particularly those who work on the Pew Grand Rapids Campus, can use the exercise room in Winter Hall. Health and Wellness Department Coordinator Lindsey DesArmo will lead two orientation tours of the building this week.

Already exhibited throughout Japan, Europe and the United States, this exhibition is the first showing in Michigan. It will be at the GVSU Art Gallery through March 20. Several special programs related to the exhibit are also planned through March.

Collectors Erwin A. Raible and the late Robert L. Hoskins assembled this important collection of more than 200 French prints from the late 19th century, including lithography-enlivened book jackets, advertisements, sheet music, literary journals, as well as humor magazines. These images are emblematic of a cultural shift in fin-de-siècle Paris, that aided in the birth of modernism.



An exhibit of French prints will run through March 20 at the Art Gallery.

DesArmo will meet those who are interested at the DeVos Center, Steelcase Library entrance, at 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, and noon on Thursday, January 15. Participants will learn how to register and gain access to Winter Hall and learn how to use the exercise equipment. The tours are free and open to all faculty and staff members. Questions can be directed to DesArmo at x12215.

### Education professor to give 'Her Story'

Lorraine Alston, associate professor of education, will present the next "Her Story" on Thursday, January 15.

Her Story is a series of brown bag discussions led by women in leadership positions who share their stories of career advancement or personal journeys. Alston will speak about "Lady Virginia's Legacy" at noon in the Kirkhof Center, room 2266. The series is sponsored by the Women's Center and the Women's Commission.

For more information, call the Women's Center at x12748.

### Film series centers on health care inequities

The Health and Wellness Department will show the seven-part documentary "UnNatural Causes" and host discussions led by faculty and staff members following each segment.

The series explores socioeconomic and racial inequities in health care. The series will begin Thursday, January 15, at noon in the Kirkhof Center, room 2270, and continue each Thursday through February 26. Participants do not need to attend each session. For more information about the series, visit [www.unnaturalcauses.org](http://www.unnaturalcauses.org).

Several programs are planned in conjunction with the exhibit:

- January 16, 6-7 p.m., Performing Arts Center, room 1600: Le Premier Palais des Femmes: The dance program will perform the wildly ecstatic and provocative dances of late 19th century France.
- January 19, 5-7 p.m., Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center: Conversation with Collector Erv Raible, interviewed by Dale Schriemer, associate professor of music.
- March 9, 6-7 p.m., Art Gallery: Poetry Hour with Patricia Clark, Grand Valley's poet-laureate, reading original poetry and poems of the period.
- March 12, 6 p.m., Art Gallery: Musical Postcards from Paris, featuring new works by student composers in Grand Valley's acclaimed New Music Ensemble. Each 60-second work is in response to a particular print in the exhibition.
- March 20, 8 p.m., Art Gallery: Soiree Musicale, a celebration of French music performed by music faculty members Mark Markham, piano; Dale Schriemer, baritone; and Nancy Stagnitta, flute.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## General Events

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

### Jan. 15-March 20

Gallery Hours: Hoskin-Raible Collection of French Prints. Art Gallery, PAC.

### Mon., Jan. 12

6 p.m.: International Faculty and Friends Chinese New Year Celebration. Wei Wei Palace, Grand Rapids. Call x12828 for more information.

7 p.m.: Art Department presents Franklin Sirmans. UICA, 41 Sheldon Blvd., Grand Rapids. Call x13486 for more information.

### Tues., Jan. 13

9 a.m.: Human Resources Excellence Series. "Becoming a More Polished Professional," by Gina DeLapa. University Club Room, DEV. Call x12215 for more information.

11 a.m.: Health and Wellness Information Tables. CHS Lobby. Call x12215 for more information.

### Wed., Jan. 14

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

4 p.m.: Professionals of Color Lecture Series. "One More River to Cross: Building a Bridge

Between Race and Sexual Orientation," by Keith Boykin. Grand River Room, KC. Call x12177 for more information.

### Thurs., Jan. 15

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

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts "UnNatural Causes" film and discussion. 2270 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

Noon: Health and Wellness Support Group. What Daddies Do Best. 167 LOH. Call x12215 for more information.

Noon: Women's Center hosts "Her Story," by Lorraine Alston. 2266 KC. Call x12748 for more information.

5 p.m.: Opening Reception for French Prints from the Hoskin-Raible Collection. Art Gallery, PAC. Call x12564 for more information.

8 p.m.: Concert featuring Paul Melcher, piano. Sherman Van Solkema Recital Hall, PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

### Fri., Jan. 16

Noon: Women's Commission Fireside Chat. 2201 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

6 p.m.: Dance Program. "Le Premier Palais des Femmes." Art Gallery, PAC. Call x12563 for more information.

8 p.m.: Artist-Faculty Series. Richard Stoelzel and Kevin Maloney, trumpets, with Ksenia Leltkina, piano. CDC. Call x13484 for more information.

### Sun., Jan. 18

3 p.m.: William Baum Endowment Fund presents the Merling Trio. Van Solkema Recital Hall, PAC. Call x12320 for more information.

5 p.m.: India Link hosts Candlelight Vigil to commemorate Mumbai bombings. DEV (flag area). Call Sonia Dalmia at x17423 for more information.

## Sports

### Thurs., Jan. 15

6 p.m.: Women's Basketball hosts Ashland University.

8 p.m.: Men's Basketball hosts Ashland University.

### Fri., Jan. 16

4 p.m.: Track and Field hosts Mike Lints Alumni Open.

### Sat., Jan. 17

1 p.m.: Women's Basketball hosts Tiffin University.

3 p.m.: Men's Basketball hosts Tiffin University.

## Faculty and Staff Sketches

### In the News

**Simha Magal**, professor of management, was interviewed by WGVU Radio for a story about economic events impacting West Michigan.

**Paul Isely**, associate professor of management, was interviewed by WGVU Radio for stories about the bailout for Big Three automakers.

### Sketches

**John Kilbourne**, professor of movement Science, served as organizer and chair for a session, "International Sportscape," at the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport Conference in Denver, Colorado.

Movement science faculty members **John Kilbourne** and **Elizabeth Kilbourne** gave a presentation, "In Search of the Meaning of Games in Life: A Journey to the Canadian Arctic," at the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport Conference in Denver, Colorado.

The **Women's Center** received an Innovative Program Award at the NASPA-IV East Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana, for its Women's Issues Volunteer Corps.

**News and Information Services** received Silver Awards from the Davey Awards for the following videos: April commencement, international students, Pioneer Class reunion, Around Grand Valley tour, and 2008 Scholarship Dinner.

**Jeanine Biese**, assistant professor of occupational therapy, led a conference, "Hand Therapy Update," for the Wisconsin chapter of the American Society of Hand Therapists in Appleton, Wisconsin.

**Ruth Ann Brintnall**, associate professor of nursing, gave presentations, "Chemotherapy Update: 2008 and Beyond," at the Michigan Society of Radiologic Technologists in Midland; and "Unexpected Symptoms During Chemotherapy Administration," at the American Cancer Society's Great Lake Cancer Conference in Troy.

**Jim Penn**, assistant professor of geography, wrote an article, "Non-Timber Forest Products in Peruvian Amazonia: Changing Patterns of Economic Exploitation," published in *Focus on Geography*.

**Erik Nordman**, assistant professor of biology, gave a presentation, "Education as an Additional Management Factor in the Recreation Opportunity Spectrum," at the Society of American Foresters National Convention in Reno, Nevada.

**Patricia Clark**, professor of writing and GVSU poet-in-residence, wrote poems, "Thin Places," published in *New Letters*; and "Mephitis Mephitis" and "Wild Turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*)," published in the *Gettysburg Review*.

**John M. Bancheri**, head rowing coach, gave a presentation, "Periodization of Technique: Shaping Exercises," at the U.S. Rowing Annual Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey.