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FORUM

Monday, January 19, 2009

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY
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Wilson named director of Grantmaking School

E. Miles Wilson has been named as the new director of the Grantmaking School of the Johnson Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership.

The Grantmaking School is the nation's first university-based program for training charitable foundation program officers in techniques of advanced grantmaking.

"I am excited to join the world-class team of professionals at the Johnson Center and lead the efforts of the Grantmaking School," said Wilson. "There is no question that American philanthropy must develop a new infrastructure to effectively address the 21st century

challenges our communities face."

Wilson has led an accomplished career as community organizer and philanthropic leader for nearly 20 years.

Most recently he served as an independent consultant supporting nonprofit capacity building, civic engagement and philanthropic efforts in Cincinnati, Ohio.



E. Miles Wilson

"We are thrilled to have Miles join the Johnson Center leadership team," said Kathy Agard, executive director of the Johnson Center. "He brings broad experience, energy and vision to launch grantmaker education to a new level of depth and relevance."

Wilson earned a bachelor's degree from Ohio Wesleyan University and a master's degree in higher education policy and leadership from Ohio State University.

The Johnson Center established the nation's first endowed chair focusing on family philanthropy; family foundations pump some \$14 billion into the economy each year.

LGBT center hires full-time administrator

Now enjoying its second semester in its new Kirkhof Center home, Grand Valley's LGBT Resource Center has a new full-time administrator.

Colette Beighley, former director of communications for the Triangle Foundation, is the center's assistant director. Beighley began working at Grand Valley January 5. Her duties include helping director Milt Ford with programming and the center's daily operations.

"Grand Valley is so impressive," Beighley said. "As someone who wants to educate the community about LGBT issues, this is a great opportunity. It's an honor to be part of an institution that's leading the way for change."

The salary for her position is funded by the Arcus Foundation of Kalamazoo, one of the nation's largest foundations dedicated to supporting LGBT issues.

A Spring Lake resident, Beighley said she has followed Grand Valley's recent moves to support a diverse and inclusive campus, such as offering household benefits and including gender identity and expression in the university's EEO policy. While at the Triangle Foundation, Beighley was instrumental in recognizing the university's diversity efforts with the foundation's Catalyst Award. The award was presented in October.

Beighley has also held a voluntary position with PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), working with the Michigan Safe Schools Coalition. In that capacity, she worked to lobby state legislators to pass an anti-bullying bill. The bill passed the House late last year but died in the Senate.

Ford said Beighley's knowledge of Lansing will be a tremendous asset to the center. "She is a great person to work with and to get to know," said Ford, professor of liberal studies.



Photo by Amanda Pitts

Colette Beighley, center, sits with students in the LGBT Resource Center. She started working as assistant director at the beginning of the winter semester.

"She has lots of connections to the community and state."

She was a member of the LGBT center's advisory committee. Beighley said there has been a remarkable increase in student participation since the center opened in September. During the fall semester, about 2,000 students visited the center or participated in one of its programs.

Beighley earned bachelor's and master's degrees from California State University, East Bay. She is a licensed marriage and family therapist.

Faculty and Staff Campaign kicks off

The 2008-09 Faculty and Staff Campaign officially kicks off this week with volunteer events scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, and Wednesday, January 21.

See a special insert inside today's *Forum* for news about the campaign, student highlights, a list of volunteers and a contest. For more information about the campaign, visit www.gvsu.edu/fscampaign.

Across Campus

Social work faculty recognized for teaching, community service

Four faculty members in the School of Social Work were recognized by the Grand Rapids chapter of the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club for their outstanding teaching and community service.

Dianne Green-Smith, Robin Smith-Colton, Lois Smith Owens and Elaine Ragsdale Schott were honored for their individual research and expertise in various areas.



(Back row from left) Green-Smith and Smith-Colton; (front row from left) Smith Owens and Ragsdale Schott.

They were recognized for work in the areas of HIV and AIDS among African immigrant women, cultural competence and diversity training, among other research areas.

New fund supports student conference attendance

The Student Senate, in collaboration with Provost Gayle R. Davis, has established a fund to support student travel to academic conferences.

The Academic Conference Fund is available to all students who are looking for one-time funding to attend an event that is related to their major, minor, and/or professional goals regardless of their affiliation with student organizations.

Undergraduate and graduate students are able to apply for travel grants ranging from \$250-500. The purpose of these grants is to encourage student participation and presentations at academic conferences by offsetting the cost of attendance.

The grants are divided into two allotments that are distributed equally over the fiscal year. Grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Although grants are non-competitive, each application will be reviewed by the ACF Advisory Committee.

For more information, view the Integrative Learning Web site at www.gvsu.edu/integrativelearning.

LEA seeks faculty associates

Applications to be an associate in the Liberal Education Academy are due in each college dean's office by February 15.

The goal of LEA is to increase the number of faculty members who apply the principles of liberal education in meaningful ways in their teaching. More information on the academy is available online at www.gvsu.edu/ftlc, click on "Claiming a Liberal Education." An application form is available under "Forms."

Current associates are Lawrence Burns, psychology; Sigrid Danielson, art and design; Shirley Fleischmann, engineering; Karen Gipson, physics; Lisa Hickman, sociology; Gregory Mahoney, liberal studies; Susan Mlynarczyk, nursing; Dauvan Mulally, writing; and Joy Washburn, nursing. LEA staff and co-sponsors of the program are Catherine Frerichs and Tamara Rosier, Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center; Lynn Sheehan, University Libraries; and Robert Smart, Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence.

Student Scholarship Day seeks proposals

The College of Interdisciplinary Studies hosts the 14th annual Student Scholarship Day on April 8. This event will showcase more than 400 presentations by more than 600 student presenters. Online registration is available from January 26-February 13 at www.gvsu.edu/ssd.

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Faculty and staff members can find an online "Sketches" submission form on the Web at 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.

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GVFaces

Kristie Scanlon, assistant director for Office of Multicultural Affairs

The new assistant director for the Office of Multicultural Affairs arrives at Grand Valley with experience in student affairs at two other universities.

Kristie Scanlon began working for OMA in early December. She had been the executive director for student life at Davenport University and, prior to that, assistant director for student activities at Western Michigan University.

Although she enjoyed coordinating student life programs, Scanlon said she missed working closely with students. "I missed the hands-on work with students and that's what I wanted to get back to," she said.

She also returns to her alma mater. Scanlon earned a bachelor's degree in social work from Grand Valley in 1997, then a master's degree in social work from WMU.

For OMA, Scanlon will be responsible for maintaining and updating OMA's Web site and advising the business and science multicultural cohorts. Known as the "M Programs," the cohorts offer academic,

cultural and professional support to students who pursue similar disciplines.

"Our participation is down a bit and it's time to revamp the programs and make sure we're meeting the needs of the students," she said.

Scanlon said she's excited to be a part of OMA's office, particularly its new suite in the Kirkhof Center. "The Kirkhof Center is the heartbeat of student activity. Plus, being near the Women's Center and the LGBT Center makes it easy to collaborate on programs," she said.

She also enjoyed her first holiday party at Grand Valley, watching faculty and staff members receive their service awards. "It speaks well for an institution that so many people have worked here for 15, 20 and 30 years," she said.



Kristie Scanlon

What's Ahead

View inauguration at sites on campus

Faculty and staff members and students are invited to watch the presidential inauguration of Barack Obama at one of the university's viewing sites.

"America United: A Grand Valley Celebration" will begin at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 20. Remarks will be given by President Thomas J. Haas and others in the Fieldhouse Arena. A live Webcast of speakers and a link to the inauguration will be available at www.gvsu.edu. Along with the Fieldhouse Arena, sites are as follows:

- Eberhard Center, Grand Rapids Press Teleconference Auditorium;
- DeVos Center, room 136 E;
- 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.

Sign language interpreters will be available at the Fieldhouse and Eberhard Center.

Japanese metalsmith to lecture, conduct workshops

Metalsmith artist Mariko Kusumoto spent her early years in Japan, where her father was a Buddhist monk and her home was the temple. Both are reflected in the work of the Boston area artist who will spend three days at Grand Valley.



Teapot Mariko is by Mariko Kusumoto.

She will give a free public lecture on Wednesday, January 21, at 7 p.m. in the Padnos Student Art and Design Gallery in the Calder Fine Arts Center. She will also conduct a workshop for students. For more information, call the Art and Design Department at x13486.

'Seven Passages' strives for conversations

Theater at Grand Valley will present a play that examines conflicts between faith and sexual orientation. "Seven Passages: Stories of Gay Christians," opens Thursday, January 22, at

7:30 p.m., in the Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. Additional performances are January 23-24 at 7:30 p.m. and a matinee January 24 at 2 p.m.

"Seven Passages" is a compilation of more than 100 interviews with Christians who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. The play brings together the Scriptures (and the Scriptural traditions) and the personal testimonials of gay people in a way that fosters dialogue without ostracizing or browbeating anyone.

The original production was created by Actors' Theatre Company of Grand Rapids, under the direction of Stephanie Sandberg. The Grand Valley production is part of the student-led Performance Studio series, and will be directed by student Whitney Hershberger, with an all-student cast and designers.

"We're not out to offend anyone, but rather, to start a discussion," said Hershberger, a senior with a double major in theater and public relations. "The stories are local, and they're sometimes sad, and sometimes funny."

Co-sponsors of the production are the Women's Center, LGBT Resource Center, and Office of Multicultural Affairs, which will facilitate talk-back sessions following each performance.

All tickets are \$6, general seating. Tickets can be purchased through the Louis Armstrong Theatre Box Office, which is open Monday-Friday, from noon-5 p.m., and one hour before curtain time. Tickets can also be purchased with a service fee through Startickets.com or by calling Startickets at (800) 585-3737.

Sustainability conference includes national speakers

The Sustainable Community Development Initiative is sponsoring a summit for the Michigan Student Sustainability Coalition called ReGeneration, which will bring together hundreds of youth from across Michigan for three days.

The agenda includes remarks from Grand Rapids Mayor George Heartwell, Coal River Mountain Watch co-director Judy Bonds, and Jessy Tolkan, director of Energy Action Coalition. Other events include a community reinvestment project, sustainability focused workshops, and a concert.

The January 23-25 event is in Eberhard Center. Registration is \$15, which includes meals. For more information visit www.msscsummit.org.

Auschwitz survivor recalls struggles, hopes

More than 60 years ago on January 27, 1945, Auschwitz was liberated by the advancing Russian Army. One of the youngest child survivors of the death camp will visit West Michigan and Grand Valley on that anniversary to talk about her struggles and endurance.

Tova Friedman was featured in the WGVU award-winning PBS documentary "Surviving Auschwitz: Children of the Shoah." A 26-minute clip of the documentary will be shown during Friedman's visit. Milt Nieuwsma, author of the book, *Surviving Auschwitz: Children of the Shoah*, will accompany Friedman for book purchases and signing.

Friedman and Nieuwsma will answer audience questions on January 27 in the Cook-DeWitt Center, following a video clip of "Surviving Auschwitz." She is also scheduled to attend two other screenings of the documentary on January 28, 1:30 p.m., in the Cook-DeWitt Center; and January 29, 6 p.m., in Loosemore Auditorium in the DeVos Center.

For more information about Friedman's visit, call WGVU at x16666.

Students develop leadership skills at summit

More than 500 students from across the state are expected to attend the 12th annual Leadership Summit at Grand Valley on February 7.

Leadership Summit is a professional conference that is open to students and faculty and staff members from Grand Valley and other universities and community colleges.

Keynote speaker Johnnie Tuitel — known as "America's Pioneer Handicapitalist" — will discuss leadership development and opportunity. Small group sessions will focus on interest areas like athletics, diversity and cultural organizations, leadership development, student government, Greek life and service learning.

The conference fee for Grand Valley students is \$15, while non-GVSU students pay \$25. Conference fees include a lunch, conference gift and leadership resources and experiences. Students must pre-pay for the conference.

To register, visit www.gvsu.edu/leadership. The deadline for registration is January 23.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

In the News

Sonia Dalmia, associate professor of economics, and **Vandana Pednekar-Magal**, associate professor of communications, were interviewed by WGVU Radio for a story about a candlelight vigil to honor the Mumbai bombing victims.

Alan Steinman, director of the Annis Water

Resources Institute, was interviewed by WGVU Radio for stories about Great Lakes water assessment and Michigan's ballast law upheld in federal court.

Sketches

Ginny Peterson, associate professor of geol-

ogy, was named to a three-year term as associate editor for *American Mineralogist*.

Elena Lioubimtseva, associate professor of geography and planning, gave a presentation, "Using IPCC DDC Scenarios and MAGICC-SCENGEN Model for Teaching Global Climate

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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. 19

11 a.m.: Health and Wellness Information Tables. University Club Room, DEV. Call x12215 for more information.

2:15 p.m.: MLK Day Celebration. FH Arena. Call x12177 for more information. March to begin at 1:45 p.m. by Zumberge Library.

3 p.m.: AWRI Seminar. "Water Contamination and Disease Incidence in Rural Bangladesh," by Azizur Molla. LMC, Muskegon. Call x13749 for more information.

5 p.m.: Conversations with Collector Erwin Raible. Loosemore Auditorium, DEV. Call x12563 for more information.

Tues., Jan. 20

9 a.m.: Human Resources Excellence Series. FERPA Training. 2215 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

11 a.m.: Inauguration Viewing. FH Arena and other campus sites. Call x13296 for more information.

Wed., Jan. 21

Noon: Arts at Noon Series. The Rafi Malkiel

Ensemble. CDC. Call x13484 for more information.

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts "Workouts Made Easy." 2204 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

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

Noon: Counseling Center hosts Bariatric Surgery Support Group. CDC Lounge. Call x13266 for more information.

6:30 p.m.: Writers Series presents Caitlin Horrocks and Austin Bunn. CDC. Call x13411 for more information.

7 p.m.: Art and Design hosts Lecture by Mariko Kusumoto. Padnos Gallery, CAC. Call x13375 for more information.

Thurs., Jan. 22

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

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

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts "Workouts Made Easy." 303C DEV. Call x12215 for more information.

2:30 p.m.: Women's Center hosts ACCESS Poverty Simulation Workshop. Grand River Room, KC. Call x12748 for more information.

7:30 p.m.: Theater Production. "Seven Passages: Stories of Gay Christians." LAT, PAC. Call x12300 for more information.

Fri., Jan. 23

1:30 p.m.: Lecture. "Rethinking Diversity: An Argument for EcoJustice Education," by Rebecca Martusewicz. 2263 KC. Call x12674 for more information.

7:30 p.m.: Theater Production. "Seven Passages: Stories of Gay Christians." LAT, PAC.

Sat., Jan. 24

2 and 7:30 p.m.: Theater Production. "Seven Passages: Stories of Gay Christians." LAT, PAC.

Sports

Thurs., Jan. 22

6 and 8 p.m.: Women's and Men's Basketball hosts Northwood University.

Fri., Jan. 23

4 p.m.: Track and Field hosts Bob Eubanks Open.

5 p.m.: Swimming and Diving hosts Wayne State University.

Sat., Jan. 24

1 p.m.: Swimming and Diving hosts University of Indianapolis.

1 and 3 p.m.: Women's and Men's Basketball hosts Wayne State University.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

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Change," at the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Michael J. Roskamp, assistant professor of movement science, gave presentations, "Preserving Excellence in Practice" and "When Non-Negotiables Govern Our Teaching," at the Michigan Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Conference. He was also named president-elect at the MAHPERD Representative Assembly.

A. Scott Rood, instructor of hospitality and tourism management, co-chaired a symposium and gave a presentation, "Employee Satisfaction with Organizational Communication and Customer Orientation," at the Resort and Commercial Recreation Association's 28th annual conference in New York. Rood was also elected to the RCRA board.

Brian Hatzel, associate professor of movement science, delivered a presentation, "Sports Medicine Concerns for the Coach," at the 36th annual Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association meeting in Grand Rapids.

Julie Guevara, assessment and accreditation officer and professor of social work, gave a presentation, "International Social Education and Quality Assurance," at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Meeting in Philadelphia.

George Klay Kieh Jr., professor of political science and African and African American studies, gave presentations, "The Road to Peace, Stability, Development and Democracy in West Africa," at the College of Wooster, and "The International Political Economy, Inequalities and Global Poverty," at the Grand Rapids Peace With Justice meeting.

Kevin den Dulk, associate professor of political science, co-authored a book, *Pews, Prayers, and*

Participation: Religion and Civic Responsibility in America, published by Georgetown University Press.

Paul J. Reitemeier, chair of the Human Research Review Committee and associate professor of philosophy, wrote an article, "Ask the Ethicist: Should This 31-year-old Woman with Mental Retardation be Sterilized?" published in *Medical Ethics*.

Dan Balfour, professor of public and nonprofit administration, gave a presentation, "Righting the Ship of State: Challenges and Opportunities for the New President," at the Progressive Women's Alliance meeting in Grand Rapids.

Greg Secor, instructor of music, performed the world premiere of "More African Laughter" at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention in Austin, Texas. He also performed with Opus 21, a chamber music group, in Kalamazoo and Crawfordsville, Indiana.