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# FORUM

**A NEWSLETTER FOR THE GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY**

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## Scholarship to help students from Haiti announced

On the one-year anniversary of an earthquake that devastated Haiti, Grand Valley advanced its efforts to help the people of that country.

Officials announced the Empowering Haiti through Education Fund, a scholarship that will help support rising stars from Haitian high schools to attend Grand Valley. The announcement was made January 12 at Chez Olga, an Eastown restaurant that specializes in Haitian food.

The idea behind the scholarship sprang from a discussion several years ago between Peter Wampler, associate professor of geology, and Mark Schaub, executive director of the Padnos International Center.

Wampler has traveled to Haiti since 2007 to conduct research on water quality. Wampler said he hopes that the students who will eventually be scholarship recipients return to

Haiti to teach the next generation of students. "This is something to really get excited about," Wampler said. "We can transform Haiti one student at a time."

When he first traveled to Haiti, Wampler said he expected to find people who were defeated and hopeless. The opposite proved true. "Young Haitians would walk with us through town to learn English," he said.

Officials from Rays of Hope for Haiti are helping to identify Haitian students who could be scholarship recipients. To donate to the scholarship fund visit [www.gvsu.edu/giveonline](http://www.gvsu.edu/giveonline); for more information about the scholarship, visit [www.gvsu.edu/haiti](http://www.gvsu.edu/haiti).



Photo by Amanda Pitts

Peter Wampler, associate professor of geology, discusses details about a scholarship for students from Haiti on January 12. The announcement was made at Chez Olga in Eastown.

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### Health care economic forecast is positive

Trends in West Michigan health care are looking good overall, according to two Grand Valley economic experts. Hari Singh, professor of economics in the Seidman College of Business, and Paul Isely, associate professor and chair of economics in the Seidman College of Business, shared information about the West Michigan health care economic forecast in Loosemore Auditorium January 6.

Isely said health care employment in Grand Rapids is growing at a good rate compared to the rest of the country. "Physician assistant and nursing jobs are good and getting better than projections from a year ago," Isely said.

Isely explained that numerous factors are driving the cost of health care up, like overuse of the emergency room and uncompensated visits. He said living healthier lifestyles and encouraging better prenatal care for mothers are two main ways to bring costs down.

Singh said one of the key factors in their forecast is that health officials report that overall



Photo by Amanda Pitts

Hari Singh, professor of economics, tells an audience in Loosemore Auditorium that health care employment in West Michigan is growing.

confidence in the health care system is high, at about 88 percent.

The event also featured area health care professionals who gave predictions for health care in 2011. Those panelists included Richard Breon, CEO of Spectrum Health; Michael Hampton, vice president for Raymond James and Associates; Dominic Siciliano, president of West Michigan Area Health Underwriters; and Susan Sevensma, director of medical education at Metro Health Hospital.

The event was sponsored by Grand Valley's Vice Provost for Health, Seidman College of Business Alumni Association and the Alliance for Health.

### Women's Center receives grant

Grand Valley Women's Center received a federal grant to raise awareness of sexual assault and dating violence and help reduce the number of such incidents on campus.

The \$265,129 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women will help the Women's Center further transform the campus culture around violence prevention for dating/domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. It will also allow the center to expand partnerships with on-campus offices that will benefit from training.

Marlene Kowalski-Braun, director of the Women's Center, said she and other grant writers recognized a great disconnect between what students informally share about their

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experience with violence and what they formally report. In 2009, there were two reported sex offenses on campus.

“This is a transformative grant in that we are trying to further open communication with students who are victims of domestic and dating violence, stalking and sexual assault to help them utilize support systems that are already in place,” Kowalski-Braun said. “More importantly, we get to do important campus-wide prevention work through the grant that will benefit all students.”

The grant allows for hiring Theresa Rowland as grant coordinator, increasing education and training programs, and expanding partnerships with nonprofit agencies.

Community partners include YWCA of West Central Michigan, Center for Women in Transition in Holland, Ottawa County Sheriff's Department, Lakeshore Alliance Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Community Coordinated Response Team in Grand Rapids, and Wesley Fellowship at Grand Valley.

## Know Your Numbers begins

The third annual Know Your Numbers campaign begins January 17 and with it comes a new incentive program aimed at increasing the number of faculty and staff members who participate in the clinical health risk assessments.

The “Healthy Choices” program is designed to encourage and support healthy lifestyle behaviors for faculty and staff members, their spouses and household members through outreach and participation in yearlong programming and events.

To participate, faculty and staff members must undergo the clinical health risk assessment during the Know Your Numbers campaign, which runs January 17-28, and track quarterly wellness activities online at [www.umr.com](http://www.umr.com), beginning on January 17. A sample of wellness and Work Life activities includes participating in Weight Watchers or a smoking cessation class or attending exercise classes.

Participants who complete all components will be eligible to win four quarterly prize drawings of \$100, and an annual drawing for two \$1,500 prizes. The first 500 people to register for Know Your Numbers and complete their appointment will receive \$100. The assessments are free and are not charged to individual insurance plans.



Carole Williams, finance manager for the Michigan SBTCD, understands the rigors of balancing work and home lives and said the Work Life Connection program helped her cope with learning to be a caregiver for a family member.

“During an extremely stressful period for me, the Work Life Connection program worked with me to cut through the bureaucracy of services,” Williams said. “The program allowed me to focus on family issues and work. They also offered additional services, classes and reading material.”

Register for Know Your Numbers online at [www.gvsu.edu/healthwellness](http://www.gvsu.edu/healthwellness) and click on the “Know Your Numbers” button. More information about the incentive program, including testimonials by faculty and staff members, is also on the website.

## New position added to University Counsel office

A new compliance position has been added to Grand Valley's University Counsel office to help with oversight and communication of compliance activities.

Donna Markus joined the University Counsel staff in November as university compliance officer. Tom Butcher, university counsel, said the new position was added as the university operates in an increasingly complex

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## GVFaces

### Gregory Maytan Assistant Professor of Music

Gregory Maytan's passion and excellence at the violin have taken him around the world, and this fall led him to West Michigan.

An internationally-known violinist, Maytan spent four years as a professor at Valparaiso University prior to joining the Music Department in August.

“Before the violin was a part of my teaching, and at Grand Valley it is my entire focus,” said Maytan. “It is wonderful to be so centered on violin teaching and performance.”

Born in Stockholm, Sweden, Maytan grew up with the sounds of his mother playing piano and his father playing the trombone. When he was 4, they encouraged him to begin playing an instrument; he started private violin lessons soon after. His infatuation with the violin only continued to grow.

Maytan moved to the U.S. to pursue a master's degree in violin at Indiana University in 2000, where he also completed his doctoral degree. At that time he also taught master's classes at various universities throughout the U.S. Maytan

is a well-known violinist throughout Europe and the U.S., where his concerts have been broadcast on television and radio.

Maytan is also heavily engaged in the violin community outside of the classroom. Maytan said he tries to practice three or four hours daily. He yearly performs more than 50 recitals as a soloist, chamber and orchestral musician. He recently joined Aries, a trumpet trio led by music department colleague Richard Stoezel. He also is part of the West Michigan Symphony, and is currently working on his second CD with pianist Nicole Lee.

“I love the beauty of the creative genius the violin creates,” said Maytan. “I believe the violin closely resembles the human voice.”

Outside of teaching and practice, Maytan also enjoys reading and exercising.



Gregory Maytan

# What's Ahead

## MLK events begin with breakfasts

Grand Valley's commemoration of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. continues this week, highlighted by two national speakers. Details are below, for more information visit [www.gvsu.edu/mlk](http://www.gvsu.edu/mlk).

Events kick off January 17 with free breakfasts served in the Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room, and Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center. Reflections from faculty and staff members on King's life will begin at 9:15 a.m. Breakfasts will be served from 8:45-10 a.m.

- January 17: Silent March, noon, Allendale Campus, group will assemble at Zumberge Library and march to Kirkhof Center.

- January 17: Program, 12:30 p.m., Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room: Judy Richardson, filmmaker and founding member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, will discuss her film "Scarred Justice," which details the 1968 Orangeburg, South Carolina, massacre. The event is approved for LIB 100 and US 201 courses.

Richardson will also speak at 6:30 p.m. at Grand Rapids Community College for the 25th annual community MLK Celebration, with the theme "Looking Back to Look Forward."

- January 19: Program, 5 p.m., Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center: Michael Eric Dyson, professor at Georgetown University, author and radio show host, will discuss "What's Next? Martin Luther King Jr. in the 21st Century." This

event is LIB 100 and US 201 approved.

- January 20: Lecture, 4 p.m., Kirkhof Center, room 2263: "Fighting the Peace at Home," by Steven Rosales, assistant professor of history. Also a LIB 100 and US 201 approved event.

- January 21: Program, 4 p.m., Kirkhof Center, room 2204: Student Senate will host "The Art of Reflection: Listen, Watch, Dance."

- January 24: Lecture, 6 p.m., Kirkhof Center, room 2204: "Do Universal Scholarship Programs Reduce Inequality?" by Michelle Miller-Adams, assistant professor of political science. A LIB 100 and US 201 approved event.

The events are free and open to the public. Parking for events on January 17 and January 19 will be available in parking lot H.

## Screening of 'Bullied' scheduled

The College of Education will host a screening of "Bullied," a film produced by the Southern Poverty Law Center that follows the story of a student from Wisconsin who filed a lawsuit against his school for not being accountable and stopping anti-gay bullying.

"Bullied: A Student, a School and a Case That Made History" will be shown on Tuesday, January 18, at 6:30 p.m. in Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center. The event is free and will be followed by a panel discussion. Panelists include area school counselors Kay Waters and Sue Verduin-Miller; Michele Coyne, a consultant to schools on bullying prevention; and Denise Brogan-Kator, interim

executive director of Equality Michigan. The moderator is Shelley Irwin, from WGVU.

The Southern Poverty Law Center is a leading provider of anti-bias education resources. This film is the seventh produced by the center's Teaching Tolerance program.

## Lecture promotes understanding of diverse religions

The Interfaith Dialogue Association, with a mission to promote friendship and trust among people of diverse religions, will host a lecture on campus.

The IDA's 2011 Rabbi Philip Sigal Memorial Lecture, "From Tolerance to Holy Envy: The Interfaith Agenda," will be presented by Douglas Kindschi. The lecture is set for Thursday, January 20, 7 p.m. at Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center. The event is free and open to the public.

Kindschi, director of the Kaufman Interfaith Institute, is now in his 35th year at Grand Valley. He served as a dean for 28 of those years and is currently a professor of mathematics and philosophy.

The Sigal Memorial Lecture was named for the former rabbi of Ahavas Israel, who was a great pioneer in local interfaith relations. This event is co-sponsored by the Kaufman Interfaith Institute and Grand Valley. For more information, call (616) 454-5960 or visit [www.interfaithdialogueassociation.org](http://www.interfaithdialogueassociation.org).

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legal and regulatory environment.

"Compliance with applicable laws, policies, procedures and regulations is a shared responsibility," Butcher said. "It is vital that faculty and staff members understand their legal and ethical responsibilities, develop and implement appropriate policies, procedures and protocols, and train others in these areas."



Donna Markus

Markus has worked at Grand Valley for more than 32 years. Most recently she served as finance and administration analyst for the Business and Finance Office. Future plans include formation of a University Compliance Council, development of a compliance website, design of a formal protocol for investigating compliance issues, and creation of an annual compliance report.

President Thomas J. Haas said the new position is consistent with the university's strategic goals and values. "I'm confident that the enhanced compliance function will help us continue exercising our institutional commitment to acting with integrity, communicating openly and

honestly, operating transparently and accepting responsibility for our words and actions," he said.

Markus can be reached at x13955.

## Students gain experience as climate study committee members

Two of the students who are members of the campus climate study committee said their involvement means an opportunity to create positive change at Grand Valley.

Samantha Schenk, a graduate student majoring in education, said she considers the survey a vehicle for institutional awareness and change.

The myGVSU Survey will be offered online, with some paper distribution, February 1-14 to students, faculty and staff members. This is the fourth internally driven climate study in Grand Valley's history.

Schenk said the committee worked hard to create awareness and educate the campus community, particularly students, about the survey. Past student response rates on climate surveys has hovered around 20 percent. "With awareness, buy-in and support from faculty and staff and students, I believe we can get a high response rate among students," Schenk said.

Larry Hamlet, a communications graduate stu-



Photo by Amanda Pitts

Students Larry Hamlet and Samantha Schenk are campus climate study committee members.

dent, said some students may think the survey has nothing to do with their campus experiences. "That is not the case," he said. "We can all help make Grand Valley a more welcoming and inclusive campus. Everyone has an opportunity to make their voices heard, but they have to take the survey."

Schenk, who works as an assistant living center director, said she's enjoyed being an active committee member. "I see the autonomy among faculty and staff to share ideas and perspectives in a supportive environment. As a new professional, I greatly value that in a work setting," she said.

More information about the survey is online at [www.gvsu.edu/mygvsu](http://www.gvsu.edu/mygvsu).

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## Through Feb. 25

Gallery Hours: MultiMedia III: Art and Design, School of Communications Celebrate 50th Anniversary. Art Gallery, PAC. Call x12563 for information.

## General Events

### Mon., Jan. 17

8:45-10 a.m.: MLK Commemoration Breakfast. GRR, KC and Loosemore Auditorium, DEV. Visit [www.gvsu.edu/mlk](http://www.gvsu.edu/mlk) for information.

Noon: MLK Commemoration Event. GVSU Silent March. Assembles at Zumberge Library.

12:30 p.m.: MLK Commemoration Program: Judy Richardson. GRR, KC.

### Tues., Jan. 18

7:30 a.m.: Downtown Toastmasters. University Club Room, DEV. Visit [www.gvsu.edu/toastmasters](http://www.gvsu.edu/toastmasters) for information.

10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Padnos International Center hosts Study Abroad Fair. Atrium, HRY. Call x13898 for more information.

6:30 p.m.: College of Education Screening "Bullied." Loosemore Auditorium, DEV. Followed by panel discussion. Call x16650 for information.

### Wed., Jan. 19

Noon: Allendale Toastmasters. 2259 KC. Visit [www.gvsu.edu/toastmasters](http://www.gvsu.edu/toastmasters) for information.

Noon: MAREC Lunch and Learn Series. "Solar Power - Energy Basics," by Bruce Lowstuter. MAREC. Call x16907 for more information.

5 p.m.: MLK Commemoration Event. "What's Next? Martin Luther King Jr. in the 21st Century," by Michael Eric Dyson. LAT, PAC.

4:30 p.m.: GVSU Graduate Studies PACES Workshop. Team Leadership/Membership Skills. 303C DEV. Call x16858 for information.

### Thurs., Jan. 20

11:30: Health and Wellness hosts Alzheimer's Support Group. Call x12215 for more information.

4 p.m.: MLK Commemoration Lecture. "Fighting Peace at Home: Mexican American GIs and the 1944 GI Bill of Rights," by Steven Rosales. 2263 KC.

### Fri., Jan. 21

4 p.m.: MLK Commemoration Student Senate Event. "The Art of Reflection: Listen, Watch, Dance." 2204 KC.

Noon- 1:30 p.m.: Women's Center Workshop: Impact: Children and Domestic Violence. 102 HOL. Call x12748 for information.

### Sun., Jan. 23

1 p.m.: Guest Artist Series hosts Jeffrey Loeffert, Saxophone. Sherman Van Solkema Hall, PAC. Call x12943 for information.

## Sports

### Thurs., Jan. 20

6 and 8 p.m.: Basketball hosts Northern Michigan University.

### Fri., Jan. 21

4 p.m.: Track and field hosts Mike Lints Open.

5 p.m.: Swimming and diving hosts Hope College.

### Sat., Jan. 22

1 and 3 p.m.: Basketball hosts Michigan Tech University.

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

## Faculty and Staff Sketches

### In the News

**Rob Franciosi**, professor of English, was interviewed by WGVU for a story about Grand Rapids Civic Theatre's production of "The Diary of Anne Frank."

**Erik Nordman**, assistant professor of biology, was interviewed by *Miller-McCune* magazine for a story about wind farms.

### Sketches

**Jodee Hunt**, professor of biology; **Paul Lane**, professor of marketing; and **John Farris**, associate professor of engineering, wrote an article, "The Lesson of Miss Arlene's Oven: Entrepreneurship at the Base of the Economic Pyramid," published in *International Journal of Entrepreneurship*.

**Mary Schutten**, associate dean of CLAS and professor of movement science, was named the American Association of Health Education College/University Health Education Specialist Award for 2011. She also gave a presentation, "Physical Fitness, Academic Achievement, and Socioeconomic Status in School-Aged Youth," at the 2011 Hawaii International Conference on Education.

**Rob Franciosi**, professor of English, gave presentations, "We Will Never Die" and "Warsaw Ghetto Uprising," at the Association for Jewish Studies Conference in Boston, Massachusetts.

**Kingshuk Majumdar**, assistant professor of physics, wrote an article, "Magnetic Phase Diagram of a Spatially Anisotropic, Frustrated Spin-1/2 Heisenberg Antiferromagnet on a Stacked Square Lattice," published in the *Journal of Physics: Condensed Matter*.

**John Kilbourne**, professor of movement Science, was invited as a distinguished delegate and speaker to the HOPSports Global 50 Active Living Forum to be held in Santa Clarita, California.

**Jason Crouthamel**, associate professor of history, gave a presentation, "Representations of the 'Third Sex' in World War I and Weimar Germany," at the Popular Sex: Media and Sexuality in Germany conference at the University of Calgary.

Annis Water Resources Institute faculty members **Alan Steinman** and **Carl Ruetz**, and AWRI staff member **Mary Ogdahl** wrote an article, "An Environmental Assessment of a Small, Shallow Lake (Little Black Lake, MI) Threatened by Urbanization," published in *Environmental Monitoring and Assessment*.