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# FORUM

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## Week of events planned to celebrate King's legacy

Two national speakers will highlight Grand Valley's celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Events will extend beyond the national holiday and run the week of January 16-21.

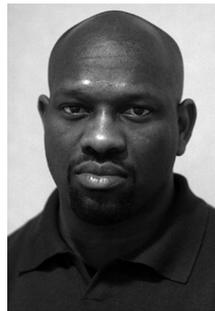
Bakari Kitwana, journalist and author, will help kick off programming on Monday, January 16, with a presentation, "The King Legacy and the Next Generation," at 12:30 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room. Kitwana's presentation will follow a silent march on campus that will begin at noon at Zumberge Library.

The author of four books, Kitwana is a senior media fellow at the Jamestown Project, a Harvard Law think-tank; and CEO of Rap Sessions, a company that conducts townhall meetings around the country on difficult topics facing the hip-hop generation. Kitwana's latest book is *Hip-Hop Activism in the Obama Era*.

He earned a bachelor's and two master's degrees from the University of Rochester.

Kitwana will also give a keynote address at the 26th annual Grand Rapids community celebration, beginning at 6:30 p.m. January 16 at Ford Fieldhouse at Grand Rapids Community College.

Longtime civil rights advocate and author Michelle Alexander will give two presentations at Grand Valley, Wednesday and Thursday, January 18-19. Alexander is the author of *The New Jim Crow*, a critique in which Alexander argues that racial caste has not ended in



Bakari Kitwana

America, it has been redesigned. Alexander writes that by targeting black men and other people of color, the U.S. justice system functions as a system of racial control.

The book was published in 2010. Lauded by critics nationally, Alexander received a 2011 NAACP Image Award for outstanding literary work/non-fiction. Alexander is a former law clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun. She now holds dual appointments at Ohio State University in the College of Law and Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity.



Michelle Alexander

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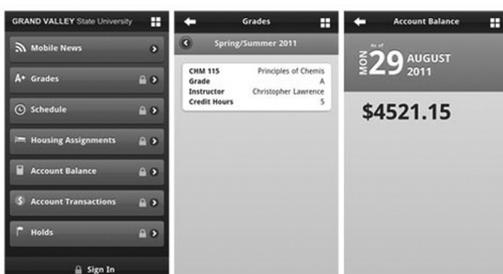
## Across Campus

### New mobile app tracks grades, account balance

Students will be able to access their exam grades and view their class schedule on an iPhone or Android.

The MyGV mobile application, a free app launched last semester, provides campus news, class schedules, grades, housing assignments, and account balances and transactions.

The framework to get started on the app was provided by SunGard, a software and information technology company that



A new mobile app allows students to view account balances and check grades, among other features.

specializes in higher education. A team of staff members from Grand Valley's Information Technology department designed and developed the features and functions of the app.

"We've noticed a demand for something like this for a while," said Brian Snyder, web programmer in the IT department. "We want to provide an easy and convenient way for the campus community to retrieve campus information and personal account information from myBanner."

Snyder said an updated version of the app was released in December with features for faculty members that includes class lists, students enrolled in each class and meal plan balances.

To login to the app, select "Sign In," then enter a G-number and Personal Identification Number.

### Professor pens book about America at 'tipping point'

America is the most modern nation in the world, and well known for its top exports:

modern convenience and democratic values.

Americans should then be the happiest people in the world, right? But when considering Occupy Wall Street protests, political gridlock, moral degradation, high unemployment and difficult economic times, one could project that Americans are among the angriest people in the world.

Stephen C. Rowe, professor of philosophy and liberal studies, has written a book that suggests America is now at a tipping point of either:

- being overcome by its multi-faceted, ideological battles (big government, corporate wealth, immigration), or
- being able to overcome those battles and "reclaim its integrity."

Rowe wrote *Overcoming America/America Overcoming: Can We Survive Modernity?* (Lexington Books) because, he said, he felt it was his patriotic duty.

"The greatness of America has been eclipsed by the modern values generated by Americans,"

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Rowe said. "We need to reclaim her integrity through re-appropriation of what is truly great about America."

Rowe cautioned that *Overcoming America/America Overcoming* is not a doctrine as to how Americans can right the ship, nor is it a simple call to get back to basics.

"We must re-appropriate the great American tradition of democratic deliberation and education.

"I hope this book will help people think together with their fellow citizens, and, thereby revive the American faith that the right answers will come and our mutual thriving will occur when people are together in this way," Rowe said.

Other top social critics and philosophers have called this book a wake-up call and called Rowe one of their favorite commentators on American culture. Fred Dallmayr, from the University of Notre Dame and author of *In Search of the Good Life*, said Rowe does not impose moralistic formulas, "but encourages a renewed cultivation of civic virtues through dialogue."



Stephen C. Rowe

## Nominations sought for MCC awards

Nominations are sought for outstanding Grand Valley students to receive a Michigan Campus Compact award.

MCC will celebrate 16 years of presenting Outstanding Student Service Awards to students throughout the state who have made true commitments to service. Valerie Jones, assistant director of Student Life, will help review nominations and send top students on to MCC for review.

Nominate a student by visiting the Community Service Learning Center website, [www.gvsu.edu/service](http://www.gvsu.edu/service). Awards will be presented for Commitment to Service, which will recognize two students from each MCC member campus; and Heart and Soul, which will recognize an

unlimited number of students. Questions about nominations can be directed to Jones at x12468.

## Contest encourages students to share Laker pride

If you could describe your Grand Valley experience in five words, what would they be?

This is the latest challenge for Grand Valley students in an initiative called Laker5, which is designed to encourage students to express their creativity and school spirit in just five words. The "5" of Laker5 represents each decade of the university's service to the community.



From January 9-27, current Grand Valley students can submit up to three Laker5 entries at [www.gvsu.edu/laker5](http://www.gvsu.edu/laker5), where they will appear on the website. Students will be able to vote on their favorite entries, up to three times, from January 31-February 9. The top 10 finalists will receive a free ticket to the Presidents' Ball on February 17, when the top 5 winners will be announced.

A group of judges will determine first-, second- and third-place winners, along with two runners-up. Winners will receive scholarships that total more than \$2,500. The first-place winner will receive a \$1,000 Grand Valley scholarship, the second-place winner will receive a \$750 scholarship, and the third-place winner will receive a \$500 scholarship. The two runner-ups will each receive a \$250 scholarship.

## 2012 Year of Interfaith Understanding receives grant

The Grand Rapids Community Foundation has awarded \$50,000 to the 2012 Year of Interfaith Understanding to provide mini-grants to

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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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## GVFaces

### Kathy Bausano, customer service, Facilities Services

Kathy Bausano and others who work in the customer service area of Facilities Services rely heavily on laughter, as they take complaint calls about office temperatures, leaky toilets or a myriad of other things that can go wrong within a community of 25,000.

Bausano said turning to humor also helps when she facilitates a community class for single parents.

"Single and Parenting" is a weekly class offered by Fair Haven Ministries in Hudsonville. The 13-week course is free and open to the public. Bausano led it for the first time in the fall and plans to do so again when the course begins on January 9.

"It is tough being a single parent and not having anyone to discuss things with," Bausano said. "This class offers companionship and advice."

Bausano and her ex-husband divorced 11 years ago; they have two sons, ages 25 and 14. Jonathan is a staff sergeant in the Air Force and Josiah is in middle school.

She said a friend recommended her to facilitate

the Single and Parenting class, and she's enjoyed her experience. She begins each class with a brief video and then helps lead discussion.

"The more honest I am about my failures, the more open they will be during our discussions," she said. "I've tried to tell them it's good to be able to laugh at your mistakes."

Bausano has worked for Grand Valley for 16 years. In 2007, she earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Grand Valley. While she is currently teaching adult parents, Bausano laughed and said she wishes she could lead a freshman seminar class in life skills.

"I would include things we get a lot of calls about: how to change a lightbulb, plunge a toilet and clean an oven," she said. "After all, our job here is to educate."



Kathy Bausano



## What's Ahead

### Arts at Noon presents Grand Rapids Symphony

The Grand Rapids Symphony returns to Grand Valley Wednesday, January 11, for the Arts at Noon Series. Enjoy this opportunity to hear a free performance by one of West Michigan's cultural treasures, led by associate conductor and faculty member John Varineau.

This Arts at Noon concert will move from the Cook-DeWitt Center and take place in the Performing Arts Center, Louis Armstrong Theatre.

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call x13484 or visit [www.gvsu.edu/music](http://www.gvsu.edu/music).

### Faculty group will focus on gender identity, expression

One of the faculty-learning communities offered by the Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center will center on gender identity and expression in the classroom.

The workshop will be facilitated by Danielle DeMuth, assistant professor of women and

gender studies. Unlike other FTLC learning communities, it will meet four times in the winter semester, beginning January 27.

DeMuth said results from the campus climate study prompted her to suggest this workshop to FTLC leaders. "As a teacher, you constantly think about what the climate is like in your classroom for students," she said. "We have a non-discrimination policy based on gender expression and identity, but how are we doing as a campus?"

Workshop participants will consider best practices for creating an inclusive classroom environment, DeMuth said.

Christine Rener, director of the FTLC, said the center is happy to support this effort.

"Faculty-learning communities are a way for faculty members to learn together and from each other," Rener said. "Each group is expected to produce an outcome that can be shared with the university community. Resources to help faculty create a welcoming and supportive learning environment for all students are needed and that type of environment fits with our mission."

Faculty members who wish to register for the workshop can submit an email to Dana Munk at

[munkd@gvsu.edu](mailto:munkd@gvsu.edu). More information about all FTLC learning communities is online at [www.gvsu.edu/ftlc](http://www.gvsu.edu/ftlc) and click on "Ongoing Programs."

### New Weight Watchers session will begin

Keep your New Year's resolution to lose weight by joining Weight Watcher's at Work.

A new program will begin January 31. Meetings will be held on the Allendale Campus on Tuesdays at noon in the Kirkhof Center, and Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. in the DeVos Center. More information is available online at [www.gvsu.edu/healthwellness](http://www.gvsu.edu/healthwellness), click on "Wellness Services."

### Faculty, staff sought for Relay for Life teams

Faculty and staff members are encouraged to join or form teams for the 10th annual GVSU Relay for Life event, set for April 13.

The 12-hour team event is sponsored by the student group Colleges Against Cancer. Last year, more than \$100,000 was raised for the American Cancer Society. Information is online at [www.relayforlifegvsu.com](http://www.relayforlifegvsu.com).

## Across Campus

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congregations that will engage in interfaith expressions and activities that encourage interaction with other faith traditions with the goal of understanding.

2012 YIU is a unique partnership led by Grand Valley's Kaufman Interfaith Institute, *Grand Rapids Press*, WGUV public media, Grand Rapids mayor's office and three organizing councils. Hundreds of events will

be sponsored by participating congregations, campuses and community organizations.

"We are most pleased to receive this grant from the Grand Rapids Community Foundation," said Douglas Kindschi, director of the Kaufman Interfaith Institute at Grand Valley. "Currently more than 150 people have pledged to do programs in their congregations that focus on interfaith understanding. The goal of increased understanding will certainly foster community involvement, diversity and ultimately, peace."

Among upcoming YIU events: WGUV-TV, a media partner for the 2012 YIU initiative, will present the series "God in America" in six, one-hour broadcasts on Sundays at 6 p.m. beginning January 8. Study groups and classes are being formed for viewing and discussion of the series. The series also is available on DVD, as well as a comprehensive study guide through PBS (see [pbs.org/godinamerica](http://pbs.org/godinamerica)).

For more information about upcoming events, visit [2012gr.org](http://2012gr.org), or call x15702.

## MLK celebration will begin with community breakfasts January 16

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Her keynote presentation is set for 5 p.m. January 18 in the Kirkhof Center. That address will be simulcast to an audience at Loosemore Auditorium in the DeVos Center. She will discuss her book at 10 a.m. January 19 in the Cook-DeWitt Center.

With the theme "Shake the World: Moving Dreams to Reality," all King celebration week events are free and open to the public. Other GVSU events are detailed below:

• **Monday, January 16:** Community breakfasts will be held at 8:45 a.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room, and DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium.

Faculty speakers will be Louis Moore, assistant professor of history, at the Allendale Campus breakfast; and Regina McClinton, director of Intercultural Competence and Experience and associate professor of cell and molecular biology, at the Pew Grand Rapids Campus breakfast. All students, faculty and staff members are invited.



*Photo by Elizabeth Lienau*

Members of the MLK Executive Planning Committee are pictured. Events to celebrate King's legacy are planned on campus from January 16-21, visit [www.gvsu.edu/mlk](http://www.gvsu.edu/mlk) for details.

• **Tuesday, January 17:** Melanie Shell-Weiss, assistant professor of liberal studies, will discuss "Race, Migration and Social Justice: What Would MLK Say Today?" at 1 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Pere Marquette Room.

• **Saturday, January 21:** Day of Service, in which students, faculty and staff members will volunteer within the community in

honor of King and civil rights activist Gloria Richardson. About 100 people will gather in the Kirkhof Center at 9 a.m. before heading to the Feeding America West Michigan Food Bank and other locations.

For more information about King events, visit [www.gvsu.edu/mlk](http://www.gvsu.edu/mlk). Contact the Office of Multicultural Affairs at x12177 with questions.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## General Events

### Tues., Jan. 10

4 p.m.: Campus Recreation hosts Fifth Third Riverbank Run Training Program. Register at Fitness and Wellness Center. TRF.

### Wed., Jan. 11

9 a.m.: Excellence Series: "Leadership Your Team Can Follow," by Kim Monaghan. 2270 KC. Visit [www.gvsu.edu/seminar](http://www.gvsu.edu/seminar) to register.

Noon: Arts at Noon Series: Grand Rapids Symphony. LAT, PAC. Call x13537 for more information.

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

### Thurs., Jan. 12

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

11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.: American Red Cross Blood Drive. 2250 KC.

### Fri., Jan. 13

2 p.m.: AWRI Seminar: "A Stable Isotope-Based Food Web Model of Muskegon Lake," by Ed Rutherford. Multipurpose room, LMC. Call x13749 for more information.

### Sat., Jan. 14

8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: FTLC hosts Adjunct Academy. 215 EC. Call x13498 for more information.

## Sports

### Wed., Jan. 11

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

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

### Fri., Jan. 13

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

### Sat., Jan. 14

1 p.m.: Swimming and Diving hosts Hillsdale College.

8 p.m.: Men's Basketball hosts Hillsdale College.

## Faculty and Staff Sketches

### In the News

**Brian Kingshott**, associate professor of criminal justice, was interviewed by WOOD-TV for a story about the effectiveness of suicide prevention videos recently made by area students.

Johnson Center for Philanthropy staff members **James Edwards**, **Michael Moody** and **Matthew Downey** were interviewed by, respectively, *MiBiz*, *Grand Rapids Press* and WOOD-TV for stories about giving during the holidays and generational giving. Moody was also interviewed by Michigan Radio for a story about using philanthropy as an economic engine in cities.

### Sketches

**David Alvarez**, associate professor of English, gave a presentation, "The Cosmopolitanism of the Flayed: Representations of Clandestine Migration in Recent Moroccan Literature and Photography," as part of the Eyes on Africa series hosted by Michigan State University's Africa Studies Center.

**Joy Washburn**, associate professor of nursing, gave presentations, "It's a YouTube World: C U Online," "One Healthcare Facility+Two Graduate Nurse Orientation Programs=Successful Transition to Practice" and "The Relevance of Person-Environment Fit Theory for Transition to Professional Nursing Practice," at the 41st Biennial Sigma Theta Tau International Convention in Grapevine, Texas.

**John Weber**, professor of geology, gave a presentation, "Central Range Fault: What We Know and Need to Know," at a Geological Society of Trinidad and Tobago workshop held in Claxton Bay, Trinidad. He also gave a presentation, "Assessing the Mechanical Behavior and Seismic Risk of

the Central Range Fault, Trinidad," at the World Bank Caribbean Disaster Preparedness workshop in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad.

**Lori Houghton-Rahrig**, affiliate faculty of nursing, gave a presentation, "Symptoms, Genetics, and Health-Related Quality of Life in Persons with Nonalcoholic Fatty Liver Disease," at the NINR 25th Anniversary Celebration in Washington, D.C.

**Elaine Leigh**, affiliate faculty of nursing, gave a presentation, "Increasing Access to Hepatitis C Treatment Using a Community-Based, Multidisciplinary Approach," at the 41st Biennial Sigma Theta Tau International convention in Grapevine, Texas.

**Dianne Conrad**, visiting professor of nursing, co-wrote an article, "Enhancing the Visibility of Nursing in Electronic Health Records," published in the *Journal for Nurse Practitioners*.

**Lee Copenhaver**, associate professor of music, wrote a commissioned piece, "Celebration and Devotion," in honor of the 150th anniversary of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Grand Rapids. The piece, for six choirs and wind ensemble, premiered October 11 at the church.

Senior librarians **Rita Kohrman**, **Linda Masselink** and **Anne Merkle** gave a presentation, "Librarians on the Move: Embedded Librarians Experiences at GVSU," at the Michigan Library Conference at Kalamazoo.

**Peter A. Letzmann**, adjunct professor of public, nonprofit and health administration, gave a presentation, "Doing Business As Usual Is Not Good Enough," at the Northern Michigan Code Officials Association in Gaylord.

**Matthew Roberts**, instructional designer for Information Technology, wrote a

book, *Oral Argument and Amicus Curiae*, published by LFB Scholarly Publishing.

**Jeffrey A. Potteiger**, dean of Graduate Studies, co-wrote an article with a student, "A Comparison of Normal Verses Low-Dietary Carbohydrate Intake on Substrate Oxidation During and After Moderate Intensity Exercise in Women," published in the *European Journal of Applied Physiology*.

**Ben Lockerd**, professor of English, wrote an article, "Symbolism of the Senses: Discursive and Intuitive Reason in Much Ado and King Lear," published in the *Ben Jonson Journal*.

**Christen Pearson**, associate professor of English, gave presentations, "Where Did it Go? The Hide and Seek of Language Attrition and the Freeze Tag of Language Stagnation" and "Things Your TESOL Prof Never Told You," at the Transforming Learning: Teaching and Advocacy & ESL at the Crossroads conference.

**Ken Taber**, adjunct professor of sociology and social work, gave a presentation, "Culture's Impact on Ethical Practice," at the International Conference of the USA Transactional Analysis Association in San Antonio, Texas.

**Jeremiah Cataldo**, assistant professor of history and honors, participated in a panel discussion, "Reconstruction of Dead Languages," at the Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts in Grand Rapids. He also gave a presentation, "Defining Identity through Power and Conflict," at the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature.

**A. Scott Rood**, assistant professor of hospitality and tourism management, gave a presentation, "Proposing a Restaurant Preference Behavior Model for Casual Dining," at the Consumer Behavior in Tourism Symposium 2011 in Brunico, Italy.