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# FORUM

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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

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## Convocation will honor faculty achievements

Grand Valley faculty members will be honored at an awards convocation on Thursday, February 5, in Loosemore Auditorium at the DeVos Center.

This marks the second time a separate ceremony has been held. It had been included in the opening convocation in August.

Provost Gayle R. Davis will give welcoming remarks beginning at 4 p.m. Jonathan White, professor of interdisciplinary studies, will give the keynote address, "A Promise of Liberal Education."

Awards will be presented to faculty members with 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service. The following faculty members will receive distinguished awards:

- Pew Teaching Excellence Awards: Peter Anderson, assistant professor of Classics; Rachel Anderson, assistant professor of English; Neil MacDonald, professor of biology.

- Pew Teaching Excellence Award for Part-Time Faculty: Sheryl Vlietstra, adjunct faculty in the College of Education.

- Outstanding Advising and Student Services Award: Christine Yalda, assistant professor of criminal justice.

- Outstanding Community Service Award: Barbara Reinken, associate professor of education.

- Outstanding University Service Award: Milt Ford, professor of liberal studies.

- Distinguished Contribution in a Discipline Award: Thomas Herzog, professor of psychology.

- University Outstanding Teacher Award: Donald Pottorff, professor of education.

Two faculty members will be recognized for 40 years of service: Samir IsHak, professor of management, and Lynn Mapes, professor of history.

The following people will be recognized for 35 years of service: Carl Arendsen,



Photos by Bernadine Carey-Tucker

Lynn Mapes, left, and Samir IsHak will be among the faculty members recognized for years of service at the Faculty Awards Convocation on Thursday in Loosemore Auditorium.

Milt Ford, Bennett Rudolph and Theodore Sundstrom. Linda Nicholson Grinstead will be recognized for 30 years of service; and the following people for 25 years of service: Dorothy Armstrong, Edward Baum, Ruth Ann Brintnall, M. Catherine Gardner, Richard Hall and Jonathan White.

## Across Campus

### Workshop educates students about stalking

To call attention to January as National Stalking Awareness Month, the Women's Center and Housing and Residence Life hosted a workshop on January 21 to educate students on the facts and consequences of stalking.

While most people who are stalked are women, men can also be stalking victims. Nationally, 13 percent of all college women were stalked, and three of every 10 college women are injured emotionally or physically from being stalked.

Herb Tanner, from the Prosecuting Attorney's Association of Michigan, led the workshop. Tanner identified

stalking actions, and discussed national and local stalking cases. Anna DeHaan, from the Center for Women in Transition in Holland, spoke on how a victim can develop a safety plan to keep them as protected as possible from a stalker.



Photo by Amanda Pitts

Herb Tanner singles out a student during a stalking workshop held in the Kirkhof Center on January 21.

Tanner said stalking could cause severe emotional distress to the victim. "Generally if it doesn't feel right to continuously run into a person, then it isn't," he said. "It is considered illegal stalking behavior when it cannot be an accident as to why the stalker is at the same place the victim is."

In order for action to be taken to protect the victim, there must be evidence of two separate stalking acts, as well as evidence of continuous and repeated stalking behavior from the same person, Tanner said.

"Many times students don't know where to go, or who to ask for help when another person's behavior makes them uncomfortable," said JoAnn Wassenaar, associate director of the Women's Center. "When a student seeks help or advice from campus offices, such as Public Safety and the Women's Center, it gives them a sense of empowerment that they have control over what is happening in their life."

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Wassenaar said if a student feels he or she is being stalked, that student should tell someone they trust, in addition to a resident advisor or multi-cultural assistant. Public Safety, the Women's Center and the Counseling Center all have staff members trained to assist students who are coping with a possible stalker.

## Provost to host more town hall meetings

Provost Gayle R. Davis will continue to host conversations with faculty and staff members regarding the state of Grand Valley.

These informal meetings continue the town hall style meetings Davis hosted in November. "Those meetings resulted in a number of general ideas for our future operations, including some that have implications for our student services and support, academic curriculum, and allocation of human and financial resources," Davis said.

Each session will be conducted twice, once in Allendale and once in Grand Rapids, allowing the most participation. The schedule is below.

- Students' Changing Futures: Wednesday, February 4, 1:30-3 p.m., Kirkhof Center, room 2263; and Friday, February 6, 10-11:30 a.m., DeVos Center, room 205E.
- Curriculum: February 25, 9-10:30 a.m., DeVos Center, room 205D; February 26, 9-10:30 a.m., Kirkhof Center, room 2263.
- Resources: March 16, 3-4:30 p.m., Kirkhof Center, room 2204; March 17, 8:30-10 a.m., Eberhard Center, second floor.

Notes from the November meetings will soon be posted on Blackboard; information will be forthcoming regarding registering for that site.

Davis said she hopes for good, continuous dialogue. "I hope by putting our heads together in these meetings and on the Blackboard site, we will

identify new ideas for how we can effectively and efficiently offer our students the support, curriculum and credentials that are most likely to serve them well in the wildly changing world they are facing," she said.

## Guevara serves on interim basis in School of Social Work

Julia Guevara, assessment and accreditation officer, began serving as interim director of the School of Social Work at the start of the winter semester.

Guevara is on a half-time loan from her duties in the Provost's Office. Assisting her with the daily administrative tasks of the school are Joan Borst, acting director of the MSW program; and Elaine Schott, professor of social work.

The position of director was vacated in July when George Grant was named dean of the College of Community and Public Service. The search for a permanent director continues.

## Venderbush nominations due soon

Nominations of a student who will receive the Kenneth R. Venderbush Student Leadership Award are due in the Dean of Students Office (202 Student Services Building) by 5 p.m. on Friday, February 6.

The award will be presented to a senior at the Awards Banquet on April 6.

To nominate a student for the award, visit [www.gvsu.edu/dos](http://www.gvsu.edu/dos), under "Popular Pages," to find the criteria and nomination form. The nomination should be sent in a sealed envelope marked "confidential," indicate that the envelope is for the Venderbush Award.

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# Faculty and Staff Sketches

## In the News

**John Kilbourne**, professor of movement science, was interviewed by the *Chronicle of Higher Education* for a story about his research using exercise balls as chairs.

## Sketches

**Rob Franciosi**, professor of English, gave two presentations, "The Story of a Dancer: Fiction and Nonfiction in a Holocaust Literature Course" and "From the Trenches: Faculty Governance in an Age of Accountability," at the Modern Language Association Convention in San Francisco, California.

**Dan Bergman**, assistant professor of biomedical sciences, gave presentations, "Growth Factors and Receptors in the Olfactory Epithelium" and "The Distribution of Crayfish Species in the Tributaries of the Grand River," at the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology conference in Boston, Massachusetts.

**Carmen Nochera**, professor of biomedical sciences, wrote an article, "Dietary Combinations of Wheat, Bran, Flax and Soy Reduce ACF in Rat Model," published in the *Journal of Cereal Foods World*.

Annis Water Resources Institute staff members **Bopi Biddanda** and **Scott Kendall** gave presentations, "Comparing Lake Huron's 'Sinkholes' to the Yucatan's 'Cenotes,'" at Laguna Bacalar Scientific Symposium in Mexico.

**Paul Wittenbraker**, associate professor of art, gave presentations, "Civic Engagement in Art" at the Cranbrook Academy of Art, and "Civic Studio" at Northern Michigan University.

**Amy Hoffman**, assistant professor of nursing, co-wrote an article, "Testing a Theoretical Model of Perceived Self-Efficacy for Cancer-Related Fatigue Self-Management and Optimal Physical Functional Status," published in *Nursing Research*.

**Hermann Kurthen**, associate professor of sociology, co-wrote an article, "Immigrant Integration: Comparative Evidence from the United States and Germany," published in *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.

**Paul J. Cornish**, assistant professor of political science, wrote articles on John Adams, John Quincy Adams, "In re Anastaplo," the Northwest Ordinance, Joseph Priestly and the Quebec Act, published in the *Encyclopedia of the First Amendment*.

**Steve Schlicker**, professor of mathematics, gave a presentation, "Integer Sequences from Polygonal Chains in the Geometry of Compact Sets," at the Joint Mathematics Meeting in Washington.

**David Austin**, professor of mathematics, participated in a panel discussion, "Picture This! Geometry Software," at the Joint Mathematics Meeting in Washington.

**Firas Hindeleh**, mathematics teaching fellow, gave

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# What's Ahead

## Health and Wellness sponsors weight challenge

The Health and Wellness department is sponsoring a "Commit to It" weight challenge that also encourages participants to incorporate healthy habits into their lifestyles.

Beginning Monday, February 2, the six-week challenge runs until March 16. Cost to participate is \$10, which will be entered into a pool and then divided among participants who meet the challenge requirements.

The first of two weigh-ins will be today, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. in Lake Michigan Hall, room 140; 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in DeVos Center, room 302C; and 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences, room 136.

For more information, visit [www.gvsu.edu/healthwellness](http://www.gvsu.edu/healthwellness) or call x12215.

## Women's Center to host fundraiser

The Women's Center will host its annual fundraiser, "Indulge in a Cause," on Wednesday, February 4.

The event will begin at 5 p.m. in the Hager-Lubbers Exhibition Hall at the DeVos Center. Featured throughout the evening are chocolate desserts by area chefs and restaurants, in addition to a silent auction.

Tickets for the event are \$30 per person and available at the Women's Center, Kirkhof Center, room 1201. For more information, call the center at x12748.

## Numerous events planned to celebrate Black History Month

Events planned to celebrate Black History Month at Grand Valley State University encompass many aspects of culture, in addition to topical lectures and panel discussions on education, religion and the criminal justice system.

All the events listed below are free and open to the public. Two will be held at the DeVos Center, on the Pew Grand Rapids Campus.

For more information, call the Office of Multicultural Affairs at x12177.

- February 5, 7-9 p.m., Laker Village North Community Center: African American Music and Dance. Local dance instructors Durwin and LaShawn Johnson will teach techniques for urban ballroom and other forms of dance.
- February 10, 6-9 p.m., Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center: Panel Discussion: "The State of Our Children's Education: Past, Present and Future." Among the scheduled panelists are Bernard Taylor, superintendent of Grand Rapids Public Schools; Walter Brame, president and CEO of Grand Rapids Urban League; and Ingrid Scott-Weekley, director of the Equal Opportunity Department for City of Grand Rapids.

• February 13, 6-9 p.m., Loosemore Auditorium, DeVos Center: "Black Music, Black Power! Jazz and the Civil Rights Revolution." A presentation on the history of jazz and its relationship to the civil rights movement will be given by Craig Benjamin, Grand Valley assistant professor of history. The Elgin Vines Quartet will perform.

• February 18, 4-6 p.m., Kirkhof Center, room 2263: "The Black Church After Obama." Randal Jelks, associate professor of American studies at University of Kansas and former Calvin College professor, will discuss African American religious history and the impact of President Obama on the church.

• February 19, 6-8 p.m., Kirkhof Center, room 2270: "Light Skin vs. Dark Skin." Demarra Gardner will discuss the historical aspects of light-skin people and dark-skin people.

• February 26, 6-8 p.m., Kirkhof Center, room 2204: "From the Cradle to the Prison." Ron Browder, director of the Children's Defense Fund of Ohio, will address CDF's campaign to stop youth from leading a lifestyle that will land them in jails and prisons.

• February 3, 10, 17, 24, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Kirkhof Center, room 1240: "Black/White" film series. Join OMA staff members each week as they view and discuss the film series in which Caucasian and African American families live together and trade races.

A number of Grand Valley departments are

helping sponsor Black History Month events, including Campus Ministry, Career Services, College of Education, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, History, Honors College, Housing, Padnos International Center and Pew Student Services.



File photo

'Blues Brothers' Thomas Haas, left, and Bart Merkle sing at the Presidents' Ball last year.

## Presidents' Ball set for DeVos Place

The 23rd annual Presidents' Ball will be Friday, February 6, at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids.

Hosted by President Thomas J. Haas and Student Senate President Autumn W. Trombka, this year's theme is "A Roman Triumph." Assistant professor of history Craig Benjamin will receive the Student Award for Faculty Excellence, and Board of Trustee Donna Brooks will receive the Distinguished Individual of the Year Award.

The ball will showcase many of Grand Valley's talented students with performances by MidNight Snack, the Grand Valley's Classics Society and Three Heel Clicks to Home. This event highlights the achievements of outstanding students, staff, faculty and alumni. New to this year's event is a shuttle service providing transportation to DeVos Place from both Allendale and Grand Rapids campuses.

Cocktail hour will begin at 5:30 p.m., with a program and dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a dance beginning at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the 20/20 Information Desk. Dinner and dance tickets are \$30 until February 3. After then, tickets are available by contacting Natalie Cleary at the Office of Student Life at x12913 or at [clearyn@student.gvsu.edu](mailto:clearyn@student.gvsu.edu). Photo IDs are required for admission to the event.

## Free international film series returns

One of the most comprehensive film series in West Michigan returns for the fourth year of promoting cultural diversity and awareness, one film at a time.

Chiaroscuro was founded in 2005 by Zulema Moret, associate professor of modern languages and literatures, and Gretchen Minhaar, a Grand Rapids architect and artist. Moret, who was born in Buenos Aires, and Minhaar, who is from Argentina, share a passion for film and a desire to expand the diversity of cultural experiences available to the West Michigan community.

Six notable films from a variety of countries are shown on Sunday afternoons through April. The films are selected for their connection with a chosen theme, which this year is "Finding Home."

All films will be shown, beginning at 2:30 p.m., at the Urban Institute for Creative Arts, 41 Sheldon S.E., in downtown Grand Rapids. Each foreign film is preceded by the screening of a locally produced short film. A panel discussion will follow the film, and refreshments will be served.

For more information, visit [www.chiaroscurofilmseries.org](http://www.chiaroscurofilmseries.org).

### Upcoming Films:

February 8: In This World (Michael Winterbottom, Great Britain, 2002)

February 22: Daughter of Keltoum (Mehdi Charef, France, 2001)

March 8: Das Fraulein (Andrea Staka, Germany, 2006)

March 22: Bolivia (Adrian Caetano, Argentina, 2001)

April 26: Code Inconnu (Michael Haneke, France, 2000).

# 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., Feb. 2

CANCELED: Artist-Faculty Series. Richard Stoelzel and Kevin Maloney, trumpets, with Ksenia Leletkina, piano. Rescheduled for April 17.

### Tues., Feb. 3

11 a.m.: Majors Fair. Grand River, Pere Marquette rooms, KC. Call x12379 for more information.

7 p.m.: West Michigan Women's Studies Council hosts "Gender, Power, Politics and the Media," by Kathleen Hall Jamieson. Fountain Street Church, Grand Rapids. Call x12748 for more information.

### Wed., Feb. 4

11 a.m.: Campus Recreation hosts Fifth Annual Fitness Expo. Grand River Room, KC. Call x13659 for more information.

Noon: Arts at Noon. Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra. CDC. Call x13484 for information.

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

1:30 p.m.: Provost hosts Conversations, "Students' Changing Futures." 2263 KC. Call x12400 for more information.

2 p.m.: Early Alert Program hosts Webinar, "Success with Parent Education: Dialoguing with New Students and Their Parents at the Collegiate Level." 2266 KC. Call x12379 for more information.

5 p.m.: Women's Center hosts "Indulge in a Cause." Exhibition Hall, DEV. Call x12748 for more information.

6 p.m.: Advising Session for Archaeology Minors. 174 LOH. Call x13132 for more information.

### Thurs., Feb. 5

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

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

4 p.m.: Faculty Awards Convocation and Reception. Loosemore Auditorium, DEV. Call x12181 for more information.

7 p.m.: Black History Month Event. African American Music and Dance. Community Center, Laker Village. Call x12177 for more information.

### Fri., Feb. 6

10 a.m.: Provost hosts Conversations, "Students' Changing Futures." 205E DEV. Call x12400

for more information.

1 p.m.: Allies and Advocates Training Session. Community Center, Laker Village. Register online at [www.gvsu.edu/seminar](http://www.gvsu.edu/seminar).

5:30 p.m.: Presidents' Ball. DeVos Place, Grand Rapids. Call x12345 for more information.

7:30 p.m.: Opera Theatre production, "Candide." LAT, PAC. Call x12300 for tickets.

### Sat., Feb. 7

7:30 p.m.: Opera Theatre production, "Candide." LAT, PAC.

### Sun., Feb. 8

2 p.m.: Opera Theatre production, "Candide." LAT, PAC.

2:30 p.m.: Chiaroscuro Film Series. UICA, Grand Rapids. Call x12286 for information.

## Sports

### Fri., Feb. 6

4 p.m.: Track and Field hosts GVSU Open.

### Sat., Feb. 7

4 p.m.: Track and Field hosts GVSU D2 Challenge.

## Faculty and Staff Sketches

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a presentation, "Seven Dimensional Lie Algebras with a Four-Dimensional Nilradical," at the Joint Mathematics Meeting in Washington.

**Feryal Alayont**, assistant professor of mathematics, gave a presentation, "Inquiry-Based Learning in a Discrete Mathematics with Graph Theory Course," at the Joint Mathematics Meeting in Washington.

Mathematics faculty members **Edward Aboufadel** and **Rebecca Walker**, gave a presentation, "Planning and Teaching Mathematics Capstone Courses for Preservice Secondary School Teachers," at the Joint Mathematics Meeting in Washington.

Mathematics faculty members **Steve Schlicker** and **Feryal Alayont** participated in a panel discussion, "Teaching Postdocs: A Journey from Graduate School to a Position in the World of

Mathematics," at the Joint Mathematics Meeting in Washington.

**Anthony Thompson**, director of the School of Communications, has an exhibition, "Incendiary Iconography: The Legacy of the Cold War in America," at the University of LaVerne in LaVerne, California.

**Amy Russell**, assistant professor of biology, gave presentations on bat migration at a conference in Berlin, Germany.

**Janet Vail**, associate professor at the Annis Water Resources Institute, gave a presentation, "Educational Vessel Operations," at the annual meeting of the Great Lakes Science Association of Science Ships in Traverse City.

**Caryn M. King**, professor of education, was recently named as the College of Education's associate dean for accreditation and assessment.

**Peimin Ni**, professor of philosophy and East Asian studies, had a Russian translation of an article, "Heart-Mind at Ease: A Confucian Response to the Reid-Plantinga Approach to the Knowledge of the Ultimate," published in a book, *Comparative Philosophy: Science and Faith in the Context of Cultural Dialogue*. He gave a keynote address at the opening session of the International Symposium on Health, Fairness, and Progress at the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences.

**Joanne Ziembo-Vogl**, associate professor of criminal justice, wrote a book, *Instructor's Manual and Test Bank and the Student Study Guide for Siegel's Criminology*, published by Wadsworth/Cengage Learning.

**Russell Rhoads**, associate professor of anthropology, gave a presentation, "Transformational Learning at the Farmers' Market," at the 107th annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association.