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FORUM

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

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Reifel named interim business college dean

Longtime economics professor John Reifel will assume duties as interim dean of the Seidman College of Business, effective February 1.

The announcement was made by Gayle R. Davis, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. Reifel is taking over for H. James Williams, who is leaving to become president of Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee. Williams' last day is January 31.

Reifel earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Notre Dame and a master's degree and doctorate from Michigan State University. He came to Grand Valley in 1971. He earned the Outstanding Teacher

Award in 1996, as voted by his Seidman colleagues. He is a member of the American Economics Association and the Ferrysburg Planning Commission. Reifel also served as interim dean for the Seidman College in 2003 before Williams was hired.

"Professor Reifel has the academic background, the knowledge of Grand Valley and the right experience to serve as interim dean of Seidman College," Davis said. "We are opening a magnificent new facility for the business college in May, and John is the right person to lead us during this exciting transition.

"The Seidman College of Business is nationally

recognized, and we know we are poised to serve our students even better in this new building and with our dynamic faculty."

Davis said a national search will be conducted for a permanent replacement for Williams over the course of the next year.

The new L. William Seidman Center will open May 6.



John Reifel

Across Campus

Roberts named director of Counseling Center

Amber Roberts has been named the director of the Counseling and Career Development Center.

Roberts previously served as interim director of the center, following the retirement of Barbara Palombi in February 2012.

Bart Merkle, vice provost for Student Affairs and dean of students, made the announcement January 15. "I am confident Amber will provide strong leadership for the center and I look forward to working with her in this important role," said Merkle.

"We are fortunate to have someone with her clinical and leadership capabilities to oversee the fine work of the Counseling Center."

Roberts, who began working at Grand Valley in 2002, will serve as the chief psychologist for the center and will oversee the delivery and future planning of comprehensive prevention and intervention services.

Roberts said a primary challenge for university counseling centers nationwide is to meet the demand for services, so she will focus on service delivery mechanisms that will allow for quick access to services for all students, while

keeping the wait time for an appointment to a minimum.

"Is it essential for the center to continue efforts in outreach prevention, education and consultation because we estimate that we have contact with about 50 percent of the student body per year though these efforts," Roberts said.

Roberts earned a doctoral degree from Purdue University.

Nominations sought for annual awards

Grand Valley's Women's Commission, Women and Gender Studies, Women's Center and Positive Black Women are seeking nominations for awards that will be presented at the



Amber Roberts

Celebrating Women Awards in March.

Faculty and staff members are encouraged to nominate men and women who have made differences in the lives of women and girls. Criteria and deadlines for nominations vary and are listed online at www.gvsu.edu/wcommission.

Nominations are sought for the Barbara Jordan Award, Jean Enright Scholarship, Outstanding Student Award, Maxine Swanson Award, Women's Impact Award, Unsung Hero Award and PBW Scholarships.

Faculty and staff members can also RSVP for the March 12 awards luncheon online.

Inclusion and Equity hosts dialogue groups

The Division of Inclusion and Equity will host dialogue groups, "Intercultural Community of Practice," in the winter semester.

The group consists of seven-10 faculty and staff members who have different cultural backgrounds and world views and meet for open and respectful interaction. Led by a facilitator, the group meets monthly to engage

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in dialogue based on the following goals: develop a deeper understanding of diverse perspectives, practices; increase engagement and the freedom and ability to make choices; foster equality; and enhance creative processes.

Those interested in joining a group can contact Krystal Vanden Bosch at x12672 or vandkrys@gvsu.edu.

Student Recreation Fields get sustainable certification

The Student Recreation Fields is among the first projects in the world to be certified by the Sustainable Sites Initiative, a pilot program that is creating national guidelines for sustainable land design.

The fields, which were selected in 2010 as a pilot, is also the first project in the state to become certified. More than 150 projects around the world were chosen as pilots to be used to revise a performance rating system.

“This recognition is evidence of our project’s achievement in demonstrating an innovative and successful application of sustainable land design and development practices,” said James Moyer, associate vice president for Facilities Planning.

The project was judged based on efforts in categories such as site selection, pre-design assessment and planning, water, soil and vegetation, material selection, human health and well-being, operations and maintenance, and monitoring and innovation.

Annual recycling competition begins

For the sixth year in a row, Grand Valley is competing in Recyclemania, a 10-week national competition among colleges and universities.

From January 20 through March 30, Grand Valley will compete in different contests to collect the largest amount of recyclables and the least amount of trash.

Steve Leeser, operations supervisor for Facilities Services, said Grand

Valley’s success in the competition will involve participation and support from the entire campus community.

Grand Valley placed 77th in the country as Grand Champion of Recyclemania last year and recycled 244,320 pounds. More than 600 colleges and universities participated.

A table with more information and T-shirts will be set up in the Kirkhof Center on January 22-23 and in the DeVos Center January 22. For a list of compostable and recyclable items, visit the Facilities Services website.

Facilities Services is leading the contest, with support from Campus Dining, Office of Housing and Residence Life, Sustainable Community Development Initiative, Pew Campus Operations, Student Environmental Coalition and the university’s student Green Team.

Health Check Forecast



Photo by Amanda Pitts

Paul Isely, professor of economics, gives a presentation for the fourth annual West Michigan Health Check on January 11 in the Eberhard Center. Isely and Professor Sonia Dalmia analyzed area health trends and job outlook.

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GVFaces

Takeelia Garrett-Lynn Assistant Director of Housing

For Takeelia Garrett-Lynn, the King-Chávez-Parks Future Faculty Fellowship Program has taken her education to places she never would have imagined.

Garrett-Lynn, assistant director of academic and student support for Housing, is a first-generation college student and said the KCP award has boosted her academic career.

“The award has allowed me to continue my education without going further into debt, and has served as a source of encouragement along the way,” said Garrett-Lynn.

The KCP Future Faculty Fellowship Program was created by the Michigan Legislature in 1986 and it is intended to increase the number of underrepresented candidates pursuing teaching or administrative careers at colleges and universities.

At Grand Valley, Garrett-Lynn works with Housing, the Dean of Students office and

the freshmen and sophomore academies to help marginalized groups of students acclimate to the Grand Valley community.

Originally from Taylor, Garrett-Lynn said she plans to use the KCP award to finish her doctoral degree and eventually work to help students of color navigate through the judicial system.

“It is such a rewarding experience when you are able to be a part of student’s growth and development when they first begin their college career, and to see them walk across the stage at graduation years later,” she said.

In her spare time, Garrett-Lynn said she enjoys watching TV’s “Scandal,” reading and singing karaoke.



Takeelia Garrett-Lynn



What’s Ahead

Kirkhof Center serves as MLK hub on Monday

The Kirkhof Center will serve as the hub for activities to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 21.

Concurrent social justice activities will run from 10-11:30 a.m. and 2-3:30 p.m. Details are below; all events are free and open to the public.

• **Poverty Simulation:** Two sessions are planned: 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Pere Marquette Room. Participants need to RSVP for either session online at www.gvsu.edu/mlk or via the Women’s Center website.

• **Crafting for Our Community:** Two sessions are planned: 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., rooms 2215/2216. Participants need to RSVP for either session online at www.gvsu.edu/mlk or via the Community Service Learning Center website.

• **Marathon Reading:** Campus community members will read from King’s writings and the works he inspired. Sessions will begin at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in room 2266. Participants can drop in anytime.

• **Free Lunch and Viewing of Presidential Inauguration:** 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Grand River Room.

• **Silent March:** 1 p.m., starts at Zumberge Library.

• **Presentation by Glenda Hatchett:** 1:30 p.m., Grand River Room.

• **Straight Talk: America in the Age of Obama, Part 2:** Panel discussion with Joe Jones, interim president of Grand Rapids Urban League; Sherry Johnson, assistant professor of English; Louis Moore, assistant professor of history. Room 2270; 2 p.m. only.

For complete details, visit www.gvsu.edu/mlk.

Women’s Center to host ‘That Takes Ovaries!’ sneak peek

The Women’s Center will host a sneak peek of this year’s production of “That Takes Ovaries!: Bold Women, Brazen Acts” on Tuesday, January 22.

Karen Libman, professor of communications, will facilitate “Leading a Bold Life” from 6-8 p.m. in the Cook-DeWitt Center. It will include discussion and readings from the play, which

tells real-life stories of women and girls who have performed courageous actions. In an open mic format, attendees will have an opportunity to share their own stories about brave women in their lives.

Students, faculty and staff members, and community members can audition for the production January 25, 3-7 p.m., and January 27, 2-5 p.m., in the Kirkhof Center, room 1104.

Performances will take place March 22-23 at Wealthy Theatre in Grand Rapids. Half of the scenes portrayed in this year’s production are stories submitted by students, faculty, staff and community members.

For more information, contact Kira Smith-Butland at ThatTakesOvariesGVSU@gmail.com.

Thursday MLK event simulcast to two locations

Majora Carter, urban revitalizationist, will give a keynote presentation on Thursday, January 24, in the Kirkhof Center, continuing Grand Valley’s MLK Commemoration Week.

Her presentation will begin at 5 p.m. in the Grand River Room.

Carter’s presentation, which is free and open to the public, will be simulcast to the Eberhard Center, room 201, and the Meijer Holland Campus. It had been scheduled for Loosemore Auditorium, but that has changed.

For complete MLK week details, visit www.gvsu.edu/mlk.

Registration open for Sibs and Kids Weekend

Students, faculty and staff members are invited to bring their siblings or children to one of Grand Valley’s oldest traditions, Sibs & Kids Weekend, January 25-26.

During the weekend, the Kirkhof Center and Fieldhouse will be filled with activities like arts and crafts, games and performances.

Register online at www.gvsu.edu/sibsnkids by January 23; events are free for Grand Valley students and the registration fee is \$20 for each guest.

Some events are highlighted below. For the complete event list, visit www.gvsu.edu/sibsnkids.

• **The Norman Magic Experience:** January 25, 6-7 p.m., Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room

• **Jonathon Burns — Flexible Comedy:** January 25, 8:30 p.m., Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room

• **Sibs Swim Pool Party:** January 26, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Fieldhouse

• **Rock Climbing:** January 26, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Fieldhouse

The event is sponsored and organized by the student organization Spotlight Productions, with contributions from Grand Valley’s Office of Student Life and Student Senate. For more information, contact Chelsea Pulice at x12345.

Event will benefit new cancer support network

Several campus departments have joined together to host an event and establish a network to support students, faculty and staff members who are facing a cancer diagnosis or have a family member battling the disease.



Ingrid Johnson

“Cancer Warriors Network” will be held Monday, January 28, from 4-6 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, room 2270. Wellness organizations such as Gilda’s Club, Colleges Against Cancer Student Organization and the American Cancer Society will provide resources; the event also includes a silent auction.

Ingrid Johnson, assistant professor of movement science, was the catalyst behind the idea of a campuswide support group. Last year, Johnson was diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer. She started talking to other people whose lives were affected by cancer and the idea of establishing a support group for students, faculty and staff members, and their family members began.

“The Grand Rapids community offers a range of support options for cancer survivors but I didn’t find what I was looking for on Grand Valley’s campus and I think it’s important to have that network at a place where people spend a majority of their time,” said Johnson.

Sue Sloop, Work Life Connections consultant, worked closely with Johnson to plan the Cancer Warriors Network. “This is a very unique concept and one that we hope will really impact all of Grand Valley, including students and families,” Sloop said.

Sponsors of the event include the American Cancer Society, Human Resources, Women’s Center and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Silent auction items include tickets to the Detroit Pistons, Grand Rapids Griffins, a Vera Bradley bag, among other services and merchandise. Proceeds will benefit the network.

Register for the event online at www.gvsu.edu/ seminar. Cancer Warriors Network also has a Facebook page, search GVSU Cancer Warriors.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Events		
Mon., Jan. 21		
10-11:30 a.m.: MLK Commemoration Week Social Justice Activities. KC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/mlk for details.	the ‘You’ Attitude,” by Laurence José and Amorak Huey. 2270 KC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/seminar for more information.	for more information.
1 p.m.: MLK Week Silent March. Starts at JHZ.	10 a.m.: Sustainable Agriculture Project Farm Stand. KC. Visit gvsu.edu/sustainableag-project for more information.	5 p.m.: MLK Keynote Presentation by Majora Carter. Grand River Room, KC. Simulcast to EC, HOL. Visit www.gvsu.edu/mlk for details.
1:30 p.m.: MLK Week Keynote Presentation: “Dare to Take Charge,” by Glenda Hatchett. Grand River Room, KC.	Noon: Allendale Toastmasters. 2201 KC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/toastmasters for more information.	Fri., Jan. 25
2-3:30 p.m.: MLK Week Social Justice Activities. KC.	Noon and 1 p.m.: Health and Wellness hosts Fieldhouse Rec Center Tours. Front desk, FH. Call x12215 for more information.	Noon: Writing Center Faculty Friday. 120 LOH. Call x12922 for more information.
Tues., Jan. 22		
9 a.m.: TIAA-CREF Retirement Planning. 499C DEV. Visit www.tiaa-cref.org/events to schedule an appointment.	Thurs., Jan. 24	Sat., Jan. 26
6 p.m.: Women’s Center hosts “That Takes Ovaries” Sneak Peek. CDC. Call x12748 for more information.	7:30 a.m.: Downtown Toastmasters. University Club Room, DEV. Visit www.gvsu.edu/toastmasters for more information.	9 a.m.: MLK Day of Service. 2204 KC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/service/ for information.
Wed., Jan. 23		
9 a.m.: Human Resources Excellence Series: “Writing for an Audience: Developing	9 a.m.: TIAA-CREF Retirement Planning. 2227 KC. Visit www.tiaa-cref.org/events to schedule an appointment.	Sports
	11:30 a.m.: Human Resources Brown Bag Lunch & Learn Series: “Attendance Matters.” 303C DEV. Visit www.gvsu.edu/seminar to register.	Thurs., Jan. 24
	2:30-5 p.m.: FTLC Workshop: “The New GVSU Student Success Callaborative,” by Richard Staley and Joseph Harrington. Loosemore Auditorium, DEV. Call x13498	6 and 8 p.m.: Men’s and Women’s Basketball host Saginaw Valley State University.
		Sat., Jan. 26
		1 p.m.: Track and Field host GVSU Quad.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

In the News

Tim Selgo, director of athletics, was interviewed by the *Chicago Tribune*, MLive, WOOD-TV, WXMI-TV and the *New York Times* for stories about former Laker football coach Brian Kelly.

Sketches

Shelly Smith, associate professor of mathematics, gave a presentation, “Hands-on Calculus Using 3-D Paper Models,” at the Joint Mathematics Meetings in San Diego.

Filiz Dogru, associate professor of mathematics, gave a presentation, “On 3-Periodic Orbits of Polygonal Outer Billiards in The Hyperbolic Plane,” at the Joint Mathematics Meetings in San Diego.

Henry Duitman, associate professor of music,

gave a presentation, “Thurmond’s ‘Note Grouping’: Lessons for Conductors,” at the National Conference of the College Orchestra Directors Association in Cleveland, Ohio. He is the current president of the North-Central Division of CODA.

Craig Benjamin, associate professor of history in the Meijer Honors College, completed filming a 48-part lecture series, “The Foundations of Eastern Civilization,” for The Teaching Company.

Dan Bergman, associate professor of biomedical sciences, gave two presentations at the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology Conference in San Francisco, California.

Stephen Rowe, professor of philosophy and liberal studies, delivered a keynote address, “The Adulthood We Need: Education

and the Developmental Challenge in the U.S. and China,” at a Chinese conference, Modernization: China and the World. He also consulted on educational reform at Shanghai Jiao Tong University, and gave a presentation on his new book at the Wenzhi Forum.

John Kilbourne, professor of movement science, wrote an article, “The Softer, Squashy American,” published in the online journal PELinks4u.

Jeanne Arnold, vice president for Inclusion and Equity, was re-elected to the National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education for a three-year term.

Mary Schutten, professor of movement science, gave a presentation, “Student Success Through a Personalized Registration Process,” at the Hawaii International Conference on Education.