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FORUM

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Robinson will discuss innovation at campus lecture

During a presentation at Grand Valley, Sir Ken Robinson, best-selling author, will discuss how passion and creativity can transform education.

Robinson's presentation on Wednesday, March 27, is part of the Frederik Meijer Lecture Series and will cap the university's yearlong Community Reading Project.

The CRP committee selected Robinson's book *The Element: How Finding Your Passion Changes Everything* as its eighth annual selection. More than 850 copies of the book were sold on campus, roughly 300 more were distributed by University Libraries via book kits and individual copies.

The book, a *New York Times* best-seller, draws on stories of celebrities, business leaders, athletes and others to illustrate Robinson's point that when people arrive at "the element," they feel most inspired and achieve at their highest levels.

Robinson's presentation, "Leading a Culture

of Innovation," will begin at 7 p.m. in the Fieldhouse on the Allendale Campus. It is free and open to the public; RSVP online at the Meijer Honors College website, www.gvsu.edu/honor, click on "Frederik Meijer Lecture Series." Doors to the Fieldhouse will open at 6 p.m.



Ken Robinson

Robinson is a world-renowned leader in the development of education, creativity and innovation; he often consults with governments and Fortune 500 companies. He played a central role in developing a strategy for economic development as part of the Northern Ireland peace process. Robinson served with other advisors to Singapore when that

government developed a strategy to become the creative hub of Southeast Asia.

He received a knighthood from Queen Elizabeth II in 2003 for his service to the arts. Other accolades include the Peabody Medal for contributions to arts and culture in the United States, LEGO Prize for international achievement in education and the Benjamin Franklin Medal of the Royal Society of Arts for outstanding contributions to cultural relations between the U.S. and United Kingdom.

The Meijer Lecture Series was established to provide local and national presentations that focus on issues of leadership, innovation, and entrepreneurship from the perspective of students, faculty members, and thought-leaders in business throughout the region, state and nation.

CRP is sponsored by the Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies with support from many university departments.

Pace receives lifetime achievement award

For only the third time, Grand Valley's Women's Commission presented its Lifetime Achievement Award to a campus pioneer who advocates for the rights of women on campus.

Diana Pace, associate dean of students, received the award March 12 during the annual Celebrating Women Awards in the Kirkhof Center. Previous awards were given to Mary Seeger and Cynthia Mader.

Theresa Rowland, Women's Commission co-chair, introduced Pace to the audience and called her "a courageous voice on campus for inclusion and equity."

"She has given voice to important equity issues with a passion, and during her work in the Dean of Students office has strengthened co-curricular activities," Rowland said.

Pace joined Grand Valley in 1976 as a psychologist. She has served as director of the Counseling and Career Development Center from 1985 until moving into her current role in 2003. In the Dean of Students Office, she

helped establish a mediation and conflict resolution program.

"One of the things I love most about Grand Valley is the women here," Pace said. "Sometimes you are in a leadership role, sometimes it's a supporting role, but either way you always know you have moral support."

The commission also presented the Maxine Swanson Award to Colette Seguin Beighley, director of the LGBT Resource Center; the Women's Impact Award to Mitzi Loving Johnson, Movement Science secretary; and the Unsung Hero Award to Kate Harmon, associate director of athletic and recreation facilities.

The Women's Center presented Outstanding Student Awards to Rachel Gladstone, V'Lecea Hunter, Danielle Meirow, Sherri Slater and Dmitri Westbrook. Meirow also received the Jean Enright Scholarship from Women and Gender Studies and the



Photo by Bernadine Carey-Tucker

From left are Diana Pace, Kate Harmon, Mitzi Loving Johnson and Colette Seguin Beighley; each received awards at the Celebrating Women Awards on March 12.

Women's Center. Positive Black Women gave scholarships to Lisa Snider, Christon Stewart, Tiara Parks, Emny DeLeon, Jamillya Hardley, Deqa Elmi and Khadijah Johnson.

Across Campus

Volunteers find new ways to promote campaign

The Faculty and Staff Campaign is going strong in its 30th year, according to University Development campaign officials. Thanks to this year's volunteers and their hard work, this campaign is on track to be a success.

Volunteers around campus have found new ways to encourage participation. The Kirkhof College of Nursing volunteers are holding a Kentucky Derby-themed competition to make giving more interesting.

"We split our department into two teams, and we've got them racing to meet, or exceed, last year's participation rate," said Cheryl Borgman. She added if KCON accomplishes its goal, Dean Cynthia McCurren will host a luncheon for the department.

All gifts to endowed funds are matched by the university and any gift given before June 30 counts towards departmental participation. The friendly competition between the blue and white teams on campus continues, with the blue team currently in the lead. For more information about the campaign or to make a gift, visit www.gvsu.edu/fscampaign.

Research: NHL drafts wrong players due to birthday bias

A hockey player's birthday strongly biases how professional teams assess his talent, according to a new study by Grand Valley researchers.

The research, led by Robert Deaner, associate professor of psychology, shows that, on average, National Hockey League draftees born between July and December are much more likely than those born in the first three months of the year to have successful careers. The findings were published in the online journal *PLOS ONE*.



Robert Deaner

In particular, 34 percent of draftees were born in the last six months of the year, but these individuals played 42 percent of the games and scored 44 percent of the points accumulated by those in the study. By contrast, those born in the first three

months of the year constituted 36 percent of draftees but only played 28 percent of the games and only scored 25 percent of the points.

The study focused on Canadian players because in Canadian youth ice hockey there is a January 1 cut-off date. This means players born later in the year would have been consistently younger than their age group peers.

Data continues to be gleaned from climate survey

Volunteers continue to code written responses from the myGVSU Survey, the 2011 survey that gauged campus climate.

More opportunities to be involved are available. Volunteers are sought to read the thousands of written responses provided by students, faculty and staff members in the myGVSU survey and code them according to set guidelines.

Although the Campus Climate Implementation Committee has been steadily identifying proposed action items based on quantitative survey results, there is a wealth of useful information to be gleaned from the qualitative data, said Dwight Hamilton, assistant vice president for Affirmative Action.

Hamilton said while comments are kept confidential, it's important to know the survey's qualitative data. "We want to be sure we're addressing the issues that the respondents disclosed in the survey," he said.

Volunteers will be trained to code responses. Upcoming coding dates are March 29 and April 12, from 2-5 p.m. in Henry Hall. Faculty and staff members interested in volunteering are asked to contact Krystal Vanden Bosch, vandkrys@gvsu.edu or x13692.

Results of the qualitative data will be sent to one of three Campus Climate subcommittees. The faculty subcommittee is chaired by Debbie Morrow and Rachel Campbell, staff subcommittee is chaired by Sean Huddleston, and student subcommittee chaired by Connie Dang and Colette Seguin Beighley.

The results of the 2011 survey showed that nearly 90 percent of students and 76 percent of faculty and staff members said they are comfortable with the overall climate in their classes and workplaces.

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Library collections begin moving

In preparation for the June opening of the Mary Idema Pew Library Learning and Information Commons, a systematic move of collections has begun.

"Throughout this transition we are dedicated to providing access to needed materials," said Lee Van Orsdel, dean of University Libraries. "Library staff will work to obtain items, if needed, through the interlibrary loan service."

Access to the Grand Rapids storage collection has been closed. These are the less requested items that will be moved to the Allendale Campus in April to be loaded into the new library's automatic retrieval system.

The majority of the books in Zumberge will remain accessible throughout this semester. A limited number will be moved to the fourth floor as part of a staging for the move, and their temporary location will be updated in the online catalog. Later, some of these items will be removed from circulation entirely. The fourth floor staging also results in limited access to items located there, including print journals, government documents, indexes and microfilm.

Zumberge will close April 27, following the April 26 opening of the satellite library in the Kirkhof Center, Thornapple Room. Hours will be Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., with limited Saturday and Sunday hours. Features will include course reserve services, a document



Library staff members have started moving collections to prepare for the opening of the Mary Idema Pew Library Learning and Information Commons.

delivery/interlibrary loan pick-up station, small circulating collections requested by faculty for spring classes, and library staff assistance. Printing and scanning services will be available in campus computer labs.

A Sneak Peek of the new library is planned for students on April 17. Library staff will continue moving collections in May and June from Zumberge to the Pew Library.

A Formal Dedication for donors, faculty and staff members and retirees is planned for September 3, and a Community Open House will be held September 7.

For updates, follow twitter.com/gvsulib or visit www.gvsu.edu/library.

What's Ahead

FTLC workshop focuses on stereotypes

Regina McClinton, director of the Intercultural Training Certificate program, will host workshops for the Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center that focus on stereotypes in the classroom.

“How Do Stereotypes Affect You and Your Students?” are set for Wednesday, March 20, noon, in Henry Hall, room 115; and Friday, March 22, 1 p.m., in the DeVos Center, room 115A. Register for either session online at www.gvsu.edu/seminar.

Her Story series continues

Mary Eileen Lyon, associate vice president for News and Information Services, will be the next speaker at the Women's Center's Her Story series.

Lyon will share her experiences in leadership roles on Wednesday, March 20, at noon in the Kirkhof Center, room 2266. Participants are encouraged to bring their lunches.

The Her Story series is co-sponsored by the Women's Commission. Contact the Women's Center at x12748 for more information.

Annual technology symposium set

The 12th annual Teaching and Learning with Technology Symposium is set for Wednesday, March 20, from 1-3:30 p.m. in DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium.

The symposium is sponsored by the Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center and Information Technology's Instructional Design for eLearning.

Faculty members will use e-posters to present the technology they are using in their classrooms. Among the presenters is Martina Reinhold, associate professor of physician assistant studies, who will give a presentation on the use of response clickers. She attended last year's symposium.

“The enthusiasm and excitement of faculty presenting the use of technology was infectious,” said Reinhold.

Tanya Joosten, interim director of the Milwaukee Learning Technology Center, will present the keynote speech at 1 p.m. Joosten is the author of *Social Media for Educators*.

For more information, visit www.gvsu.edu/it/idel.

Campus events will honor César Chávez

A silent march and keynote address at Grand Valley are planned to honor César E. Chávez on Wednesday, March 20.

The silent march will begin at 1:30 p.m. in front of Zumberge Library, and a keynote address by Mark Kamimura-Jimenez, director of graduate student success at the University of Michigan, will follow at 2 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room.

His presentation is “Camina Conmigo:

Navigating the Latino Educational Pipeline.” For more information, call the Office of Multicultural Affairs at x12177 or visit www.gvsu.edu/oma.

Experts to discuss happy retirements

The Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center and Work Life Connections will host a workshop geared toward faculty and Administrative/Professional staff members who are nearing retirement.

“How to Retire Happy and Informed” is set for Thursday, March 21, from 1-5 p.m. in the Bicycle Factory, room 340. Representatives from Social Security, TIAA-CREF and Advantage Benefits Group will give presentations, followed by time for questions.

A retirement workshop for hourly staff members is set for May 9. To register for either session visit www.gvsu.edu/seminar.



Actors perform in 'That Takes Ovaries' in 2012; performances this year are set for Friday and Saturday.

Students to perform real-life stories in “That Takes Ovaries!”

Grand Valley students in “That Takes Ovaries!” will use theater to tell real-life stories of women and girls who have performed courageous actions.

The play on Friday and Saturday, March 22-23, will use short stories from the book, *That Takes Ovaries!: Bold Females and Their Brazen Acts*, and stories written by women from the West Michigan community.

“That Takes Ovaries!” is set for two performances at 7 p.m. on Friday in the Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room; and Saturday at Wealthy Theatre in Grand Rapids. Tickets are \$15 for community members and \$10 for students. Tickets for the Kirkhof Center performance can be purchased at the 20/20 desk in the Kirkhof Center. Tickets for the performance at Wealthy Theatre can be purchased online at www.wealthytheatre.org/ovaries or by calling (616) 459-4788.

The Women's Center will use the production to raise funds for local and international women's and girl's rights efforts. Learn more about the book and play at www.thattakesovaries.org.

Two performances set for spring dance concert

The Grand Valley Dance Ensemble Spring Concert will feature diverse music and student dancers during two performances, March

22-23, from 8-9:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, Louis Armstrong Theater.

A modern dance, “Yours and Mine” is set to the music of Shaker melodies, by Julie Blume, guest choreographer-in-residence and former principal dancer with modern dance Parsons Dance Company in New York City.

An original work, “College,” is set by guest choreographer-in-residence Charles Askegard, artistic director of Ballet Next and former principal dancer with American Ballet Theatre and the New York City Ballet.

Dance faculty member Shawn T Bible set “We Walk. Camp. Walk” to the music of Olafur Arnalds. Inspiration for the piece is a response to the book *Pushing the Bear* by Diane Glancy and various other historical accounts related to the American tragedy of the Trail of Tears.

For more information, call the Department of Music and Dance at x13484.

Science Olympiad, First Robotics held together

For the first time, Grand Valley will be hosting two of its most widely attended events — the 2013 Region 12 Michigan Science Olympiad and FIRST Robotics Competition — on the same day, Saturday, March 23.

This is Grand Valley's 29th year hosting the regional tournament that will bring middle and high school students from almost 70 schools in Kent and Ottawa counties together to show off their science and mathematics skills.

The opening ceremony begins at 8:30 a.m. and events will run from 9:15 a.m.-3:05 p.m.; the awards ceremony begins at 4:30 p.m. All events are being held in the Kelly Family Sports Center and the public is invited to attend. For a schedule of Science Olympiad events and participating schools, visit www.gvsu.edu/mso-r12 or contact co-chairs Karen Meyers and Margo Dill at x12267.

Nearly 1,000 students on 41 high school teams from across the state will compete in the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotics Competition. Teams had six weeks to design and build robots, which can weigh up to 150 pounds, for the competition.

The competition, sponsored by the Padnos College of Engineering and Computing, runs from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. in the Fieldhouse Arena and is free and open to the public. Complete information, including a schedule and a list of teams, is available at www.firstinmichigan.org.

Baum Endowment Fund hosts piano recital

Frances Renzi, a highly accomplished concert pianist, will be the guest of the Political Science department at a concert sponsored by the William C. Baum Foundation Endowment Fund.

Renzi will perform on Sunday, March 24, at 3 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, Sherman Van Solkema Recital Hall.

Professor Emerita at the University of Toledo, Renzi received a commendation from the

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Events

Mon., March 18

3 p.m.: Healing Children of Conflict presents: "A Vision for Peace in Palestine/Israel: A Palestinian Christian Perspective," by Naim Ateek. 114 LMH. Call x13581 for more information.

6 p.m.: World Affairs Council Great Decisions Discussion Series 2013: "Climate Change and the Future of Life on Earth," by Richard Leakey. Performing Arts Center, Aquinas College. Call (616) 776-1721 for more information.

8 p.m.: Art Gallery Chamber Music Series. 1121 PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

Tues., March 19

3:30 p.m.: Venderbush Leadership Lecture. 2250 KC.

6 p.m.: World Affairs Council Great Decisions Discussion Series 2013: "Climate Change." (Part 2) Performing Arts Center, Aquinas College. Call (616) 776-1721 for more information.

Wed., March 20

8:30 a.m.: Human Resources Excellence Series: "Leadership through Developing, Empowering, and Delegating," by Andy Masters. 2250 KC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/seminar to register.

Noon: Allendale Toastmasters. 2201 KC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/toastmasters for more information.

Noon: FTLC Workshop: "How do Stereotypes Affect You and Your Students?" by Regina McClinton. 115 HRY. Visit www.gvsu.edu/seminar to register.

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts "Good Form Running." 1142 KC. Register online at www.gvsu.edu/seminar.

Noon: Women's Commission hosts Her Story with Mary Eileen Lyon. 2266 KC. Call x12748 for more information.

Noon: Arts at Noon Series: Grand Valley Baroque. CDC. Call x13484 for more information.

1 p.m.: Human Resources Excellence Series: "Leadership through Developing, Empowering, and Delegating," by Andy Masters. 123 CDC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/seminar to register.

1 p.m.: 12th Annual Teaching and Learning with Technology Symposium. Loosemore Auditorium, DEV. Call x13498 for more information.

1:30 p.m.: César E. Chávez Celebration Silent March. Begins at JHZ. Call x12177 for more information.

2 p.m.: Professionals of Color Lecture Series: "Navigating the Latino Educational Pipeline," by Mark Kamimura-Jimenez. 2250 KC. Call x12177 for more information.

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts "Good Form Running." 312 EC. Register online at www.gvsu.edu/seminar.

6 p.m.: Psychology hosts Projection Film Series: "Shock Corridor." Call x12195 for more information.

Thurs., March 21

7:30 a.m.: Downtown Toastmasters. University Club Room, DEV. Visit www.gvsu.edu/toastmasters for more information.

9 a.m.: TIAA-CREF Retirement Planning Individual Appointments. 499C DEV. Visit www.tiaa-cref.org/events to schedule an appointment.

11:30 a.m.: Health and Wellness hosts Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group. 2264 KC. Call x12215 for more information.

1 p.m.: Workshop: "How to Retire Happy and Informed." 340 BIK. Visit www.gvsu.edu/seminar to register.

5 p.m.: Grants on the Grand Celebration Reception. 215 EC. Call x16826 for more information.

Fri., March 22

1 p.m.: FTLC Workshop: "How do Stereotypes Affect You and Your Students?" by Regina McClinton. 115A DEV. Visit www.gvsu.edu/seminar to register.

3:30 p.m.: Evolution For Everyone: "Sociality and Agriculture in a Social Microbe," by Joan Strassmann. 102 LTT. Call x12470 for more information.

8 p.m.: Spring Dance Concert. LAT, PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

8 p.m.: Artist-Faculty Series: Min Jin, tenor, and Robert Byrens, piano. 1325 PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

Sat., March 23

8 a.m.: Asian Pacific American Heritage Celebration event: R.I.C.E. Conference. Loosemore Auditorium, DEV. Call x12177 for more information.

Sun., March 24

3 p.m.: William Baum Endowment Series: Frances Renzi, piano. 1325 PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

Sports

Sat., March 23

10 a.m.: Men's Tennis hosts Michigan Tech University.

Sun., March 24

8:30 a.m.: Men's Tennis hosts Lake Superior State University.

What's Ahead

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Ohio Senate in 2000 honoring her outstanding university career of 27 years. She has appeared as soloist with many orchestras throughout North America, Taiwan and China.

The Baum Endowment Fund was established in 1998 to support a special speaker on issues in American law during even-numbered years, and a recital by a noted pianist on odd-numbered years.

PIC to host author, traveler

The Padnos International Center will host a lecture by author and global traveler James Cowan.

"The Dreaming Life of the Australian Aborigines" is scheduled for Monday, March 25, from 1-3 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, rooms 2215/2216. The event is free and open to the public; it is also approved for LIB 100 and 201 courses.

Cowan refers to the "dreaming" as an imagined journey into the deepest aspect of ourselves. During his presentation, he will uncover the structure of the dreaming, and its place in the cultural life of all people.

Cowan has written numerous books, including *Fleeing Herod: A Journey Through Coptic Egypt with the Holy Family, The Painted Shore* and *A Troubadour's Testament*.

For more information about his presentation, contact PIC at x13898.