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FORUM

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Documentary filmmaker to give anniversary lecture

Ken Burns, regarded as one of the most influential documentary filmmakers of all time, will speak at Grand Valley as the third and final 50th Anniversary Distinguished Academic Lecturer.

Using the insights gleaned from his work, Burns will turn his keen eye to the future with his lecture "The Next 50 Years in the United States," set for Thursday, April 21, at 7 p.m. at the Eberhard Center. It will be followed by a Q&A session and a reception. All events are free and open to the public.

Burns, who was born in 1953 in Brooklyn, graduated from Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor in 1971, and received a bachelor's degree from Hampshire College in 1975. The recipient of more than 20 honorary degrees, he is co-founder of Florentine Films. He

has personally visited Grand Valley during the years his father, Robert Kyle Burns, was teaching anthropology and photography from 1973 until he retired in 1993.

Burns has devoted more than 30 years of his life to examining America's past. His documentary films and series have ranged from profiles of suffragettes Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, the adventurous Lewis and Clark, and the innovative architect Frank Lloyd Wright, to historic insights about the Civil War. Some of his other films focused on diverse icons of America, from the Statue of Liberty and the National Parks, to baseball and jazz.

The *Baltimore Sun* once praised Burns as "not only the greatest documentarian of the day, but also the most influential filmmaker period ... because Burns not only turned millions of



Ken Burns will discuss 'The Next 50 Years in the United States' on Thursday at the Eberhard Center.

persons onto history, but showed us a new way of looking at our collective past and ourselves."

For more information, call x12179 or visit www.gvsu.edu/anniversary.

Across Campus

Career Services celebrates internships

Career Services held its fifth annual Internship Recognition Luncheon on March 31.

More than 100 faculty and staff members, student interns, and internship supervisors celebrated a successful year. Awards were

presented to the following people:

- Outstanding Intern of the Year: Carissa Patrone, a communications and Spanish double major, who interned with the Michigan Butterflies, LLC.
- Outstanding Internship Supervisor of the Year: Caroline Schnarrs, a social worker at GRHC Hope Community.

- Outstanding Internship Employers of the Year: Auto-Owners Insurance and YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids.



Photo by Amanda Pitts

Pictured are awardees from the Career Services Internship Recognition Luncheon; from left to right are Mark Hempstead, Auto-Owners Insurance; Carissa Patrone, Michigan Butterflies; Caroline Schnarrs, GRHC Hope Community; and Britten Liske, YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids.

MAREC partners for wind energy research

A partnership between a Spanish renewable energy research company and Grand Valley's Michigan Alternative and Renewable Energy Center will allow for more comprehensive wind energy research on the Great Lakes and a connection to Europe, which is more advanced in the area of wind energy development.

CENER (Centro Nacional De

Energias Renovables) National Renewable Energy Center, based in Pamplona, Spain, will work with MAREC to research wind patterns in Lake Michigan that will lead to developing advanced mapping technology, something that has never been done on the Great Lakes.

The wind data mapping will provide new data about wind resources to assist in evaluating the viability of developing an offshore wind industry on the Great Lakes. CENER ("sin-air") will also help Grand Valley's Padnos College of Engineering and Computing manage data collected from the offshore wind study.

"CENER has very deep knowledge in a number of technology and engineering areas relating to renewable energy, and wind in particular," said Arn Boezaart, director of MAREC.

The partnership developed following an agreement in early 2010, and was arranged by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. A memorandum of understanding was recently signed to finalize the relationship.

In April, Reps. Ray Frantz, R-Onekama, and Jon Bumstead, R-Newaygo, proposed a law to ban wind turbines on the Great Lakes. Boezaart said MAREC would continue to move forward with the offshore wind study.

Across Campus

Six receive study abroad scholarships

Six Grand Valley students received scholarships to study abroad during the 2011-2012 academic year.

The Barbara H. Padnos Scholarship provides funding for students to spend at least two semesters in a host country. Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0. The students, their majors and hometowns, and where they will study are listed below.

Elizabeth Burkum, a Russian studies and French double major from Grand Rapids, will study in Russia; Megan Carter, an advertising and public relations major from Southfield, will study in France; Alyse Griffis, a biology major from Detroit, will study in Australia; Jared Kohler, an international relations major from Williamsburg, will study in Syria; Rebecca Owen, an English major from Jenison, will study in Japan; and Alexandra Spurlock, a political science major from Birmingham, will study in Russia.

Outstanding students recognized

Nearly 40 Grand Valley students received awards from the Michigan Campus Compact for their dedication and commitment to community service at the 15th annual Outstanding Student Service Awards held April 9 in Lansing.

Jarrett Martus, Student Senate president, received the Commitment to Service Award, which recognizes the dedication to community involvement of students in Michigan.

The Heart and Soul Award, which recognizes students for their time, effort and personal commitment to their communities through service, was given to Petra Alsoofy, Bilquis Alsoofy, Kaifa Alsoofy, Megan Beste, Carter Brown, Marada Chau, Angela Cluley, Katherine Costello, Kelsie Layne Crawford, Terry Davis, Laura Dean, Aaron Ducharme, Alec Gilbert, Justin Gray, Alyse Griffis, Kristen Hansen, Nakeita Harriss, Ann Hartlieb, Nicole Hollebrands, Lindsay Holmes, Cory Jackson, Phoebe James, Megan Kissane, Tiffany Korican, Joshue Lee, Elizabeth McInnis, Nathan Noll, Meredith Osborne, Ben Pohl, Clamika Prince, Rachel Shinsky, Caitlin Stoltman, Brittany Thorp, Kathryn Tippet, Susana Villagomez, Raymond Yeow and Michael Zervos.



Photo by Amanda Pitts

Nina Jablonski gives a presentation in the Kirkhof Center during Student Scholars Day.

Anthropologist delivers SSD keynote

Nina Jablonski, professor of anthropology at Penn State University, gave the keynote address at Student Scholars Day April 13 in the Kirkhof Center.

Jablonski conducts research on the evolution of adaptations to the environment in humans and primates.

The following SSD mentors were inadvertently omitted from the list of faculty mentors in the April 4 *Forum*. We apologize for the error.

Justin Adams, Feryal Alayont, Bradley Ambrose, Elizabeth Arnold, Todd Aschenbach, David Austin, Theresa Bacon-Baguley, Nathan Barrows, M. Aaron Baxter, Christina Beaudoin, John Bender, Craig Benjamin, Dan Bergman, Bopi Biddanda, Shannon Biros, Patricia Bloem, Kathleen Blumreich, Wallace Boeve, Brett Bolen, Andrew Booth, Dale Borders, Stephen Borders, Cheryl Boudreaux, Janet Brashler, Martin Burg, Lawrence Burns, Amy Campbell and Dawn Clifford Hart.

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GVFaces

Jessica Miranda-Bevier Assistant Program Coordinator, Children's Enrichment Center

Jessica Miranda-Bevier's decade of service to the GVSU Children's Enrichment Center has currently found her making strides to instill healthy habits in children.

Since the fall, Miranda-Bevier has worked with the Ottawa County Health Department and its Nutrition and Physical Activity Self-Assessment for Child Care (NAP SACC) program to evaluate the center's nutrition and physical activity levels to combat childhood obesity. "They let us know where improvement could be made and help us set goals, deadlines and programs to implement them," said Miranda-Bevier.

Food changes were made to snack and meal menus such as lowering the fat content of milk, and swapping sweet and salty snacks for vegetables. Such measures were slowly integrated to allow the children to acclimate to the new tastes. "The transition hasn't taken as long as we thought," said Miranda-Bevier. "The children are discovering they like it."

More structured physical activity was created to complement the recreational time present.

NAP SACC provided a budget to allow the center to buy equipment including an obstacle course, exercise ball and two new bikes.

"Many parents were excited because these types of habits are what they already do at home," said Miranda-Bevier.

"We know the program will have a long-lasting effect on the children, as they are learning great habits they will carry with them for the rest of their lives." Parents are integrated into the process by participating in monthly health presentations done by the county.

Miranda-Bevier began working at the Children's Enrichment Center as an undergraduate student, and was then hired as assistant program coordinator. She took a few years off to start a family, then returned as a graduate student. During her tenure, Miranda-Bevier has also contributed to changes such as organizing the center into classrooms.



Jessica Miranda-Bevier

What's Ahead

50th anniversary concert held in Grandville

More than 200 vocal and instrumental performers from Grand Valley's Department of Music will present a special concert to celebrate 50 years of musical excellence in West Michigan.

The GVSU Music Department 50th Anniversary Celebration, set for Wednesday, April 20, at 8 p.m. will be held at the Grandville High School Auditorium, 4700 Canal Ave. SW. The concert is open to the public and free.

"We needed to find an off-campus venue to accommodate the large number of performers who will be on stage together," said Henry Duitman, who directs the 65-member Symphony Orchestra. Members will be joined on stage by the Symphonic Wind Ensemble conducted by Barry Martin, and a massed chorus consisting of four of the university's vocal ensembles, conducted by Ellen Pool, director of Choral Activities, with John Martin and Janice Dudley.



Michelle Kozachik

Winners of Grand Valley's 2011 Concerto Competition, Michelle Kozachik and Kelly VanderMolen will perform solos with the ensembles. Kozachik, a senior music education major from Kentwood, will perform the first and second movements of the demanding "Concerto for Saxophone" by Ingolf Dahl with

the Symphonic Wind Ensemble. VanderMolen, a senior music performance major from Grand Rapids, will be accompanied by the Symphony Orchestra as she performs the first movement of Samuel Barber's "Violin Concerto."

The concert will also include works by Bernstein, Barber, Kabalevsky, Nielsen, Persichetti and the popular Polovetsian Dances by Alexander Borodin, which will be performed by the combined forces of the 150-voice Massed Chorus and the Symphony Orchestra. The Symphonic Wind Ensemble will perform works by Bernstein and Sousa, among other selections. The entire concert will be performed in about 90 minutes.

For more information, contact the Department of Music at x13484.

Student Food Pantry will benefit from lunch fundraiser

The Women's Center will host a soup and salad lunch to raise money for the Student Food Pantry.

"Feeding Success" is planned for Monday, April 25, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in Kirkhof Center, room 1201. Requested donation is \$10. RSVP online at www.gvsu.edu/women_cen.

The pantry opened in April 2009 and has since



Kelly VanderMolen

averaged one customer per day. Questions can be directed to the center at x12748.

Register for fall interfaith dialogue sessions

Several campus departments are sponsoring interfaith dialogue sessions for students, faculty and staff members. The series will begin in the fall semester.

Aaron Klein Haight, assistant director for Student Life, said the dialogues present opportunities for the campus community to have meaningful conversations about faith, religion and spirituality.

Register online at www.gvsu.edu/studentlife/interfaithdialogue. The series is sponsored by the Dean of Students Office, Office of Student Life, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Kaufman Interfaith Institute and Interfaith Dialogue Association.

Irwin Fund golf outing set

The 39th Annual Irwin Athletic Fund Golf Outing and Social is scheduled for June 2 at the Meadows.

Registration times are 6:30 a.m. and noon. Teams of four can choose a morning (7:30 a.m.) or afternoon (1:30 p.m.) tee time. Cost for faculty and staff members is \$100 for 18 holes.

Proceeds from the scramble benefit the Charles H. Irwin Athletic Fund. Guests can attend the luncheon only for \$25. Register online at www.gvsu.edu/athletics/irwingolf; the deadline to register is May 25. Questions can be directed to Janine Freeman at x12330.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

In the News

Roger Moiles, affiliate political science faculty member, was interviewed by WOOD-AM for stories about President Obama's re-election campaign announcement and reaction to the federal budget deal.

Paul Isely, associate professor of economics, was interviewed by WOOD-TV and WWMT-TV for stories about rising gasoline prices.

Sketches

Jason Crouthamel, associate professor of history, wrote an article, "'Comradeship' and 'Friendship': Masculinity and Militarisation in Germany's Homosexual Emancipation Movement after the First World War," published in *Gender & History*.

Kim Walton, education coordinator at the Michigan Alternative and Renewable Energy Center, gave a presentation about the MAREC business incubator program at the Pierce Cedar Creek Institute for Environmental Education in Hastings.

Valerie Rhodes-Sorrelle, senior strategic sourcing specialist, and Steve Leaser, operations supervisor for Facilities Services, co-wrote an article, "Strength Through Partnership: Vendor Support for Campus Initiatives," published in *Education Procurement Journal*.

Jeanine Beasley, associate professor of occupational therapy, was an invited guest lecturer and gave a workshop, "Hand Splinting for Osteoarthritis," at the Texas chapter of the American Society of Hand Therapists in Austin.

The student **American Marketing Association** won three awards — New and Revitalized Chapter, Outstanding Communications and Outstanding Chapter Plan — at the national conference in New Orleans. Board members include Alexandra Hasso, Lauren Boland, Justin Root, Mary Lynne Young, Kara Panfil, Rachel Rhyne and Ashley Underdale.

WGUV receives awards

WGUV received awards at the Michigan Association of Broadcasters awards ceremony in Lansing:

Shelley Irwin, morning show host, received a Best Award for "LZ Michigan Feature"; **Rick Bierling**, radio producer, received a Best Award for "Haitian Earthquake Coverage Promo"; and **Timothy Eernisse** and **Bradley Gordon** received a Best Award for "LZ Michigan" and "My Source."

WGUV News received a Merit Award for "Immigration Reform"; Irwin received a Merit Award for the LZ Michigan Series; **Patrick Center**, news director, received a Merit Award for "George W. Bush Decision Points Forum."

WGUV received awards from the Michigan Associated Press Broadcasters Association:

The station received honorable mention for Best Natural Sound for "Immigration Reform," and **Nikki Motson** earned an honorable mention for Best Continuing Coverage for "Asian Carp Series."

Jim Rademaker, fundraising coordinator, and **Mike Kluczyk**, graphic designer, received a Merit Award for the Star Wars Membership Promo; Eernisse and Gordon received a Merit Award for their work on the TV production of LZ Michigan and "My Source"; Eernisse, Gordon and **Phil Lane**, production manager, receive a Merit Award for "LZ Michigan Highlights"; Center, Lane and Eernisse received two Merit Awards for their work on LZ Michigan.

Claudia Sowa Wojciakowski, director of Community Outreach in the

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Events

Mon., April 18

Noon: Human Resources Career Services hosts "Communication Skills – the Key to Career Success." 1142 KC. Call x12215 for information.

1:30 p.m.: Johnson Center for Philanthropy Symposium: "Telling and Reporting Your Story." 230 BIK. Call x19023 for more information.

Tues., April 19

Noon: Children's Enrichment Center hosts Annual Art Show, Reception. 2215 KC. Call x15437 for more information.

Noon: Health and Wellness hosts Divorce Recovery Group. 0042 KC.

4 p.m.: LGBT Resource Center hosts Lavender Graduation. 2215/2216 KC. Call x12530 for more information.

8 p.m.: Artist-Faculty Series features Geoffrey Diebel, saxophone. Sherman Van Solkema Hall, PAC. Call x13484 for more information.

8 p.m.: GVSU Concert Band and University Band. LAT, PAC.

Wed., April 20

7:30 a.m.: Johnson Center for Philanthropy

Breakfast Briefing: Global Supply Chain Security. 230 Bicycle Factory.

Noon: Allendale Toastmasters. 2259 KC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/toastmasters for information.

Noon: Human Resources Career Services Workshop: Interviewing Skills. 1142 KC.

Noon: Health and Wellness Workshop: Healthy Habits, Helpful Friends. 2270 KC. Call x12215 for information.

4:30 p.m.: Graduate Studies PACES: Responsible Conduct of Research. Call x16858 for more information.

8 p.m.: 50th Anniversary Music Department Concert. Grandville High School, 4700 Canal Ave. SW. Visit www.gvsu.edu/anniversary for more information.

Thurs., April 21

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

11:30 a.m.: Health and Wellness Alzheimer's Support Group. 2264 KC.

Noon: Health and Wellness Workshop: Healthy Habits, Helpful Friends. 117E DEV.

7 p.m.: 50th Anniversary Distinguished Academic Lecture Series. "The Next 50 Years in the United States," by Ken Burns. EC. Visit www.gvsu.edu/anniversary for more information.

8 p.m.: GVSU Choral Concert. LAT, PAC.

Fri., April 22

Noon: Sustainability Initiative Lunchtime Conversations: "The Economic Injustice of Plastic," by Van Jones. Call x17366 for more information.

8 p.m.: Jazz Orchestra Concert. LAT, PAC.

8 p.m.: Dance Concert. 1600 PAC.

Sat., April 23

8 p.m.: Dance Concert. 1600 PAC.

8 p.m. Varsity Men Choral Concert. CDC.

Sports

Wed., April 20

3:30 p.m.: Softball hosts Hillsdale College.

Fri., April 22

1 p.m.: Baseball hosts University of Findlay.

Sat., April 23

Noon: Baseball hosts University of Findlay.

Faculty and Staff Sketches

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College of Education, received a grant from the Great Lakes Fishery Trust for "Kent County Grand River Watershed Hub: Groundswell."

Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center received a \$3.5 million grant for 2011 continuation funding from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Janet Vail, associate research scientist at Annis Water Resources Institute, received a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for "Great Lakes Connections."

Bill Osborn, professor and chair of English, wrote an article, "A Bolt for Menelaus," published in *Beloit Fiction Journal*.

Simha Magal, professor of management, received the 2011 Majdi Najm Outstanding

Service Award at the SAP University Alliances 2011 conference in Palo Alto, California.

TJ Maciak, programmer at the Johnson Center's Community Research Institute, gave a presentation, "MAPAS System," at the GIS in Action Conference in Portland, Oregon.

Mary Schutten, professor of movement science, gave a presentation, "Physical Educators Playing with Technology: Evaluating Motor Skills Using Screencasts," at the American Alliance of Health Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance conference in San Diego, California.

Cindi Winowiecki, client services manager for Conference and Event Planning, was named Mentor of the Year at the Association of Collegiate Conference and Events Directors International annual conference in Orlando, Florida.

Pablo Llerandi-Roman, assistant professor of geology, and **William Neal**, emeritus professor, co-wrote a poster presentation, "Detailed Surficial Mapping of Small Islands for Coastal Management, Puerto Rico," at the Southeast Geological Society of America meeting in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Jim Penn, associate professor of geography, was named Professor of the Year by the GVSU Educational Support Program.

John Kilbourne, professor of movement science, gave a presentation, "The Traditional Games of the Inuit and Sami," at the Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship Program at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire.