



"For last year's words belong to last year's language and next year's words await another voice." T.S. Elliot

### GVSU Mission Statement

GVSU educates students to shape their lives, their professions, and their societies. The university contributes to the enrichment of society through excellent teaching, active scholarship, and public service.

## A Big Thank You & Happy Holidays!!!!

Thank you to all of our GVSU-TC students, staff and faculty. Each one of you has made an important, valuable contribution to our GVSU experience this year. We wish you and your families the happiest of holidays. Take good care and we'll see you in 2008.

## Non-Traditional Student Celebration

On November 6 & 7, GVSU TC hosted the first Non-traditional Student Celebration. This event coincided with similar events held at all of the GVSU campuses. Students were served refreshments, including demo foods from local author and GVSU student, Marie Hanis. Students entered drawings for logo wear. They picked-up free information on a variety of topics relative to students...scholarships, organizations, services, and local resources. On display were various student projects and the education/social work "Literacy Project". Special thanks to Jan Robinson in Allendale, Lisa Miller in Holland, the GVSU TC staff, Teri at TC Big Apple Bagel and student volunteers Mariana Mueller, Noah Creamer, Candice Whiting, Marie Hanis and Kristin Smeltzer.



Marie Hanis, GVSU Student & Local Author. [rusticgourmet.com](http://rusticgourmet.com)



GVSU Students: Kathy, Melissa, Marty Mantie (Father Fred Dir.), & Emily pose with one of the many food pantry boxes.

## TC Libs Host Father Fred Director and Food Drive

On November 12th, 2007 TC Libs, hosted Father Fred Director Marty Mantie, at a brown bag luncheon. Students and faculty learned about the organizations commitment to the community. From October 15th thru December 15th, TC Libs raised over 400 pounds of food for Father Fred. In 2008 TC Libs hopes to educate other groups as to how to run a successful community campaign.

<http://www.fatherfredfoundation.com/>

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### Local Author & GVSU Lib Studies Instructors, New Book—Stephanie Mills



A collection of essays that spans over the past 10 years and serves at the "State of the Union Address" for our cultural perspective on overpopulation and ecological issues. Mills is currently working on her next book, a biography on Robert Swann, who was one of the local currency pioneers, and she continues to do her part and living modestly and keeping her vow of not having children. Rick Coates—

Northern Express  
[www.icecubepress.com/html/stephanie\\_mills.html](http://www.icecubepress.com/html/stephanie_mills.html)

GVSU-TC Classes begin Jan. 7, 2008

<http://www.gvsu.edu/learn/traverse/>



## Faculty Focus

**Gilda Povolo**, Distance Coordinator Lib Studies



Hello, everyone—

I am the Distance Coordinator for the Liberal Studies department at the Traverse City campus. I advise prospective and current students, schedule classes, recruit students, promote the major, recruit and mentor faculty, teach a wide variety of Liberal studies classes, and work on projects like the Alliance for Creative Thinking and others in TC and downstate.

While many people have the problem of not liking their work or professions, I have the happy problem of loving two sometimes competing vocations, both teaching and writing. At the age of twelve, I decided I wanted to be a writer, and I declared—rather sardonically, and prophetically, for a child that young—that I was going to be an old maid English teacher. As they say, be careful what you wish for. At any rate, I graduated from MSU with a degree in English Education with a minor in Psychology, and then, rather than teaching, I spent several years concentrating on writing instead. Each time I did teach, whether in a high school or middle school, I found myself drawn back to my passion for writing. Eventually, as a nontraditional student, I earned my MFA in creative writing from the University of Michigan. While there, I won a Major Hopwood Award in Short Stories, and a Major Hopwood Award in the Novel.

After finishing the MFA, I won a grant from what was then the Michigan Council of the Arts to finish a novel. I taught composition and creative writing at the University of Michigan for 10 years, and am especially proud of the fact that at one time, 25% of the winners for the undergraduate Hopwood awards in the Essay were my students, winning for essays they wrote in my classes.

Although I've written and published a few short stories, my genre seems to be the unpublished novel—I've written three. While my first will remain forever packed in a box in the basement, lest you think I am just a hack, however, I can say that the other two either won grants and contests or been finalists in national contests. Now I am working, very slowly, on a memoir, about the challenges and rewards of taking care of my aging and ailing parents.

I've also taught composition, creative writing, and literature at NMC and Davenport University. I started teaching for GVSU in 1997, and when Liberal Studies decided to offer the major in Traverse City, I was hired as Distance Coordinator. I had always taught writing across the curriculum, so Liberal Studies' emphasis on multidisciplinary curricula, integrative learning, and liberal education were a perfect fit for me. Of all the teaching I have done, I love this teaching the best. I am especially interested in processes of creativity, and hope you might join with our organization, the Alliance for Creative Thinking, if you too would enjoy developing your own and others creative thinking.

### LIBERAL STUDIES Winter 08 Schedule

CTH 300 02 Story Telling (Theme 18) 3 Wednesday 3:00-5:50 Bullock 212

LIB 380 02 Dialogue 3 Monday 6:00-8:50 Povolo 207

LIB 401 02 Visionary Thinkers: Erdrich (Theme 20) 3 Internet (permit only) Internet (permit only) Povolo Internet

LIB 401 04 Visionary Thinkers: Erdrich (Theme 20) 3 Thursday 3:00-5:50 Povolo 204

SOC 250 01 Perspectives on Madness (Theme 1) 3 Tuesday 6:00-8:50 Baab 208

SOC 379 03 Love, Sex, Gender 3 Wednesday 6:00-8:50 Odgers 05

LIB 335 02 Scriptures as Literature 3 Tuesday 3:00-5:50 Sheehan 208

US 102 12 Career Education Class 1 Saturday 2/09 & 2/16 (only) 9:00-2:50 Zaugra 208



## Faculty Focus

### Jane Hayes, LMSW - Traverse City Site Coordinator & Assistant Prof.



I am an Assistant Professor and the Traverse City Site Coordinator for the Grand Valley State University MSW program located at the NMC University Center. The best part of my job is the opportunity to teach and mentor social work students. My administrative responsibilities include recruitment of students and adjunct faculty, class scheduling, and committee work both within the University and the Traverse City community. I also coordinate with Vicki Kamps the "Don't Forget the Kids" literacy project working with social work students for the planning and distribution of the literacy bags.

My social work experience includes direct and supervisory practice in mental health and substance abuse agencies, advocacy work on women's issues, and policy work as a past member of the Traverse City School Board and the Great Lakes Community Mental Health Board. I currently serve on the Foundation for Mental Health Board of Directors and the Munson Medical Center Recipient Rights Advisory Committee.

This semester I am teaching a foundation course in social work, *The Human Person and the Social Environment* to cohort 11. I am also conducting a seminar class and completing field visits with students from cohort 10 who are in their first semester of a three semester field internship.

I am completing my Ph.D. at Michigan State University and am anxious to be done in the spring of 2008. My research interests focus on the policy change process and my dissertation is *A Case Study of MI PA 61 of 2004, Social Work Licensing*. This interest in social policy is consistent with the goals of social work to enable access to resources and opportunities for lower income and disabled populations.

I have lived and worked in Traverse City for the last 28 years. I live on the west side of Traverse City, "Slabtown Neighborhood", with my husband of 36 years, Frank. We have two adult children, Andy and Jessica, who are both graduates of the Traverse City Area Public Schools. Andy lives with his wife, Allison, in Boston. Andy teaches middle school science in the Boston Public Schools while Allison is a social worker for the Alzheimer's Association. Jessica is a photographer working at Otis School of Art and Design in Los Angeles. Frank and I spend a lot of our spare time walking, reading, enjoying beautiful Northern Michigan, and traveling from the east to the west coasts to visit family.

## Congratulations Prof. Hayes!

### Fellowship Award:

Jane Hayes has been awarded a Dissertation Completion Fellowship from the College of Social Sciences, Michigan State University for winter semester 2008 to assist with the completion of her dissertation, "An Examination of the Advocacy Coalition Framework and the Punctuated Equilibrium Theory: A Case Study of MI Public Act 61 of 2004."

### Social Worker Winter 08 Schedule

SW 652 03 Field Education II 3 Hayes  
 SW 652 04 Field Education II 3 Shands-Baab  
 SW 653 03 Field Education II Seminar I 1/14, 1/28, 2/11 3/17  
 4/07 6:00-8:50 Hayes 14 SW 653 04 Field Education II Seminar I 1/14, 1/28, 2/11 3/17, 4/07 6:00-8:50 Shands-Baab 12  
 SW 654 06 Field Education III 3 Torbet  
 SW 655 06 Field Education Seminar I 1/14, 1/28, 2/11 3/17 4/07 6:00-8:50 Torbet 205  
 SW 677 03 Principles of Supervision 3 - 1/07, 1/21, 2/04, 2/18, 3/10, 3/24, 3/31, 4/14, 3:00-5:50  
 3:00-8:50 Shands-Baab 205  
 SW 690 03 Social Research 3 Tuesday 6:00-8:50 Handler 209  
 SW 612 03 Social Policy: Families and Children 3 Tuesday 3-5:50 Marois 209



## Go Green!

By Dylan Davis, GVSU Finance Major

"Going Green!" What does this mean? Does this mean you'll ride your bicycle in the TC winters and re-use dirty napkins? I hope not. I have only known a handful of folks that are as emphatic as many of us believe is needed to help our environment. Let me tell you what I'm doing and what you can do to 'go green'....don't worry it won't be life-threatening.

It starts on the most basic levels and if we can improve here, we as a group can make huge strides. Basically I'm 'Jim' from the TV show The Office. I sell paper and office supplies for one the vendors in town....it rhymes with Home Depot.

Before a few months ago I never really paid attention to 'going green'. Then slowly I began to realize I personally could save money, my customers wanted it and it is really easy. With my customers I'm finding new ways everyday to help them cut down on their impact on the environment. The main areas of focus are using less energy (electricity), buying items that have higher recycled content and recycling more of the office waste produced.

Wake up everybody, going green is easy and simply requires some focus and effort. In my world of paper clips, manila file folders and post-its I'm finding it's easy to make a difference. Below are a few ways that any of us can make a difference:

- Use recycle bins wherever you see them—including the UC.
- Use power strips to cut off electricity to appliances, computers and other electronics when we're not using them. Even if they're off they still consume electricity.
- Look at alternative items when buying to see if one is recycled.
- Use water bottles and coffee mugs instead of one time use bottles and cups.
- On your home printers use remanufactured cartridges, or at least recycle your old ones. (\$3 off coupon if you bring to Office Depot)
- Recycle as much trash as you can, it will cut down on trash removal costs.
- Turn off lights whenever you're not using them...CFL's save money too.
- Try and use CD-RW's and digital storage as often as possible.
- Paperless statements from vendors.
- Green product labeling. [Www.green-e.org/pli-viewproducts.htm](http://www.green-e.org/pli-viewproducts.htm)



There are so many little things that we can do. So whether you're selling paper clips and pens or working at Wendy's, we can all do the little things that will affect the world we live in. So GO GREEN!



### GVSU Alumni Focus

By: Meg Havenga, Lib. Studies Graduate—MBA Davenport Student

I graduated from the Liberal Studies program at GVSU in December 2005. I am currently pursuing a Masters in Business Administration from Davenport University, which should be complete by July 2008. I found the MBA to be a great compliment to my liberal arts education. It provides a very nice apex of business and industry specific knowledge, while my undergraduate education gives me a world citizen perspective and the capacity to think critically.

Currently, I am working as the services manager at NorthSky Nonprofit Network. NorthSky is a management support organization that concentrates on helping nonprofit organizations build their capacity to deliver their programs and services. We offer customized services including consulting, organizational assessments, and educational programming for professional development. In my position as services manager, I am responsible for being the first line representative, managing our website, and providing clear access to programs and information that help nonprofits in the northern Michigan community.

I have two beautiful sons, Gavin is 6, in kindergarten and Micha is 7 ½ and in second grade. They both attend my alma mater, Old Mission Peninsula School. My husband Sean and I have been happily married for nine years this January. We met while I was traveling in South Africa in 1997 and 1998. I traveled extensively as a young woman, but always seem to find my way back to northern Michigan. My family is very happy to making our home in the same house that my father grew up in and that my grandfather built after WWII. In fact, what I love most about my career are the opportunities I have to be involved in the local community. ([www.northskynonprofitnetwork.org](http://www.northskynonprofitnetwork.org))



## Eat Locally

By Elizabeth Pine, GVSU Lib. Studies



Did you know Michigan is the third most agriculturally diverse state in the US? As long as you know how to can fruit and veggies and you aren't too attached to citrus, exotic spices, and coffee, you could survive on just Michigan grown products all year round. We are even fortunate enough to enjoy vodka and award winning wines from locally grown products (we also produce some great beer, but the hops isn't grown here).

In Kate Fairman's "Visionary Thinkers" (Lib. 400) class, we have spent the semester studying E.F. Schumacher's Small Is Beautiful. A strong tenet of Schumacher's better world view is that members of communities should support one another. Rather than buying products that have been shipped half way around the world using unnecessary fuel and allowing for a disconnection from our goods, people should buy locally. In doing so, we support our local economy, protect our non-renewable resources, and form a connection with the people and places where our goods are produced.

With this in mind, our class decided to spend a week eating locally. Some of the students already take advantage of the incredible agricultural diversity we have in our area, while others live on Doritos and Coke. Messing with people's food is a big challenge, particularly this time of year (a lot of potatoes and apples were eaten). We had to get creative and actually spend time in the kitchen planning and cooking meals from scratch. Some of us definitely did better than others, creating gourmet meals that left those of us on a week long diet drooling.

Fortunately, we received incredible support and encouragement from our community. Oryana, Meadowlark Farms, Pleasanton Bread, Higher Grounds, Folgarelli's, and Black Star Farms each offered us great discounts. More important than that, though, was the support, excitement, and encouragement all these people gave. This little project of ours and continuing to eat locally has an impact beyond just our kitchens. It has created a connection to our food and our community that brings consciousness and gratitude to our tables. Believe it or not, that actually makes a meal taste better.



**CO-OP AMERICA** <http://www.coopamerica.org/pubs/greenpages/>

**FAIR TRADE FEDERATION**

<http://www.fairtradefederation.com/mshop.html>

**GREEN-E - PRODUCT LABELING INITIATIVE**

<http://www.Green-e.org/PLI/PLI-viewproducts.htm>

**USDA NATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM**

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/Consumers/Consumerhome.html>

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

<http://upnorthfoodies.com/>

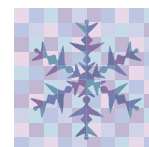
**SUSTAINABLE TABLE:** <http://www.sunstabletable.org>



# Calendar Of Events

- Jan 10. Billy Childs Jazz Chamber Sextet—[www.tickets.interlochen.org](http://www.tickets.interlochen.org)
- Jan. 12, Chenille Sisters –Milliken Auditorium—Order on-line [www.dennosmuseum.org](http://www.dennosmuseum.org)
- Jan. 15, “Cormorant Management in Northern Lake Michigan” Inland Seas Education Association, [www.scholarship.org](http://www.scholarship.org) 231-271-3077
- Martin Luther King Jr. Observance. Sunday, Jan. 20th, 6:30 PM, Central United Methodist Church. (231) 995-1043
- Jan. 26th, Shemekia Copeland—Milliken Auditorium)
- Jan 29th, the New Shanghai Circus—[www.tickets.interlochen.org](http://www.tickets.interlochen.org)
- Now-Jan. 6, 08 Romancing the Automobile—Dennos Museum
- Poverty Think Tank Series—1/31—5:30-7:30. Allendale Campus. Supporting poor and working class students.
- FYI The Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) has reopened. 5200 Woodward, Det., MI 48202 313-833-7900 [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org)
- FYI Order your holiday greenery items at TBA Career Tech Center-support the student agriscience/natural resource programs. 231-922-6284

## Inclement weather policy



Remember, if NMC CLOSES OR DELAYS, the University Center does the same. If, however, NMC does not close or delay, each school at the UC can make its own determination to cancel one or more of its classes.

If inclement weather warrants GVSU to cancel classes on Main Campus, all campuses are effected. Therefore, classes in Traverse City are canceled.

**NMC Weather line (231) 995-1100.**

The winner of the November NTS Celebration GVSU sweatshirt drawing is undergraduate education student Deb Hobbs!!!!  
 Congratulations Deb!! Please contact Susan Odgers to collect your prize!

Need help with Career Planning?????  
 US 102 Career Education Class  
 1 credit Sat. Feb. 9 & Feb. 16, 2008  
 9am to 3:50 pm

Correction:  
 In the last issue the NTS Celebration occurred November 6th & 7th not October 6th & 7th, 2007.

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## Student Projects

By: Noah Creamer, Lib Studies Student

The fall semester at GVSU/TC offered a variety of student projects and activities. In my two years at GVSU, I have never witnessed so many student projects at one time! Everyday at the University Center I watched several class projects unfold before my eyes. The intensity that the students brought to the projects seemed dangerously insane at times. Students gathered in small groups across the University Center discussing the next stage of the project. There were little think tanks and boardroom meetings sprouting up all over the place. At times it was hard to walk through the student commons or the atrium without tripping over a group of students. These projects seem to exemplify the GVSU mission statement (page 1).

The excitement was contagious and the air was filled with optimism and hope. Here are a few of the projects this semester.

Instructor Kate Fairman (Lib 400) challenged her class to eat locally. Students spent an entire week eating only locally (see page 5). Instructor Missy Sheehan charged her Lib 100 students to get political and foster peace. Students from her class worked on the Department of Peace initiative, which by the way was adopted by the TC City Commission. Instructor Nicole Braun brought her Sociology 381 class into the array and produced four incredible student projects on: Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality. One the projects produced was a calendar for the GLBTQ community. Instructor Susan Odgers who taught Lib 331 (Person and the Profession) introduced her class to over 30 guest speakers! Students created occupational binders. Instructor Jennifer Byron taught MGT 345 and had three group projects span over the entire semester, which set out to change our community for the better. One project involved a competition between two high schools for the most students to carpool.



Amber, Winter, Kathy, & Candice. Carpool award check presented to TC Central High School student government.



Department of Peace informational meeting.

Professor Gilda Povolo successfully led her students on an epic adventure in Lib 495, Senior Seminar. Students had to complete their Senior Thesis. Students produced incredible senior thesis', that in my opinion would rival many graduate level papers. Many of these thesis' will be hosted online at my website: [www.socialexplorations.org](http://www.socialexplorations.org) (GVSU Student Gateway). If you have a thesis, paper, video, song, poem, or project and want it to be available for the world to view, please visit the site and send me an email..



## News From The MSW Program

### Field Placement

By: Jennifer Strange, MSW Student—Cohort 10, GVSU Graduate Assistant

My field placement designation for my final year in the GVSU Master of Social Work program is at Catholic Human Services in Traverse City. My focus at CHS is providing therapeutic services to adult female substance abusers and addicts involved in the criminal justice system. I co-facilitate and lead group therapy sessions and intensive outpatient sessions as well as provide individual counseling for clients. Although my primary interest lies in alcohol and drug services, Catholic Human Services also allows me the opportunity to actively participate in its other programs and services such as prevention services, family services, the child welfare program and the Employee Assistance Program. I am also fortunate in that I can gain administrative experience in the latter part of my field placement. I truly feel that the Traverse City GVSU MSW program has rewarded me with the perfect field placement match that will both enhance and hone my skills as a trained and educated social worker.

<http://www.catholichumanservices.org/>

### Internship with Third Level

By: Melissa Moe, MSW Student, Cohort 10, GVSU Graduate Assistant



As a Master of Social Work (MSW) student, I have been interested in the services provided by Third Level for some time. What was that cozy looking house on Front Street all about, I wondered. When my field liaison mentioned interviewing for a placement with Third Level, I became excited. And when I was accepted for the internship placement, I was eager to begin. In the three short months I have been there, I have had nothing but positive experiences that aided in my growth as not only a professional, but from a personal perspective as well. The organization as a whole has a warm feeling to it, as a great deal of passion spills from the people who work their. I have experienced working in the schools as a school counselor, working on the crisis line desk, reading through policy, and soon am planning on attending a board meeting at the beginning of December. I am looking forward to my growth in the upcoming months and am thankful for an agency like this to be in our area serving people with, as they state on their website, respect, ethics, and accessibility.

<http://www.thirdlevel.org/>



# Students on the Move

- Several GVSU students were part of 500+ persons who attended the 2007 Great Lakes Bioneers Conference. The 2008 conference is Oct. 17-19. Scholarships will be available. Students and faculty are also encouraged to submit presentation proposals. [www.glbconference.org](http://www.glbconference.org)
- The Northern Express publication is accepting articles regarding team work projects. Several GVSU student projects have been included in December 24th issue.
- Noah Creamer, Lib. Studies contributed to a November 07 White Pine Press (NMC) article about sulfide mining in UP.
- English Professor Kurt Bullock and Lib. Studies student Sandra Carden were finalists in the 2007 Traverse Area District Library (TADL) Poet's Night Out. Bullock's poem entitled "Coffee with Kenneth Burke" and Carden's "Yin/Yan Dissolution" were performed before a packed crowd at the TC Opera House. Link [www.poetsnightout.org](http://www.poetsnightout.org).
- GVSU students are involved with the Inland Seas Education Association. Internships, assistantships and volunteer opportunities are available. Contact Christine Diana at [cdiana@scholarship.org](mailto:cdiana@scholarship.org).
- Student accomplishment showcase-check out the new glass wall showcase in GVSU office, Suite 101. The rotating display highlights student accomplishments from all the GVSU majors.

- Newsletter Editorial Board coming January 2008.
- Scholarships: [www.gvsu.edu/gw/webacc](http://www.gvsu.edu/gw/webacc)
- Virtual Chat with GVSU President Haas: [www.gvsu.edu.virtualofficehours/](http://www.gvsu.edu.virtualofficehours/)
- Laker News Online: [www.lanthorn.com](http://www.lanthorn.com)
- GVSU Career Services: (616) 331-3311 or (616) 331-6708 - [career@gvsu.edu](mailto:career@gvsu.edu)
- Take a look at other GVSU publications—"GVSU Forum"
- "GVSU Now" [www.gvsu.edu/gvnow](http://www.gvsu.edu/gvnow)
- "Grand Valley Magazine" at [www.gvsu.edu/gv\\_magazine](http://www.gvsu.edu/gv_magazine).
- Dental Care and Emergencies—Dental Clinic North (231) 932-7316
- Third Level Crisis Center: 800) 442-7315 - 24 hours a day
- Help For Seasonal Affect Disorder: [www.northernlakescmh.org](http://www.northernlakescmh.org)

