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Candidates will interview for provost this week

Three candidates will interview on campus during the week of April 17 for the position of provost and executive vice president for Academic and Student Affairs.

They are Nathan Klingbeil, dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science at Wright State University; Susanne Monahan, associate provost for Academic Effectiveness at Western Oregon University; and John Omachonu, senior vice provost for Academic Affairs at Kennesaw State University.

The campus community is invited to attend presentations by each candidate on the Allendale Campus and to coffee and conversation with each candidate on the Pew Grand Rapids Campus. Dates for each event are listed below. The presentation portion will be simulcast; locations are below.

• **Nathan Klingbeil:** Monday, April 17, presentation from 2-3:30 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Pere Marquette Room (2204); Tuesday, April 18, coffee and conversation from 11 a.m.-

noon in DeVos Center, Regency Room (102E).

Simulcast locations: DeVos Center, room 111D; and Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences, room 140

• **Susanne Monahan:** Wednesday, April 19, presentation from 2-3:30 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room; Wednesday, April 19, coffee and conversation from 11 a.m.-noon in DeVos Center, Regency Room (102E).

Simulcast locations: DeVos Center, room 111D; and Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences, room 240

• **John Omachonu:** Thursday, April 20, presentation from 2-3:30 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Pere Marquette Room (2204); Friday, April 21 from 11 a.m.-noon in DeVos Center, Regency Room (102E).



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Susanne Monahan



John Omachonu

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Candidate brief bios

Klingbeil was named dean in 2013 and professor of mechanical and materials engineering in 2008. He has also served as associate dean for Academic Affairs from 2010-

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Survey: community cohesion important to GR residents

Findings released by the Johnson Center for Philanthropy show that residents of the City of Grand Rapids feel that community cohesion is a top strength, but there continue to be differences by demographics in how respondents rate Grand Rapids as a place to live.

The findings are based on the results of the 2016 VoiceGR survey, conducted by the Johnson Center's Community Research Institute last fall. The VoiceGR survey asks about prominent issues such as education, housing, employment, inclusion and health.

Results are used by residents, neighborhood associations, schools, nonprofits, funders, local government and businesses to inform their programming and day-to-day decisions. The annual survey seeks to inform local decision-makers and stakeholders, utilizing data on the opinions, attitudes, and perceptions of local residents.

"VoiceGR is an important metric for our city," said Mayor Rosalynn Bliss. "It allows residents to share their opinions and tell us how we're

succeeding as a community as well as where we are falling short. It helps us understand how local government, businesses and nonprofits can work together to better serve the citizens of greater Grand Rapids."

New this year are VoiceGR neighborhood summaries, which allow residents to see results for all questions that pertain to their particular neighborhood. The survey results, including visualization tools, are available at <http://johnsoncenter.org/voicegr2016>

There continue to be differences by demographics in how respondents rate Grand Rapids as a place to live, with white residents responding the most positively, followed by Asian, multiracial, American Indian, Hispanic/Latino, and black/African American residents.

Respondents reported feeling less safe in their neighborhoods than in previous surveys, with 15 percent feeling "somewhat unsafe" or "very unsafe," compared to 7 percent in 2013.



Other key findings from the study include:

- The top community strengths identified by respondents were community cohesion, people and location.
- The top problems identified by respondents were crime, infrastructure and lack of cohesion.
- The appearance of cohesion, meaning feeling like you are welcome and belong in your community, as both a strength and a problem indicates that it is a very important issue for residents.

The Johnson Center will release a series of data briefs to provide deeper insight on many of the subtopics of the VoiceGR 2016 survey.

FTLC plans spring/summer programming

The Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center has planned six programs for the spring/summer semester that center on innovative approaches to teaching and professional development.

The programs are highlighted below. More details and registration deadlines are online at

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www.gvsu.edu/ftlc; contact Christine Rener, director of the FTLC and vice provost for Instructional Development and Innovation, at renerc@gvsu.edu with questions.

- Inclusive Excellence Teaching Institute: May 3-5, Zumberge Hall
- Data and the Digital World Summer Intensive Institute: May 3-4, Mary Idema Pew Library.
- 19th annual Teaching Life Retreat: May 11-12, Pierce Cedar Creek Institute, Hastings.
- Design Thinking Immersion: May 18-19, Zumberge Hall.
- Personnel Portfolio Workshop: June 5-9, L. William Seidman Center.
- Teaching Life Retreat for Full Professors: June 22-23, Kettunen Center, Tustin.

PIC presents Pineapple awards

The Padnos International Center hosted its 14th Annual Pineapple Ceremony on March 31 at the DeVos Center.

International students nominate a student, faculty, staff and community member for an award.

Recipients are presented with pineapples, the international symbol of hospitality.

Recipients were Shinian Wu, professor of English; Isaac Washburn, coach of the club sports roller hockey team; Grace VanderWeide, student; and Adria Vanwyk, who operates the Neighbors International Program at Calvary Church.



Photo courtesy of Padnos International Center

From left to right are Kate Stoetzner, Grace VanderWeide, Isaac Washburn, Shinian Wu, Adria Vanwyk and Elizabeth Jawish.

Meijer Campus hosts conference for high school seniors

The Meijer Campus in Holland hosted a two-day conference for Holland High School seniors, "Adulting 101."

With help from Grand Valley staff members, seniors rotated through a series of presentations on April 11 that centered on budgeting, goal setting, resume and job interview skills, and time management techniques.



Photo by Amanda Pitts

The second day was facilitated by staff members from the Mental Health Foundation of West Michigan, who gave presentations on the "be nice." campaign, which provides K-12 students, staff and parents with tools to recognize a mental illness and steps to take a proactive approach.

Gabe Pena, from the Student Academic Success Center, gives a presentation for Holland High School seniors at the Meijer Campus in Holland April 11, as part of a two-day workshop, 'Adulting 101.'

Grand Valley staff members who facilitated workshops were Gabe Pena, Student Academic Success Center; Lisa Knapp, Career Center; Yumi Jakobcic, Office of Sustainability; Suzy Herman and Emily Koons, Financial Aid Office; and Jane Marsman, Meijer Holland Campus.

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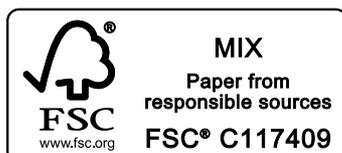
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Student Scholars Day

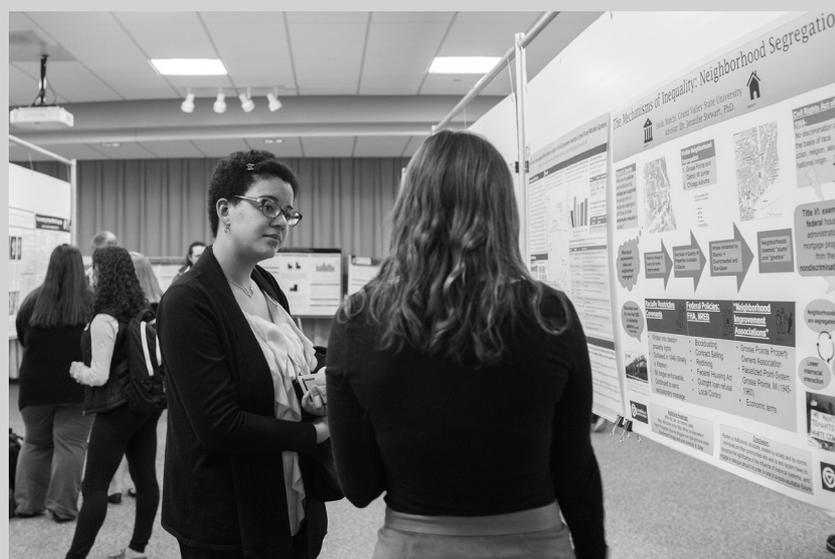


Photo by Jess Weal

Heidi Marchi, at right, talks to Elizabeth Wesley about her research on neighborhood segregation during the 21st annual Student Scholars Day on April 12. More than 600 students and faculty mentors participated, representing more than 70 disciplines.

What's Ahead

Graduate students will showcase innovative research

Cardiopulmonary bypass, Michigan school wellness policies, and the reproductive behavior of crayfish are just a few of the research topics graduate students will be showcasing at the 2017 Graduate Showcase: Shaping Professionals and Enriching Societies.

More than 30 students will display their research and scholarly activities Tuesday, April 18, in the DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium. Poster presentations will be held from 3:30-5:15 p.m.; poster recognitions will take place from 5:15-6 p.m.

Additional research topics include social media and consumer engagement, bilingual family literacy programs, pre-injury assessment, land management work at nature centers, and promotion of women's health issues.

The event is sponsored by The Graduate School and the Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence. For more information on the Graduate Showcase visit www.gvsu.edu/gradshowcase.

Receptions will honor Davis

Two receptions will be held this week to honor Gayle R. Davis, provost and executive vice president for Academic and Student Affairs, as she nears retirement.

- Pew Grand Rapids Campus: Tuesday, April 18, from 4-6 p.m. in the L. William Seidman Center, Loosemore Forum, with remarks at 4:30 p.m.

- Allendale Campus: Thursday, April 20, from 4-6 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Thornapple Room, with remarks at 4:30 p.m.

Before joining Grand Valley in 2002, Davis was the associate vice president for Academic Affairs and Research at Wichita State University.

Questions about the receptions can be directed to Jill Craig at x12183 or craigji@gvsu.edu.

Documentary highlights Vietnamese refugees in West Michigan

The Kutsche Office of Local History will host a film screening of a documentary, "Newcomer Legacy: A Vietnamese-American Story," highlighting the legacy of Vietnamese refugees in West Michigan.

The documentary will be screened on Wednesday, April 19, from 1:30-3 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, room 2266. It is free and open to the public, and approved for LIB 100/201 students. Panelists will discuss the 30-minute documentary and answer audience questions.

Kimberly McKee, director of the Kutsche Office, said the Michigan Humanities Council sponsored this project, which began with videotaping Vietnamese refugees who settled in Michigan, beginning with the fall of Saigon in 1975. Grand Rapids is home to the fourth largest Vietnamese community in the Midwest.

The West Michigan Asian American Association is screening this documentary at six West Michigan locations.

Ceremonies set for graduates from diverse backgrounds

Students from diverse backgrounds will celebrate their graduations at ceremonies planned by the Division of Inclusion and Equity and faculty/staff affinity groups.

The campus community is invited to the ceremonies listed below; RSVPs are requested online at www.gvsu.edu/inclusion/graduation. Asian graduating students were honored at an April 13 ceremony.

- **Lavender Graduation (LGBTQ):** April 19, 4 p.m., Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room

- **Hispanic/Latino Graduation:** April 28, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room

- **Black Graduation:** April 28, noon, Fieldhouse

- **Native American Graduation Reception:** April 28, 3:30 p.m., DeVos Center, University Club.

AP Committee plans luncheon

The annual AP Awards Luncheon is set for Thursday, April 20, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room.

Awards will be presented that recognize Commitment to Diversity, Commitment to Students, Innovation, Service to Community and Outstanding Team Project. The AP Achievement Award will be presented to an individual who brings distinction to Grand Valley and who embodies the university's mission.

The theme for the event is "Laker Effect"; RSVP for the luncheon online at www.gvsu.edu/sprout.

Retirement planning workshop scheduled

Faculty and staff members who are soon planning retirements are invited to a workshop hosted by the Benefits, Health and Wellness group of Human Resources.

"How to Retire Happy and Informed" is set for Thursday, April 20, from 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. at the L. William Seidman Center, room 1008B.

Representatives from Social Security, Advantage Benefits Group and Grand Valley will be available to answer questions. Author Tom Rademacher will give a presentation about the "Encore" movement, and share stories of people and organizations re-inventing themselves to share gifts that develop over time.

RSVP for the workshop online at www.gvsu.edu/sprout.

Human trafficking survivor to give presentation

A human rights activist who is a survivor of human trafficking and domestic violence will give a keynote presentation on Friday, April 21, during Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Brooke Axtell's presentation, "Sexual Consent and Healthy Relationships," will take place from 11 a.m.-noon in the Kirkhof Center, room 2204. It is approved for LIB 100 and 201 classes.

Axtell is founder of She is Rising, a healing community for women and girls overcoming rape, abuse and sex trafficking. Her work has led her to speak at the 2015 Grammy Awards, United Nations and U.S. Institute for Peace. She is a member of the Speaker's Bureau for Rape, Abuse, Incest, National Network (RAINN) and is an adviser for Freedom United, a global initiative to end human trafficking.

Her work as a writer, speaker and performing artist has been featured in the *New York Times*, *LA Times*, *Rolling Stone*, *TIME*, *Wall Street Journal* and CNN. She has published several award-winning poetry books and released three CDs of original music.

Axtell's visit is sponsored by the Center for Women in Transition in Holland and the Women's Center at Grand Valley.

For more information about Sexual Assault Awareness Month at Grand Valley, visit www.gvsu.edu/itsonus.



Brooke Axtell

Irwin Fund Golf Outing set

The 45th Annual Irwin Athletic Fund Golf Outing & Social is scheduled for June 1, 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. Coffee and donuts will be served at 6:30 a.m., and lunch will be at 12:30 p.m. Guests can attend the luncheon only for \$25. There will also be a cash bar/hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m.

Register online at www.gvsu.edu/athletics/irwingolf; the deadline to register is May 19. Questions can be directed to Janine Warfield at x12330.

FACULTY AND STAFF SKETCHES

In the News

Len O’Kelly, assistant professor of communications was interviewed by WOOD-TV for a story about fake news during the 2016 election.

Polly Diven, professor of political science and director of international relations, was interviewed by WOOD Radio for a story about the civil war and U.S. bombing in Syria.

Sketches

Mary deYoung, professor of sociology, wrote a chapter, “Analyzing the Influence of Moral Panics on Miscarriages of Justice: A Conceptual Toolbox,” for the book *Forensic Science Reform: The Psychology and Sociology of Wrongful Convictions*, published by Elsevier.

Donald Mitchell Jr., assistant professor of education, gave a presentation, “An Investigation of High-Achieving African American Students Attending Community Colleges: A Mixed Methods Research Study,” at the American College Personnel Association Annual Convention in Columbus, Ohio. He also was a co-author of an article of the same title published in *Community College Journal of Research and Practice*.

Michael Webster, professor of English, gave a presentation, “E.E. Cummings’ Play Him (1927) and the Fourth Dimension,” at the Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture since 1900.

Cynthia Coviak, professor of nursing, served as a senior mentor at the Midwest Nursing Research Society conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Gayle Schaub, liaison librarian, and **Vinicius Lima**, assistant professor of art and design, gave a presentation “Warning! This Program Contains Graphic Content: Facilitating Understanding of Library Terms through Visual Rhetoric,” at the Association of College and Research Libraries conference.

David Stark, professor of history, wrote an article, “Preparing for the Afterlife: Death, Dying and Religious Practice in Eighteenth-Century Puerto Rico,” published in *Colonial Latin American Review*.

Kathryn Remlinger, professor of English, was elected associate editor for the American Dialect Society’s journal, *American Speech*.

Davia Downey, assistant professor of public, nonprofit and health administration, was a co-author of articles, “Which Governments Come Out Ahead?” published in *Perspectives on Federalism*; and “Sudden Versus Slow Death of

Cities: New Orleans and Detroit,” published in the *DuBois Review: Social Science Research on Race*.

Cara Cadena, liaison librarian, and **Mike Ricco**, adjunct faculty for Seidman College of Business, gave a presentation, “International Business and Information Literacy: Faculty/Librarian Collaboration to Prepare Students for the International Business Workforce,” at the MBAA International Conference in Chicago, Illinois.

Bopi Biddanda, professor of water resources, gave an invited seminar, “Time and Space-Traveling with Lake Huron’s Microbes,” at the Instituto del Agua, University of Granada, Spain.

Jason Crouthamel, professor of history, gave a presentation, “Gender and Conflict,” at the Presidential Panel roundtable discussion at the Society of Military Historians Conference in Jacksonville, Florida.

Mary O’Kelly, head of instructional services, University Libraries, gave a presentation, “Take it Online: Building Librarian Competency in Online Teaching and Learning,” created by **Kim Kenward**, instructional designer, at the Association of College and Research Libraries conference in Baltimore, Maryland.

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Touchless dispensers being installed in campus restrooms

Staff members from Facilities Services are installing automatic, touchless hand towel and soap dispensers in all restrooms on the Allendale Campus.

Phase one of installation includes academic buildings, student centers, food service buildings and the library.

Janet Aubil, operations supervisor for Facilities Services, said tests showed the touchless dispensers will help reduce waste, be more sanitary and save money. “We found that people use fewer paper towels when they are dispensed versus when someone pulls towels out of a dispenser. The same was true for the soap,” she said.

Aubil said less product will need to be ordered and packaging for the products comes in recyclable wrapping.

“During testing, we had a compliment from

a parent of a student who has a disability who said the touchless soap and hand towels were easier for her daughter to use because all she had to do was wave her hand to get product,” said Aubil. “That was exciting to hear.”

Aubil said new toilet paper dispensers are also being installed that have coreless rolls, so no paper is wasted.

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2012 and director of Student Retention and Success from 2007-2009.

He earned a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Dayton, and a master’s and doctoral degree in mechanical engineering from Carnegie Mellon University.

Monahan was named associate provost in 2016 and professor of sociology in 2013. She served as dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Science from 2013-2016. Previously she served as an associate dean and chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Montana State University.

She earned a bachelor’s degree in sociology/anthropology economics from Swarthmore College, and a master’s and doctoral degree in sociology from Stanford University.

Omachonu was named senior vice provost in 2015. Before that, he served as vice provost for Academic Affairs and chief diversity officer for

Middle Tennessee State University from 2011-2015, and associate dean for the College of Mass Communication from 2004-2009.

He earned degrees from Howard University including a doctorate in mass communication, a master’s in mass communication and a bachelor’s in psychology/zoology.

Each candidate will make a presentation on a topic relevant to academic and student affairs and Grand Valley.

Each candidate’s presentation and the Q&A session will be recorded and available for viewing on a secure site from the Provost Search website. The link will be live approximately 24 hours after the presentation and available for 24 hours.

Faculty and staff members are encouraged to view the candidates’ vitae and later to submit feedback forms at www.gvsu.edu/provost-search under the “Information for University Community” tab.