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Speakers will highlight MLK week events

Two speakers, an expert on the influence of race in urban education and an alumna who speaks to the hearts of difference makers, will give presentations that highlight Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Week on campus.

With the theme, #BreaktheSilence, Grand Valley's events will run January 21-26.

David Stovall, professor of African American studies and criminology, law and justice at the University of Illinois at Chicago, will give an address on January 21 in the Fieldhouse Arena beginning at 1:30 p.m. Stovall studies the influence of race in urban education, community development, and housing. His work investigates the significance of race in the quality of schools located in communities that are changing both racially and economically.

Grand Valley alumna Shannon Cohen, '99 and '11, will give a presentation on January 23 in the Kirkhof Center, Pere Marquette Room, at 4:30 p.m. Cohen is the founder and principal of Shannon Cohen, Inc., a boutique firm specializing in providing emotional health

strategies to leaders and difference makers. She is a W.K. Kellogg Foundation Community Leadership Network Fellow, and is the co-founder of Sisters Who Lead, a talent and wellness affinity group for women of color.

Highlights are below and more information is online at gvsu.edu/mlk.

Most events are on January 21, which marks the seventh year classes have been canceled on the national King holiday, allowing more students, faculty and staff members to participate.

Monday, January 21

- 9:30-11:30 a.m.: Upcycling, Kirkhof Center, Pere Marquette Room
- 10:30-11:30 a.m.: Workshop: Back to Reality: Finding Our Freedom through Storytelling,



David Stovall

Kirkhof Center, room 2215/2216

- 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.: Free Campus Lunch, Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room
- 1 p.m.: Silent March to Fieldhouse, assemble at Zumberge Hall
- 1:30 p.m.: Keynote Presentation by David Stovall, Fieldhouse

- 2:30-3:30 p.m.: Panel Discussion, #BreaktheSilence, Kirkhof Center, rooms 2215/2216

Wednesday, January 23

- 4:30 p.m.: Keynote Presentation by Shannon Cohen, Kirkhof Center, Pere Marquette Room
- 6 p.m.: Democracy 101 Series: "This is What Democracy Looks Like! #Breaking the Silence



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Researchers report more access to health care

Researchers from Grand Valley and Tulane universities report more people in West Michigan and Detroit have access to health care because of the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid expansion.

Kevin Callison, assistant professor of public health and tropical medicine at Tulane, and Sebastian Linde, assistant professor of economics at GVSU, reported results from the Health Check report, which



Kevin Callison, left, and Sebastian Linde led research for the 10th annual Health Check report.

analyzes health care access, risk factors and demographic data from Kent, Ottawa, Allegan and Muskegon counties and compares data to U.S. and Michigan results.

Their report highlighted the 10th annual West Michigan Health Care Economic Forecast, held January 11 at the Eberhard Center.

Callison said the number of adults in West Michigan and Detroit lacking health insurance decreased in 2016, the latest reporting year, from 2011 figures. In West Michigan, 7.3 percent of adults lack health insurance, compared to 12.3 percent in 2011; in Detroit, 8.6 percent of adults lack health insurance, compared to nearly 17 percent in 2011.

Callison and Linde also found medical expenditures for chronic conditions decreased in West Michigan. The average expenditures for someone diagnosed with coronary artery disease fell by 13 percent from 2016 to 2017. They noted, however, data received from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Blue Care Network, and Priority Health does not allow for determining causes of the decline.

Health risk factors for Michigan residents were analyzed, including the following:

- More than 35 percent of adults in West Michigan and Detroit are overweight, and about 30 percent are considered obese in both locations.

- Slightly more than 7 percent of adults in West Michigan are heavy drinkers, compared to less than 6 percent of Detroit adults.

- Reports of binge drinking (more than five drinks for men at one occasion) dropped slightly from 2015 results to 19 percent for West Michigan adults, while the number for Detroit adults rose slightly to 19 percent.

The entire report is posted online at gvsu.edu/vphealth.

Help students prepare for registration, poster inside

Students who receive personal attention from faculty members are more likely to stay in school. As registration for spring/summer, fall and winter classes approaches, below are some ways to help students register for the coming year.

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A poster is included inside this issue to post on office doors. Registration will begin March 18.

- Encourage students to check myPath now so they understand what classes they need to stay on track to a timely graduation. Remind them of the Grand Finish grant (visit gvsu.edu/grandfinish for eligibility).

- Encourage students to meet with their advisors with any issues or questions about their path to graduation.

- Remind students to register for classes beginning March 18.

Classes for Fall 2019 and Winter 2020 will be viewable in Banner on March 1 and registration begins on March 18. Spring/summer classes will be viewable on February 15 with the same registration date.

There are new course offerings available in-person, hybrid and online for the spring/summer semester, as well as other semesters. Visit gvsu.edu/summer for details.

Nominations sought for three student awards

The Dean of Students Office seeks nominations for three awards presented to students: Gayle R. Davis Award, Thomas M. Seykora Award for Outstanding Leadership, and Kenneth R. Venderbush Leadership Award.

- The Davis Award honors a first-generation undergraduate student who is the first in their family to attend college.

- The Seykora Award recognizes seniors who have made significant contributions to the campus community.

- The Venderbush Award recognizes one senior who had blended exceptional leadership and academic achievement.

Details and nomination forms are available online at gvsu.edu/dos. Deadline to submit nominations for all three awards is February 8.

Grants available for SAP projects

The Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies, the Office of Sustainability Practices and the Sustainable Agriculture Project (SAP) invites proposals from faculty members who wish to collaborate with students to study the systems in place at the Luce Street site.

Faculty members or students who have a faculty mentor can apply for the Sustainable Agriculture Place-based Project Grants.

Amy McFarland, SAP academic coordinator and assistant professor of food and agricultural

studies, said past projects have focused on tree planting and volunteer attitudes, biomass production and the effects of willow cultivation and identifying species of bacteria on certain plants.

Deadline to submit a proposal is January 31. Details and an online application form are available at gvsu.edu/sustainableagproject.

ORCI announces changes to research practices

The Office of Research Compliance and Integrity (ORCI) announced the following changes impacting responsible conduct of research training and human subjects research.

Grand Valley changed its online service provider for research compliance training from Epigeum to CITI, effective January 2 and access to Epigeum will end on January 15. Faculty members who want to retain a copy of certificates from Epigeum should download it before that date, instructions are posted online at gvsu.edu/rcr.

All personnel on human subjects research protocols are required to complete RCR training and Human Subjects Research training. Certificates from both CITI and Epigeum will continue to be accepted for this purpose.

Revisions to the Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects (the "Common Rule") will be effective January 21, barring additional delays from the federal government.

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GVFACES

Sharon Ceron Espinosa, Peace Corps recruiter

Sharon Ceron Espinosa uses her own experience serving in the Peace Corps to inspire students to do the same.

As the Peace Corps recruiter for West Michigan colleges and universities, Espinosa works with students at Grand Valley, Calvin College, Hope College, Ferris State University and Aquinas College to determine whether serving in the Peace Corps is an option for them.

"I help students through the application process, and I do information sessions and application workshops for students who are interested in the Peace Corps but don't know a ton about it," Espinosa said. "I provide them information to help them determine whether it's something that they see themselves doing."

Espinosa said that the Peace Corps is a great way to build different skills and develop communication skills. She said it's an excellent bridge to many different careers.

"That's what makes it a great option for students searching for a path after graduation. It also opens the eyes to different cultures and ways of life," she said.

Espinosa served in Ethiopia during her

Peace Corps service.

While there, she taught English to 120 students and worked with other volunteers to organize a camp for young girls that focused on gender equality, sexual health, and HIV/AIDS and malaria prevention and awareness. After returning from Ethiopia, Espinosa came to Grand Valley through the Returning Peace Corps Volunteer Link, a career resource for Peace Corps alumni.

Now, as the recruiter for West Michigan, Espinosa said she finds the most rewarding part of her job is working with students to achieve their goals.

"I've met some really awesome students who I'm really excited to work with," Espinosa said.

Espinosa's office is in the Padnos International Center, Lake Ontario Hall, room 130.



Sharon Ceron Espinosa



WHAT'S AHEAD



The Faculty Brass Quintet will perform February 27 as part of the Arts at Noon concert series.

Grand Rapids quartet to kick off Arts at Noon winter concerts

The 2018-2019 Arts at Noon concert series continues on campus this winter with multiple free performances by renowned musicians.

The winter schedule includes seven performances beginning Wednesday, January 16, with Grand Rapids' own Perugino Quartet.

Named after Renaissance artist Pietro Perugino, the group includes Grand Rapids Symphony violinists Eric Tanner and Christopher Martin, violinist Barbara Corbato and cellist Stacey Bosman Tanner.

The quartet centers its appearances around Michigan, having performed at many arts-based series and events, such as the Chamber Music Festival of Saugatuck, Art Reach of Mid Michigan and Muskegon's Feeding the Soul of the City concert series.

All Arts at Noon concerts will take place in the Cook-DeWitt Center, except for the January 30 performance of "Sizwe Banzi is Dead," which will take place in the Linn Keller Maxwell Black Box Theatre located in the Haas Center for Performing Arts.

All performances are open to the public, begin at noon, and last approximately one hour. For

more information, visit gvsu.edu/artsatnoon.

Below is a schedule of winter Arts at Noon concerts:

January 16 – Perugino Quartet

January 23 – GVSU Faculty Recital

January 30 - Performance of "Sizwe Banzi is Dead" by theater group from the Bahamas

February 20 – Folias Duo

February 27 – GVSU Brass Quintet

March 27 – Cello Fest

April 10 – Sightlines Duo

P.S. Series gives students creative control over three productions

The Performance Studio Series gives upper-level theater students complete creative control over the directing, acting, backstage production, and set and costume design for a series of productions each academic year.

Winter P.S. Series performances will begin this month with "Stuart Little" and "Actor's Nightmare." Both productions will be performed January 17-19 at 7:30 p.m. and January 20 at 2 p.m. A performance of only "Stuart Little" will take place January 19 at 10 a.m.

"Actor's Nightmare" involves an accountant named George Spelvin who is forced to perform in a play that he doesn't know a single line to after being mistaken for an actor's understudy. The production will be directed by Tyler DeGood, a senior majoring in theater.

In "Stuart Little," Stuart is born to an ordinary family living in New York City. He is normal in every way except that he is only four inches tall and looks exactly like a mouse. During this story's adventure, Stuart learns that a bird he has befriended named Margalo may have flown to Connecticut so he jumps on a motorized, gas-powered toy car to catch up to her.

"Stuart Little" will give Rachel Renaud the opportunity to fulfill her dream of directing a theater production.

"I know of other schools who don't let their students direct shows that are performed in their theaters, so I feel like I'm actually getting to put what I've learned into reality and I truly think the audience is going to enjoy it," said Renaud, a senior majoring in elementary education, English and theater.

The final P.S. Series production of the academic year is "Gods of Carnage" with performances scheduled for February 21-23 at 7:30 p.m. and February 24 at 2 p.m.

"Gods of Carnage" features two sets of parents who agree to meet to discuss how best to handle a previous altercation between their two kids in a public park. As the evening goes on, the parents become increasingly childish, resulting in the conversation devolving into chaos. It will be directed by Ron Boudreau, a senior majoring in theater.

All performances will take place in the Linn Maxwell Keller Black Box Theatre, Haas Center for Performing Arts. Tickets are \$7 general admission for every P.S. Series show.

For more information, call the Louis Armstrong Theatre Box Office at x12300.

Form I-9 training set

Kim Clarke, an immigration attorney and partner at Varnum, will present a Form I-9 training session for staff members who complete these forms for new faculty, staff and students.

Sessions are scheduled on January 30, 11 a.m.-noon, in the Kirkhof Center, room 2270; and from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the DeVos Center, room 111D.

Participants will learn how to complete an I-9 properly, how to verify workers' documentation, and how to avoid common mistakes. Register via Sprout at gvsu.edu/sprout.

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An overview of changes will be posted online at gvsu.edu/irb/revised-common-rule-75.htm.

ORCI staff members will host workshops to discuss changes January 23-25 and offer drop-in help hours, visit Sprout at gvsu.edu/sprout for details.

The Human Research Review Committee will officially be renamed to the Institutional Review Board effective January 21.

Questions about these changes can be directed to the ORCI at rci@gvsu.edu or x13197.

GVNow recap:

Replenish opens food resource on Health Campus

Replenish, the university's food pantry and food resource for students located in the Kirkhof Center on the Allendale Campus, has expanded to Grand Rapids.

A second location is now open in the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences, room 353, on the Health Campus. The hours of operation are Monday-Thursday from 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m. and



A second food pantry is now open in the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences, room 353.

Friday from 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

An open house was held January 10 and guests brought items to donate.

Sharalle Arnold, associate director of the Center for Women and Gender Equity, said food insecurity among college students is a nationwide problem. More than 1,000 Grand Valley students have received assistance from the pantry since it was established in 2009.

The expansion is a partnership among the Gayle R. Davis Center for Women and Gender Equity, Office of the Vice Provost for Health, and the Student Nurses Association.

For more information, visit gvsu.edu/replenish.

Area business leader named state director of SBDC

Local business leader J.D. Collins has been named state director of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC), located in the Seidman College of Business.

Collins began his new role in mid-December leading the SBDC, a 90-person organization that serves more than 5,500 companies, offering face-to-face consulting, business training and market research reports.

Collins has served in C-suite positions for a number of Michigan-based businesses in strategic leadership roles.

Collins previously served as chief innovation officer at a leading heavy equipment technology startup in Grand Rapids, where he was a member of the executive team that negotiated a strategic alliance with Caterpillar. He also held global strategic leadership positions during his 10-year career at Amway Corporation.

For complete stories, visit gvsu.edu/gvnow.

FACULTY AND STAFF SKETCHES

IN THE NEWS

Kathryn Remlinger, professor of English, was interviewed by *Parents Magazine* for a story about the changing uses of “like.” Remlinger’s book, *Yooper Talk*, was the feature article in the January/February Historical Society of Michigan’s magazine, *Michigan History*.

Babasola Fateye, assistant professor of biomedical sciences, was interviewed in December by WXMI-FOX 17 for a story about the effects of Tianeptine Sodium.

The **Kutsche Office of Local History** continues to sponsor the “Standing Rock: Photographs of an Indigenous Movement” traveling exhibit, which will be on display on the fourth floor of the Grand Rapids Public Main Library, 111 Library St. NE, through January 28. The exhibit was shown at the American Indian Center in Chicago and the Evanston Public Library, Evanston, Illinois.

SKETCHES

Patrick Fuliang Shan, professor of history, was the author of a book, *Yuan Shikai: A Reappraisal*, published by the University of British Columbia Press.

Jessica Vander Ark, '08, has been hired as the new manager for Groundswell in the College of Education. Vander Ark most recently served as director of environmental education at the West Michigan Environmental Action Council.

Anne McKay, assistant professor of nursing, gave presentations at the Kappa Epsilon Fall Research Event in Grand Rapids and at the Great Lakes Geriatric Advance Practice Nurses Association Annual Conference in Dearborn.

Eric Ramsson, associate professor of biomedical sciences, received a grant from the Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence to study the effects of Cannabidiol on the brain. He was the author of an article, “Principal Component Regression Improves in Situ Electrode Calibration for Fast-Scan Cyclic Voltammetry,” published in *Analytical Chemistry*.

Genevieve Elrod, assistant professor of nursing, was selected by Gilda’s Club Grand Rapids as the inaugural recipient of its Young Professional Award.

Kayla Wheeler, assistant professor of area and global studies and digital studies, gave a presentation, “Clothes of Righteousness: Black American Muslim Women Disrupting the Beauty Hierarchy,” at the University of Maryland Baltimore County as part of the Arab and Muslim Experiences in the U.S. speaker series.

John Weber, professor of geology, with colleagues and an alumna, led a pre-meeting field trip to the Kentland, Indiana, impact structure for the 2018 Geological Society of America national meeting.

Beth Martin, head of professional programs for University Libraries, was named vice president/president elect for the Michigan Academic Library Association. Her role as president will start in May.

Scott Stabler, professor of history, wrote an article, “Two Paths to Peace: Oliver Otis Howard, Negotiator to Cochise and Joseph,” published in *Military History of the West*, and was a co-author with **Matthew Daley**, associate professor of history, of an article, “The World’s Greatest Minstrel Show Under the Stars: Blackface Minstrels, Community Identity, and the Lowell Showboat, 1932-1977,” published in the *Michigan Historical Review*.

Jennifer Torreano, Knowledge Market manager, and **Carl Brown**, director of the Speech Lab, and students wrote an article, “Stronger Together: Nonsummativity and the Grand Valley State University Knowledge Market,” published in *Communication Centers Journal*.

Jason Crouthamel, professor of history, was a co-editor of a book, *Beyond Inclusion and Exclusion: Jewish Experiences of the First World War in Central Europe*, published by Berghahn Books.

Stacey Burns, Art Gallery programs manager, gave a presentation, “Museum Cross-Training: How to Utilize Art to Practice Non-Art Concepts,” at the Michigan Museums Association Annual Conference in Dearborn.

Cáel M. Keegan, assistant professor of women, gender, and sexuality studies and liberal studies, wrote a book, *Lana and Lilly Wachowski: Sensing Transgender*, published by University of Illinois Press. Keegan also gave the following presentations: “Managing Difference: Protecting Trans and GNC Faculty in the Age of Diversity, Multiculturalism, and the Alt-Right,” and “Sensing the (Im)possible: Trans*/Cinematic Worlds, Bodies, Futures,” at the National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference; and “Wanting the Trans/Auteur: Transgender Phenomenology and the Paradox of Authorship,” at the Society for Cinema and Media Studies Annual Conference.

Casey Thelenwood, director of administrative services for the College of Education, was a co-author of a chapter, “Crimes Against Students: Stories of Bullying, Hazing, and Bias-Motivated Violence,” in a book, *Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Americans at Risk: Problems and Solutions*. **Forrest Clift**, former COE staff member, was a co-author.

TRIO STEM and Health Sciences took seven students in mid-November to the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students in Indianapolis, Indiana. Students were given professional development seminars, networking opportunities and exposure to 350 exhibitors for research, internships, and graduate schools.

Dan Balfour, professor of public, nonprofit, and health administration, was appointed to the board of directors of SowHope, a global organization focusing exclusively on the holistic needs of women living in extreme poverty.

Hauenstein Center will host Gordon-Reed, Onuf during MLK week

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and the Living Legacy of MLK,” Mary Idema Pew Library, multipurpose room; sponsored by the Community Service Learning Center.

Thursday, January 24

• 7 p.m.: Annette Gordon-Reed and Peter S. Onuf. Jefferson, Slavery, and the Moral Imagination, Eberhard Center, room 215

Presented by the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies: Thomas Jefferson, the most revered philosopher of the early Republic’s Enlightenment ideals, was deeply involved in the nation’s original sin of slavery. Historians Annette Gordon-Reed and Peter S.



Annette Gordon-Reed and Peter S. Onuf will discuss ‘Jefferson, Slavery, and the Moral Imagination’ on January 24 at the Eberhard Center.

Onuf will explore how to find common ground at the troubled crossroads of race and American memory. Visit hauensteincenter.org to RSVP.

Saturday, January 26

• 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.: MLK Jr. Day of Service and Solidarity

Coordinated by the Community Service Learning Center, volunteers will meet at the Cook-DeWitt Center and hear a keynote presentation then participate in service projects with area partners. Register online at gvsu.edu/service.