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Faculty honored at annual awards convocation

Faculty members will be recognized for their scholarship, teaching, work in the community and years of service during the annual Faculty Awards Convocation on Thursday, February 1.

The event will begin at 4 p.m. in the DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium. John Constantelos, professor of political science, will give an address, "Internationalized!" He is the recipient of the Internationalization Award.

University Awards for Excellence will be presented to the following people.

- Judy Whipps, professor of liberal studies, Outstanding Advising and Student Services Award
- Elizabeth Storey, assistant professor of teaching and learning, Outstanding Community Service Award
- David Bair, professor of educational foundations, Outstanding University Service Award
- Patricia Clark, professor of writing, Distinguished Contribution in a Discipline Award

• Azfar Hussain, associate professor of liberal studies, University Outstanding Teacher Award

• Jeanine Beasley, professor of occupational science and therapy; Sheldon Kopperl, professor of biomedical sciences and liberal studies; and Neal Rogness, professor of statistics, Glenn A. Niemeyer Awards

The Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence will present awards to the following people.

- Barbara Hoogenboom, professor of physical therapy, Distinguished Graduate Mentoring Award
- William Dickinson, professor of mathematics, and Merritt DeLano-Taylor, associate professor of biomedical sciences, Distinguished Undergraduate Mentoring Award
- Erica Hamilton, assistant professor of literacy and technology; Kimberly McKee, assistant



The annual Faculty Awards Convocation is set for February 1 at the DeVos Center. The 2017 event is pictured.

professor of liberal studies; and Christopher Shaffer, assistant professor of anthropology, Distinguished Early-Career Scholar Awards

The Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center will present awards to the following people.

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Local history office receives NEH grant for oral history project

The Kutsche Office of Local History received a \$12,000 Common Heritage grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to support a project documenting the history of summers in the Saugatuck-Douglas area in the mid-20th century.

Director Kimberly McKee said the project is a collaboration with the Saugatuck-Douglas History Center; "Stories of Summer" involves capturing oral histories and digitizing photographs, newspaper articles and other materials from the era.

McKee said while the area's logging, agriculture and maritime industries are well-documented, there is a marked absence of the LGBT experience within the two communities.

Nathan Nietering, director of the Saugatuck-Douglas History Center, said the project will document the area's rise to becoming a lakeshore destination



Photo courtesy of Saugatuck-Douglas History Center

The Kutsche Office of Local History will partner with the Saugatuck-Douglas History Center on an oral history project, 'Stories of Summer.'

for the LGBT community, and its growing post-war tourism industry.

Working with the Saugatuck-Douglas History Center, Kutsche Office staff members will conduct two history harvests at the center's Old School House in Douglas on June 2 and July 21.

Staff members from University Libraries will preserve the materials for archival purposes. Eventually, copies of oral histories and collected materials will be kept at the History Center, and on an online database.

Since it was established in 2008, the Kutsche Office of Local History has conducted multiple oral history collections of diverse populations. These oral histories include voices from Hispanic and Asian Pacific families in Holland, Native Americans in West Michigan, and families who have lived and worked in Oceana County.

Nominations sought for Venderbush award

The Dean of Students office is seeking nominations for the Kenneth R. Venderbush Leadership Award, presented to a senior who has demonstrated an exceptional blend of academic achievement and leadership effectiveness.

The deadline to submit nominations is January 31. View criteria and a nomination form online at gvsu.edu/dos/.

Criteria includes a nominee who is a senior student who demonstrates a significant contribution to student life, and balances academics with extracurricular involvement.

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ACROSS CAMPUS



Tickets for GVSU Night at Comerica Park on sale

For the second straight year, Comerica Park in Detroit will turn Laker blue for one night during a special Tigers game that will benefit the Grand Valley community.

GVSU Night at Comerica Park is Tuesday, July 31, when the Detroit Tigers host the Cincinnati Reds in an interleague game that will begin at 7:10 p.m.

Last year, more than 2,200 Grand Valley students, alumni, faculty and staff members and friends attended the first GVSU Night at Comerica Park. The event raised \$11,225 for the Grand Valley Scholarship Fund.

Tickets for the July 31 game purchased via gvsu.edu/tigers will include a \$5 donation to the scholarship fund and a limited edition GVSU/Detroit Tigers branded baseball hat. Tickets range from \$27-\$44.

People who purchase tickets by April 30 will be eligible to enter a drawing to be on the field when the check is presented for the scholarship fund. Details about the drawing are online at gvsu.edu/tigers.

Bus transportation will be available from the Allendale and Pew Grand Rapids campuses to Detroit for \$15 per rider.

GVNow Recap:

Conference to feature first African American astronaut to travel to space

A two-day symposium hosted by Grand Valley and Grand Rapids Public Museum will celebrate space exploration and feature Guion "Guy" Bluford, a retired NASA astronaut who was the first African American to travel to space.

The conference, "Roger That! A Celebration of Space Exploration in Honor of Roger B. Chaffee," will take place February 16-17 at the DeVos Center on the Pew Grand Rapids Campus. Roger B. Chaffee was an astronaut and Grand Rapids native who died during testing on Apollo I in 1967.

Guion Bluford's keynote presentation will take place February 16 from 6-7 p.m. in the DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium. In 1983, Bluford became the first African American astronaut to fly in space when he was part of a mission aboard NASA's Space Shuttle Challenger.

He is also an aerospace engineer and retired U.S. Air Force officer and fighter pilot. He flew into space four times during the shuttle program.

The free conference is open to the public and faculty and students are encouraged to attend. The conference will kick-off with a presentation, "Art/Space: NASA Space Art Program and Beyond," by Grand Valley faculty Durwin Talon and Guin Thompson, followed by breakout sessions. The deadline to register is February 11 at gvsu.edu/rogerthat.

The conference is organized by Grand Valley, Grand Rapids Public Museum and the Roger B. Chaffee Scholarship Fund. It is supported, in part, by NASA's Michigan Space Grant Consortium.

For more information about the conference, visit gvsu.edu/rogerthat or send an email to rogerthat@gvsu.edu. For more information about GRPM events, visit grpm.org.

Economist predicts local growth for 2018

Paul Isely, professor of economics and associate dean in the Seidman College of Business, said the West Michigan economy will grow in 2018 and a shallow recession is expected for 2019.

Isely unveiled his annual benchmark survey of the regional economy January 17 at an event in Grand Rapids. The economic survey of Kent, Ottawa, Muskegon and Allegan counties was conducted in November and December of 2017.

"Sales will be stronger in West Michigan, but those things will start to create constraints in finding workers, finding materials and finding space to work," Isely said.

The number of firms expecting to hire this year continues to increase; Isely said 75 percent of those being hired are expected to be permanent jobs. He said local export growth is expected to increase slightly for the first time in three years, reflecting growing strength in the global economy.

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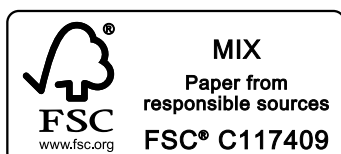
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GVFACES

Taylor Boyd, Office of Provost

Taylor Boyd, the new assessment and accreditation specialist for the Office of Provost, returned to Grand Valley to help foster student learning in his new role.

He said he also hopes to become more involved in the campus community, as he understands the impact the Laker Effect can have.

"I was very involved during my graduate experience," Boyd said. "Internships and networking allowed me to know some of my constituents coming into this role. When I left Grand Valley I felt this void for the community of culture and resources. It makes you want to come back to it."

Boyd earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina, and a master's degree in higher education from Grand Valley. After working at the University of South Carolina as a residence life coordinator, Boyd returned to Grand Valley.

His role supports assessment, accreditation and strategic planning for the Academic & Student Affairs Division

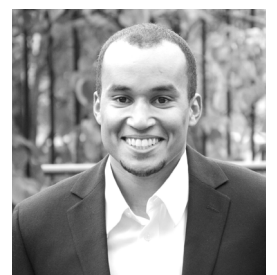
"Accreditation is extremely important as it's what informs us," said Boyd. "The reports allow us to see how students are learning when they go to offices or are providing

services to students. Additionally, every department is able to show that students meet learning outcomes when they graduate from a program."

Some of his career goals include becoming a faculty member to better understand the impact faculty have on student learning, and being a mentor to organizations that were valuable to him as a graduate student, such as the Cook Leadership Academy and the Black Male Scholars Initiative.

While this is out of his job description, Boyd said he finds it essential.

"I don't think I would be doing enough by just doing my job," he said. "That's what someone is hired for, but to be considered exceptional you need to go above and beyond."



Taylor Boyd

WHAT'S AHEAD

Retention Focus: Registration, advising sessions planned

Faculty and staff members are encouraged to remind students about upcoming registration. Students can begin planning their class schedule for the 2018-2019 year by attending a registration and advising session.

Advisors will discuss class schedules, explain the registration process and answer questions to help students succeed and stay on track to graduate. Students can learn more about the benefits of using myPath, an online tool in myBanner that guides them in selecting coursework.

Sessions are open to all students and will occur in the Holton-Hooker Learning and Living Center, room 121A; advisors from colleges will be available at specific sessions, but each event is open to all students.

- January 29, 4-6 p.m.: Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies
- January 30, 3-5 p.m.: College of Education
- January 31, 6-8 p.m.: College of Community and Public Service
- February 5, 4-6 p.m.: College of Health Professions
- February 6, 3-5 p.m.: Honors College
- February 8, 6-8 p.m.: Seidman College of Business

Registration for the 2018-2019 academic year begins March 19. Students can look up their specific registration date at gvsu.edu/calendar, click on "Registration Calendar." For more information, contact Liz Chase, Dean of Students office, at chaseel@gvsu.edu.

Nonprofit volunteer fair to feature area nonprofits

Students interested in volunteer and internship opportunities in the nonprofit industry are invited to attend a fair Wednesday, January 31, at the L. William Seidman Center, from 1-3 p.m.

The Nonprofit Volunteer and Internship Fair will feature nearly 50 organizations from the greater Grand Rapids area. The free event is an opportunity for students to connect with various agencies in the Grand Rapids area. Registration is not required for students.

It is sponsored by the Community Service Learning Center and the Career Center; visit gvsu.edu/service for more information.

Panelists will discuss opioid epidemic

Area experts in opioid addiction will discuss the epidemic during a Health Forum of West Michigan event on Friday, February 2.

Sponsored by the Office of the Vice Provost for Health, the event will run from 8-9:30 a.m. at the DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium. It is free and open to the public; a light breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. RSVP online at gvsu.edu/vphealth.

Panelists are Talal Khan, Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services; Kim Gaedeke, Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Services; Cara Poland, Spectrum Health; and David Rahinsky, Grand Rapids police chief. Michael Bouthillier, Ferris State University's College of Pharmacy, will serve as moderator.

Opera Theatre to celebrate 75th anniversary of 'Oklahoma!'

Running for more than 2,000 performances, "Oklahoma!" opened on Broadway in 1943. It has stood the test of time — raking in a 1944 Pulitzer Prize, numerous Tony Award



Performances of 'Oklahoma!' run February 2-11 in the Louis Armstrong Theatre.

nominations, national tours, international performances, and a 2003 film starring Hugh Jackman.

To celebrate the production's 75th anniversary, GVSU Opera Theatre students will bring Rodgers and

Hammerstein's first collaborative production to campus with multiple performances.

"Oklahoma!" performances will take place February 2, 3, 9 and 10, at 7:30 p.m. and February 4 and 11, at 2 p.m. All performances will take place in Louis Armstrong Theatre, located in the Haas Center for Performing Arts. For ticket information, visit gvsu.edu/theatre or call the Louis Armstrong Box Office at x12300

Dale Schriemer, GVSU Opera Theatre founder/artistic director and professor of voice, said this will be the first time students perform a Rodgers and Hammerstein production on campus.

Christopher Carter, '09, will return to campus to direct "Oklahoma!" not long after wrapping his own involvement in the same production with the Chicago Lyric Opera.

Standing Rock reflected in exhibit

Through his photographs, area journalist Levi Rickert captured the emotion behind Standing Rock protests in 2016, the grassroots movement to stop the Dakota Access oil pipeline.

It was the largest American Indian movement since Wounded Knee in 1973. Rickert, publisher and editor of *Native News Online*, covered the emergence of the movement in Standing Rock, North Dakota, and continuing protests in Lansing and Washington, D.C.

More than three dozen of Rickert's 1,500 photographs will be on exhibit from February 5-28 at the Mary Idema Pew Library, multipurpose room. A reception for "Standing Rock: Photographs of an Indigenous Movement" is set for Monday, February 5, from 6-8 p.m. The reception is approved for LIB 100 and 201 courses.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Kutsche Office of Local History. For more information, visit gvsu.edu/kutsche.

Workshop on retirement planning set

Health and Wellness will host a retirement planning workshop, featuring experts on Social Security and benefits.

"How to Retire Happy and Informed" is set for Wednesday, February 7, from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in the L. William Seidman Center,

room 1008B. Register online at gvsu.edu/sprout; spouses and partners are welcome.

Presenters are Vonda VanTil, Social Security administration; Kurt Swardenski, Advantage Benefits Group; and Dave Smith, director of benefits and wellness at Grand Valley.

Series will focus on alcohol addiction

The science behind addiction and how to support people with drinking problems are topics that will be presented at lunch and learn series hosted by Grand Valley's Alcohol Campus Education and Services (ACES) office.

The first event, "The Addictive Brain," is Wednesday, February 7, noon-12:45 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, room 0073. Eric Klingensmith, assistant director of the University Counseling Center and coordinator of crisis intervention, will discuss the science behind how the brain becomes addicted to alcohol and other drugs.

Other winter semester dates are below.

- March 21, noon: How to Help a Friend with a Drinking Problem
- April 18, noon: History and Meaning of the 12-Steps; Followed by Q&A

Events are free and registration is not required; participants are encouraged to bring a lunch. For more information, visit www.gvsu.edu/aces.

Faculty to discuss craft during Writers Series

Two Grand Valley writing faculty members will discuss the inner-workings of their creativity and craft during an upcoming Grand Valley Writers Series event.

Patricia Clark and Roger Gilles will present readings on Wednesday, February 7, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Cook-DeWitt Center, followed by book signings.

Clark, who also serves as the department's Poet-in-Residence, is the author of five volumes of poetry, including *The Canopy* (2017) and *Sunday Rising* (2013). Awards for her work include a Creative Artist Grant in Michigan, the Mississippi Review Prize, the Gwendolyn Brooks Prize, and being named co-winner of the Lucille Medwick Prize from the Poetry Society of America. From 2005-2007, she served as the poet laureate of Grand Rapids.

Gilles, who currently serves as the interim director of the Frederik Meijer Honors College, is the author of *Women on the Move: The Forgotten Era of Women's Bicycle Racing*. For 20 years, his scholarly work has focused on issues relating to writing program administration, primarily placement and assessment.

For more information about the Grand Valley Writers Series, contact Todd Kaneko, series coordinator, at kanekot@gvsu.edu, or visit gvsu.edu/writing.

Registration open for STEM event

The Association of Women in Science-West Michigan will host a daylong event filled with hands-on activities to encourage local middle school students to embrace the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering and math.

"Fall in Love with STEM" will take place February 10, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at three

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FACULTY AND STAFF SKETCHES

IN THE NEWS

Retired staff member dies

Pamela Downing, who retired from the Information Technology department last year, died January 6. She was 62.

Downing began working at Grand Valley in 1989 as a computer operator, she retired August 30 as a computer operations support technician. She was a sports fan and enjoyed watching the Laker football team.

A service was held January 13; memorial contributions are suggested to Hospice of Michigan or the ALS Association.

SKETCHES

Vandana Pednekar-Magal, professor of communications, delivered the commencement address at Bowling Green State University in Ohio in December. She earned a doctorate from BGSU.

Janet Vail, research scientist at the Annis Water Resources Institute, served as conference chair for the Project WET USA (Water Education for Teachers) annual conference.

Lorie Tuma, assistant professor of hospitality and tourism management, served a two-week fellowship at Victoria Island University, hosted by the World Leisure Organization.

Azizur R. Molla, associate professor of public health, and **Peter Wampler**, associate professor of geology, were co-authors of an article, "Household Radon Gas Occurrences and Geographic Distribution in Western Michigan," published in *Advancement of the Science*.

Rebecca Davis, professor of nursing, and two students were authors of an article, "Everyday Decision Making in Individuals with Early-Stage Alzheimer's Disease: An Integrative Review of the Literature," published in *Research in Gerontological Nursing*.

Nursing faculty members **Marie VanderKooi** and **Cynthia Coviak** were among the authors of an article, "Evaluating Barcode Medication Administration Acceptance in a Rural Hospital Using the Technology Acceptance Model," published in the *Journal of Informatics Nursing*.

Tricia Thomas, assistant dean for practice, KCON, received the Dorothea Milbrandt Nurse Leader Award at the ANA-Michigan Conference and Annual Meeting in Plymouth.

Patricia Clark, professor of writing and Grand Valley's poet-in-residence, was nominated for a Pushcart Prize for her poem, "The Slit," which can be found in her latest book, *Canopy*. Recipients of Pushcart Prizes will be announced in April.

Four-star facilities



The Grounds Department in Facilities Services in Allendale and Pew Campus Operations received Four-Star recognition, the highest level possible, from the Professional Grounds Management Society Landscape Management and Operations Accreditation program. The rating recognizes excellence in several categories, including management practices, sustainability initiatives, and environmental awareness and stewardship.

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different venues at Grand Valley and Grand Rapids Community College.

Workshops and activities focusing on the fields of geology, math, physics, biology and chemistry will take place from 9 a.m.-noon in the Padnos Hall of Science, located on the Allendale Campus.

Activities will range from math games, logic puzzles and building robots that draw, to determining how much energy is in a candy heart to celebrate Valentine's Day.

To register students, visit gvsu.edu/rmsc. The registration deadline is February 9. For more information, contact Karen Gipson, professor of physics at Grand Valley and current AWIS-WM president, at gipsonk@gvsu.edu.

The West Michigan chapter of AWIS was established in 2016 by Gipson and a team of students, deans, faculty and staff from Van Andel Institute and Hope College. GRCC joined the organization in 2017.

Reception celebrates 10th anniversary of division

The Division of Inclusion and Equity will kick off its 10th anniversary year with an event for the entire campus community.

A reception is set for Thursday, February 8, from 6-8 p.m. at 20 Monroe Live, 11 Ottawa Ave. NW in Grand Rapids.

Remarks will be given at 7 p.m. by President Thomas J. Haas, Vice President for Inclusion and Equity Jesse Bernal, and Jeanne Arnold, who served as Grand Valley's inaugural vice president for Inclusion and Equity, beginning in 2008.

RSVP by February 1 online at gvsu.edu/rsvp10years; questions can be directed to Jill Craig at x12183.

Three people to be honored during reception

Three people will be honored during the annual Celebrating Women in Sport and Physical Activity reception, which is set for Saturday, February 10.

Honorees are Kristy Bayer, '01, deputy director of athletics, Emporia State University; Bob Richthammer, former coach of Grand Valley's women's club rugby team; and Carol Vande Bunte, '78, former assistant women's basketball coach.

The reception will begin at 4 p.m. in the Fieldhouse, upper arena lobby area. Tickets are \$25 and include food, beverages, and game ticket for the Laker women's basketball game against Davenport University. The game begins at 6 p.m.

Proceeds from the event support the Board and Rowe Endowment for Advancement of Women in Sport and Physical Activity.

RSVP online at gvsu.edu/womeninsports.

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Awards presented for service, scholarship

- Chasity Bailey-Fakhoury, assistant professor of educational foundations, Burch, Jacobs and Moore Diversity Teaching Excellence Award
- Roger Allman, part-time instructor of communications, Pew Teaching Excellence Award for Part-time Faculty
- Rosemary Cleveland, senior affiliate of teaching and learning, and Andrew Korich, associate professor of chemistry, Pew Teaching with Technology Awards
- Ellen Adams, assistant professor of art history, Meijer Honors College; Shawn Bultsma, associate professor of educational leadership and counseling; Susan Cleghorn, associate professor of occupational science and therapy; Jacquelynn Doyon-Martin, associate professor of criminal justice; Dalila Kovacs, professor of chemistry; Christine Smith, professor of psychology; and Pamela Wells, professor of mathematics, Pew Teaching Excellence Awards

Faculty members with 25, 30, 35, 40 and 45 years of service to Grand Valley will be recognized.