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Provost announces changes to divisions

Organizational and administrative changes among several divisions at Grand Valley were announced September 30.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs, Women's Center and Milton E. Ford LGBT Resource Center will move from being housed in the Student Services Division to the Division of Inclusion and Equity. Bart Merkle, vice provost for Student Affairs and dean of students, led the development of the centers and will assist with the transition.

Gayle R. Davis, provost and executive vice president for Academic and Student Affairs, said the move has the potential to allow the centers to engage with faculty and staff while continuing to focus on students.

A memorandum of understanding is being developed to ensure collaboration between all units. It includes a joint appointment that

reports to the Vice Provost of Student Affairs and Jesse Bernal, vice president for Inclusion and Equity. Marlene Kowalski-Braun, current assistant vice provost for Student Affairs, will fill that role as associate vice provost for Student Affairs and Inclusion.

Enrollment Development moved from Academic and Student Affairs to its own division led by Lynn "Chick" Blue, vice president for Enrollment Development.

Nancy Giardina, vice provost for Student Success, will return to being a faculty member and conclude her role in the Provost Office



Gayle R. Davis



Marlene Kowalski-Braun



Nancy Giardina

at the end of the fall semester. The Student Academic Success Center, led by Giardina, will now be housed in the Student Services Division.

Across Campus

New U.S. citizens take oath at DeVos Center

Sixty-three people from 34 different countries were sworn in as new American citizens during a naturalization ceremony held September 28 at the DeVos Center.

Polly Diven, professor and director of International Relations, said it was the first time the ceremony was held at Grand Valley. The Gerald R.

Ford Presidential Museum is the typical site, but because it is serving as an ArtPrize venue officials from the Detroit office of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services looked for a new location.

Elizabeth Gnesotto said the DeVos Center was the perfect location. Gnesotto is an immigration services officer who graduated from Grand Valley with a degree in international relations in 2009.

"I'm honored to be here for you on the most important day in your lives on this campus that is so important to me because it gave me so many opportunities," Gnesotto said.

After a roll call of the 34 countries represented, each new citizen had their name called and received a certificate.

Gayle R. Davis, provost and executive vice president for Academic and Student Affairs, welcomed participants and said she, too, was glad the event was held at Grand Valley as it presented a good learning opportunity for students about the value of citizenship.

Grand Valley, colleges create specialized rehabilitation clinic

A new Grand Rapids clinic that provides a variety of neurological services for patients in need of continued care has opened in partnership with Grand Valley State University, Calvin College and Western Michigan University.

The 4,500-square-foot clinic will provide speech pathology, audiology, social work, and physical and occupational therapy services for children and adults with Parkinson's Disease, Multiple Sclerosis, head and neck cancer, sensory integration issues, autism and traumatic brain injuries.

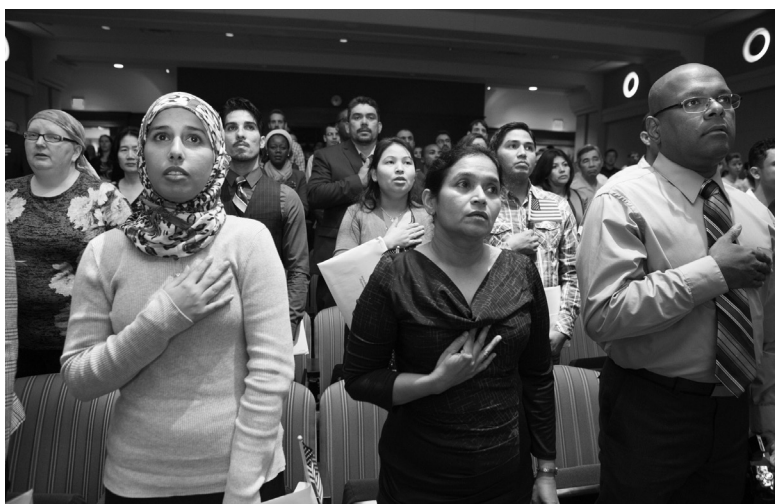


Photo by Bernadine Carey-Tucker

New U.S. citizens take the oath of allegiance during a naturalization ceremony at the DeVos Center September 28.

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A public open house took place September 29 at 1310 East Beltline, Grand Rapids.

Barb Baker, associate professor of physical therapy at Grand Valley and part-time physical therapist at the clinic, said there's no other clinic like it in Grand Rapids.

"It's interdisciplinary, it's intercollegiate and it will serve the underserved population in the area," Baker said. "There is great excitement in the Grand Valley Physical Therapy Department over this venture."

The clinic will provide hands-on learning experiences for students at each institution, including students enrolled in the physical therapy program at Grand Valley.

The space includes a waiting area, a group therapy room, seven clinical rooms, two soundproof audiology booths and a physical therapy gym, complete with a treadmill, hand bike, rock climbing wall, therapeutic swing and other donated equipment.

Lightboard one of many innovations available to faculty

A reorganized Information Technology team has new space in the Kindschi Hall of Science to become a one-stop-shop for faculty members who incorporate innovative technology in their classes or teach online/hybrid courses.

The space for the eLearning and Emerging Technologies team has also allowed the technology to grow by adding new resources to the Digital Studio. For example, the lightboard — a tool that allows faculty to write on glass while facing students — expanded three times its former size to 9.25 square feet.

Matt Hart, associate professor of chemistry, uses lightboard videos of himself to explain core concepts visually, while also being able to give verbal and non-verbal cues that are important for student learning. The videos are created by Justin Melick, digital media developer, and show Hart working through formulas while facing the camera. Hart said it provides a unique opportunity to increase instructor presence in courses.

"Students found them useful on my Blackboard when studying and enjoyed the ability to pause and rewind to look back at material they might struggle with," Hart said.

Melick, who built the lightboard, said more than 50 lightboard videos

have been created at Grand Valley since it was built on campus last year. Eric Kunnen, associate director of eLearning and Emerging Technologies, said it's one of only 30 lightboards at institutions across the country.

The eLearning and Emerging Technologies team can also digitize VHS tapes, cassettes and film, and help faculty create interactive digital content.

Vince St. Germain, eLearning and Instructional Technology Specialist, highlighted a recent video tour of IT's server room and data center for introductory computing courses, rather than scheduling classes for building tours.

The team also encompasses staff members from Instructional Design for eLearning, Blackboard and the Atomic Object Technology Showcase, which is housed in the Mary Idema Pew Library. Kunnen said team members support faculty through workshops or individual consultations and online resources on their website.

More information about eLearning and Emerging Technologies is online at www.gvsu.edu/elearn.



Photo by Christi Wiltenburg

Justin Melick, digital media developer, stands behind the lightboard in the Digital Studio in the Kindschi Hall of Science. Melick helps faculty members create videos using the lightboard.

Students can apply for AWRI internship

The Annis Water Resources Institute, in Muskegon, is accepting applications from students who want to apply for the Herbert L. VanderMey Internship.

The internship is open to undergraduate students in the winter semester. The deadline to apply is November 6; details and criteria needed to apply are online at www.gvsu.edu/wri/internships.

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Brandsen named new director for TRIO Upward Bound

Josh Brandsen was named director of the TRIO Upward Bound program. He had served as associate director.

Brandsen takes over for longtime director Arnie Smithalexander, who held that position for 37 years. She is entering a phased retirement and will serve in a TRIO specialist role for the College of Education.

Brandsen is beginning his 12th year in the TRIO Upward Bound office. One of Grand Valley's federally funded TRIO programs, Upward Bound serves 100 Grand Rapids Public high school students, providing year-round programming to ensure a successful transition into college.

Upward Bound students are often the first in their families to attend college, as was Brandsen. "I do talk with them about my path," Brandsen said. "This job is so much more than teaching, it's getting to know the students personally."

Beginning in the winter semester, the College of Education will take on administration of the TRIO SSS Teacher Preparation program

and collaborate with the Upward Bound program. Smithalexander and Brandsen wrote a grant that will serve 140 students who are pursuing bachelor's degrees with teacher certification. The application process to be admitted into the program will begin soon, she said.

Smithalexander said she is leaving the administration of Upward Bound in good hands with Brandsen at the helm.

"He has the dedication to students that is necessary to this position," she said.

Brandsen earned bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Grand Valley.

Josh Brandsen



What's Ahead

Events planned to raise awareness of sexual violence

The Women's Center will host events and activities throughout October in recognition of national Dating and Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The month will kick off with the launch of HopeLine phone collection, a month-long phone drive to collect used cell phones for those affected by domestic violence. The collection is organized in partnership with community groups and Verizon Wireless. Used phones can be dropped off at the Women's Center, 1201 Kirkhof Center.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Women's Center at x12748.

- **Clothesline Project, October 5-16;** organized by Eyes Wide Open, displays in Kirkhof Center and DeVos Center will share messages of hope and personal stories of dating and domestic violence. Students, faculty and staff members can create a t-shirt for the display in the Women's Center.

- **"The Hunting Ground" film, October 6, 6 p.m., Cook-DeWitt Center;** the award-winning documentary spotlights sexual assault on college campuses. Learn more at www.thehuntinggroundfilm.com.

- **Bystander Intervention Training, October 16, 12:30-5 p.m., Mary Idema Pew Library;** trainers from the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence will teach students, faculty and staff members on how to be effective bystanders in situations of domestic violence, sexual assault, bullying and other situations. The training is part of Grand Valley's It's On Us initiative.

- **Silent Witness, October 26, noon, Kirkhof Center, room 2263;** life-sized silhouettes that will be displayed on campus during October will be gathered and the individual stories on each piece will be read out loud.

- **"Telling Amy's Story" film, panel discussion, October 27, 7:30 p.m., Kirkhof Center, Pere Marquette Room;** the 15-minute documentary follows the timeline of a domestic violence homicide that occurred in Pennsylvania in 2001.

Police chief to give presentation at Her Story

Grand Valley Police Chief Renee Freeman will be the next presenter in the Her Story series, which provides the campus community an opportunity to hear authentic stories of leadership from women on campus.

Freeman's presentation is set for Tuesday, October 6, from noon-1 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, room 2204. Participants can feel free to bring their lunches.

Freeman was named police chief in 2014. She had worked for the Grand Haven Department of Public Safety and was also an adjunct instructor for Grand Valley's Police Academy.

The Her Story series is sponsored by the Women's Center and Women's Commission. Visit www.gvsu.edu/wcommission to learn more.

Additional climate study forum set

A fourth forum to discuss the upcoming campus climate survey will be held on Wednesday, October 7.

The event will begin at noon in the Mary Idema Pew Library Learning and Information Commons, multipurpose room. Participants can feel free to bring their lunches, refreshments will be provided.

The myGVSU Campus Climate Survey 2015 will be open from November 12-22. Students, faculty and staff members will receive an email with a link to the survey. More information about the survey is online at www.gvsu.edu/mygvsu.

Arts at Noon lecture to explore links between prostitution, music

The 38th season of the Arts at Noon series breaks from its traditional concert format to present a lecture examining the nexus between prostitution, music, dance, sexuality and an underground cultural economy during the late 1800s and early 1900s.

Dale Cockrell, a specialist in 19th century American music and professor emeritus of musicology at Vanderbilt University, will present "Blood on Fire: Sex, Music and Dance from Minstrelsy to Jazz" on Wednesday, October 7, at noon in the Cook-DeWitt Center.

Cockrell's presentation will focus on 1840-1917 when thousands of brothels, concert saloons and dance halls provided well-paying livelihoods for working musicians who composed energetic music for dancing. Cockrell explained that the development of the musical foundations in this time period led to the vibrant music of the 20th century in America.

Cockrell also serves as a research associate at the University of the Free State in Bloemfontein, South Africa.

All Arts at Noon concerts will take place in the Cook-DeWitt Center on the Allendale Campus, begin at noon, and last approximately

one hour. Each concert is free and open to the public.

For more information, call the Music and Dance Department at x13484.

Film series spotlights ancient texts

The 2015 Classics Film and Stage series "Mimesis" will aim to show students how ancient texts continue to translate into modern literatures and productions when it continues on Wednesday, October 7.

David Crane, assistant professor of Classics, said the value of the series for both classics and non-classics majors lies in the heightened awareness of the enduring charms of classical traditions.

"It's fascinating to trace how adaptable classical plots have proved to be across different media and cultures," Crane said. "This series aims to showcase that diversity to its fullest, from a gospel music rendition of Oedipus' final days to a cartoon version of the violent and troubled hero, Hercules."

All screenings will take place at 6 p.m. in Lake Michigan Hall, room 176.

- October 7: "Gospel at Colonus (Bob Telson and Lee Breuer, 1985)

- November 11: "Medea" (Pier Paolo Pasolini, 1969)

- December 2: "Alexander" (Oliver Stone, 2004)

- December 9: "Hercules" (Ron Clements and John Musker, 1997)

The series is sponsored by the Classics Department. For more information, contact Crane at craned@gvsu.edu.

Study abroad events set for two campuses

The Padnos International Center will host a study abroad fair Thursday, October 8.

The event will run from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room. More than 60 study abroad programs will be represented by program directors, university partners or students.

Raffles will be held throughout the event and refreshments served. For details, visit www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad.

A study abroad advising day is set for the Pew Grand Rapids Campus on October 15, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in the DeVos Center.

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Interfaith leader to give presentation

A world-renowned interfaith leader will visit Grand Valley on Thursday, October 8, to discuss how differences in religious identities can become conduits for collaboration rather than obstructions.

Eboo Patel, founder and president of Interfaith Youth Core, will present "Interfaith Leadership: Engaging Religious and Philosophical Diversity in the 21st Century" from 8-9:30 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room. The event is sponsored by the Kaufman Interfaith Institute.

Katie Gordon, Kaufman Interfaith Institute program manager, said Patel is an inspiring and engaging storyteller who motivates communities and campuses to find the roots within their own traditions in order to make a difference in the world.

"Eboo argues that we will only be able to seriously address the issues that face us if we do so collectively and collaboratively by building bridges of cooperation rather than barriers of division out of our distinct traditions," Gordon said. "Eboo lays out a clear vision and framework for students to apply their passions onto social issues in their community."

Patel is the author of *Acts of Faith*, *Sacred Ground* and the forthcoming publication *Interfaith Leadership*. He also previously served on President Obama's Inaugural Faith Council and regularly contributes to the public conversation around religion in America by speaking on the topic of religious pluralism. Patel earned his doctorate degree in sociology of religion from Oxford University, where he studied on a Rhodes scholarship.

For more information, contact the Kaufman Interfaith Institute at interfaith@gvsu.edu or visit <http://bit.ly/EbooPatelGVSU>.



Eboo Patel will give a presentation on campus on October 8 in the Kirkhof Center.

FACULTY AND STAFF SKETCHES

Sketches

Jann-Huei Jinn, professor of statistics, co-authored an article, “A Statistical Analysis of Testlets — A Parametric Approach,” published in *American Review of Mathematics and Statistics*.

Josh Veazey, affiliate faculty of physics, wrote an article, “Electron Pairing Without Superconductivity,” published in the journal *Nature*.

Craig Benjamin, professor of history, honors, gave three presentations on Big History and the use of technology in the classroom at the

Third International Colloquium on the Teacher Student Relationship in the Digital Age, at the Sri Atmananda Memorial School in Kerala, India.

Roy Cole, professor of geography and planning, served as editor for an issue of the *Michigan Academician*, the journal of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters.

Chemistry faculty members **Felix Ngassa** and **Shannon Biros** co-authored an article, “Crystal Structure of 2,4-Dinitrophenyl 4-methylbenzenesulfonate: A New Polymorph,” published in the journal *Acta Crystallographica E*.

Michael Webster, professor of English, wrote a chapter, “Cummings Rewrites Eliot,” in a book, *T. S. Eliot, France, and the Mind of Europe*, published by Cambridge Scholars.

Ben Lockerd, professor of English, wrote a chapter, “A People without History’: Eliot’s Critique of Evolutionary History,” in a book, *T. S. Eliot, France, and the Mind of Europe*, published by Cambridge Scholars.

What’s Ahead

Opera Theatre teams with local arts companies for ‘Dido and Aeneas’

GVSU Opera Theatre students will bring to life a story that hasn’t been seen in Grand Rapids for more than 50 years.

Performances of “Dido and Aeneas” are scheduled for October 9 at 7:30 p.m., October 10 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and October 11 at 2 p.m. All shows will take place at the Peter Martin Wege Theatre, 341 Ellsworth Avenue SW in Grand Rapids.

The story was written in 1688 by Henry Purcell and reimagined for modern audiences. In it, Dido, the queen of Carthage, is visited by the young Aeneas, a hero of Greek mythology. Their love quickly grows, but a sorceress plots to destroy their love and sends a false messenger to command Aeneas to leave Carthage to found the city of Rome. Torn by his love for Dido and obeying the commands of the gods, Aeneas leaves Carthage. After his departure, Dido dies of grief and a broken heart.

“Dido and Aeneas” is a collaborative performance also spotlighting Grand Valley’s Early Music Ensemble, Grand Rapids Ballet School’s Junior Ballet, Chamber Choir of Grand Rapids and Daredevil Circus Company.

“It is such a good experience to work side-by-side with artists in West Michigan, not only because of their professional caliber and attitude, but also for the connections we are able to make as upcoming professionals ourselves,” said Valerie Beck, senior voice major portraying Dido. “They set a higher standard for us and we work harder to reach that standard.”

For more information and to order tickets, contact the Grand Rapids Ballet box office at (616) 454-4771 ext. 10, or visit www.grballet.com/2015-16-season/dido-aeneas/.



Performances of ‘Dido and Aeneas’ will run October 9-11 at the Wege Theatre in Grand Rapids.

There is no charge for faculty and staff members, their dependents and retirees. Students can get the cost of the vaccine billed to their student accounts by presenting student IDs at the clinics.

Below are flu vaccine clinic dates, times and locations. New this year, faculty and staff members can sign up for a clinic online at www.gvsu.edu/sprout and receive a reminder via email.

- October 12, 9-10 a.m.: Meijer Campus in Holland, room 104
- October 19, noon-2 p.m.: Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences, room 127
- October 20, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: DeVos Center, student project area
- October 22, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: Kirkhof Center, room 1142
- October 30, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: Kirkhof Center, room 1142
- November 2, 4:30-7 p.m.: GVSU Family Health Center, 72 Sheldon Blvd SE in Grand Rapids
- November 3, 4-6 p.m.: Kirkhof Center, room 1142

The GVSU Family Health Center will accept walk-ins during office hours. Appointments at the center can be scheduled by calling (616) 988-8774; for office hours, visit www.gvsu.edu/fhc/.

For the second year, the Michigan Department of Community Health is hosting a college student challenge. A trophy will be awarded to the college or university that records the most student vaccinations. Grand Valley’s Premed Club is leading the student challenge.

Registration open for pedometer challenge

Health and Wellness is hosting its annual pedometer challenge, allowing faculty and staff members to compete for prizes by tracking their steps.

The challenge, which is part of the “Battle of the Valleys” competition with Saginaw Valley State University, will take place from October 12-November 20.

Participants are encouraged to form teams of four, but individuals may sign up as free agents and be placed on a team. The challenge is divided into two categories: competitive (teams compete to get the most steps), and team goal (allows each team member to set an individual goal).

Last year roughly 400 people participated in the challenge.

Pedometers are provided by Health and Wellness, but individuals may also use their own. Steps are tracked using a recently revamped online portal. Teams and individuals can now compare their steps to others participating in the challenge.

Individuals without a team can email welintrn@gvsu.edu to be matched with others. Registration is open, visit www.gvsu.edu/healthwellness/pc/.

Flu vaccine clinics run through November

Grand Valley will again offer flu vaccines to students, faculty and staff members and their dependents, retirees and community members.

Vaccination clinics will continue through November 3 on the Allendale Campus. Dates, times and locations are below.

Kimberly Fenbert, nurse practitioner at the GVSU Family Health Clinic, said the quadravalent vaccine will be administered to the campus community. It provides coverage for all four strains of the flu virus, Fenbert said, adding she and other professionals expect this flu season to be especially harsh.