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## Haas announces retirement effective in 2019

In an emotional speech, President Thomas J. Haas announced he will retire effective June 30, 2019.

Haas made the announcement February 28 in the Haas Center for Performing Arts before faculty and staff members, and members of Student Senate.

"I don't want to sound like this is a goodbye," he said. "I'm announcing my retirement now so the board has the best opportunity to find the right candidate for the next phase of Grand Valley's continued growth in quality and its stature. We have a culture that nurtures innovation with excellence, and that will continue."

Haas, 66, became the university's fourth president in 2006 and has led Grand Valley through a steady period of managed growth and success. He has consistently credited his wife, Marcia, for her support of him and the university, and he has always led with the idea that students come first.

John C. Kennedy, chair of the Board of Trustees,

said Haas has brought a wonderful mix of experiences to Grand Valley and the university has certainly prospered under his leadership. Kennedy then thanked Haas using a Coast Guard analogy.

"Certainly, if you look at the many accomplishments of Tom, when he said, 'Leave the unit better than when you found it,' I think you clearly have," Kennedy said.

Under Haas' leadership, Grand Valley has added 30 undergraduate programs and 16 graduate programs. It opened the Detroit Center and has added 2.5 million square feet in buildings. Haas has positioned the university as a leader in sustainability with 21 LEED silver, gold or platinum buildings.

Jonathan Bowman, president of Student Senate, said when he heard the announcement he couldn't imagine Grand Valley without Haas.

"Then I realized that President Haas will never, truly leave Grand Valley, and that's the cool thing about a Laker Effect, it never ends,"



Photo by Bernadine Carey-Tucker

President Thomas J. Haas returns to his seat after announcing that he will retire in 2019.

Bowman said. "He has impacted this university in such a profound way that we will always have a piece of him here, even after he leaves.

The Board of Trustees will serve as the search committee to select Grand Valley's

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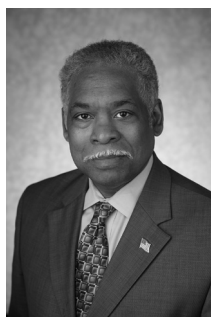
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### Longtime head of Facilities Planning to retire

James Moyer, associate vice president for Facilities Planning and member of the President's Cabinet, is retiring March 31.

During Moyer's 22-year career at Grand Valley, he managed the development of more than four million square feet of expansion at the university, including major building projects at the Allendale and Grand Rapids campuses and centers in Muskegon.

Moyer came to Grand Valley as director of Facilities Planning in 1996; he was promoted to assistant vice president in 2004 and associate vice president in 2012. He earned a bachelor's degree in architecture from Howard University in 1971 and has held memberships in the American Institute of Architects, U.S. Green Building Council, National Organization of Minority Architects, and more.



James Moyer

"James is an inspirational leader and gifted professional," said D. Scott Richardson, acting vice president for Finance and Administration. "He will always be known for the positive changes he made on our campuses, not just in facilities, but in so many other ways."

A retirement celebration for Moyer will be held March 28, 4-6 p.m. in the Alumni House, with remarks at 4:30 p.m.

Effective April 1, Karen Ingle will assume the role of associate vice president for Facilities Planning. Ingle is currently a senior project manager and team leader in Facilities Planning.

Also effective April 1, Shannon Sullivan, senior project manager and team leader, will be promoted to director of construction, and Jim Flanders, project manager 2, will be promoted to senior project manager.

### DeHaan named director of public safety

Capt. Brandon DeHaan has been named director of public safety and chief of police at Grand Valley. DeHaan had been serving as acting director and chief since October 2017; the promotion is effective immediately.

DeHaan was hired as an officer in the Grand Valley Police Department in 1987. He was promoted to sergeant in 1997 and in 2004 was promoted to assistant director of public safety services and then captain. He is also the Clery compliance officer for GVPD.



Brandon DeHaan

### Volunteers needed at SSD

The Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarship is seeking volunteer faculty and staff members to ensure a successful Student Scholars Day.

The 22nd annual event will be held April 11. Each year more than 100 volunteers are needed to make the event successful.

Volunteers are needed to fill two-hour time blocks to assist with a variety of tasks including staffing registration, hosting sessions, and greeting participants and spectators.

Register online at [gvsu.edu/ours/ssd](http://gvsu.edu/ours/ssd). Questions can be directed to [ours@gvsu.edu](mailto:ours@gvsu.edu).

# ACROSS CAMPUS

## Conferences impact local economy, grants available

Regional or national conferences held in Grand Rapids between 2017-2020 and spearheaded by Grand Valley faculty members will have a local economic impact of more than \$3.9 million.

Faculty members have received grants from Experience Grand Rapids, which awards between \$250-\$1,000 (depending on the estimated number of participants) to help facilitate costs associated with hosting a conference in West Michigan.

For more information, contact Nancy Ruppert at (616) 233-3549 or [nruppert@experiencegr.com](mailto:nruppert@experiencegr.com).



Photo by Megan Dunn

Peter Anderson, professor of Classics, is pictured at a 2017 American Classical League conference he helped bring to Grand Valley with assistance from an Experience Grand Rapids grant.

Below is a list of conferences that have been or will be facilitated by faculty members between 2017-2020, and the estimated economic impact of each event.

- Annual Institute of the American Classical League 2017; Peter Anderson, professor of Classics, received a \$750 grant; event economic value: \$276,186.
- Society for Ecological Restoration Midwest Meeting 2017; Todd Aschenbach, associate professor of biology, received a \$750 grant; event economic value: \$183,228.
- Agricultural History Society Annual Convention 2017; David Zwart, assistant professor of history, received a \$750 grant; event economic value: \$204,230.
- The Privilege Institute's White Privilege Conference 2018; C.J. Mehall, affiliate professor of teaching and learning, received a \$1,000 grant;

estimated event economic value: \$1.58 million.

- Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science SIPS Conference 2018; Katherine Corker, assistant professor of psychology, received a \$750 grant; estimated event economic value: \$104,954.
- Association for Research in Personality Biennial ARP Conference 2019; Corker received a \$750 grant; estimated event economic value: \$178,774.
- American Association of Physics Teachers AAPT Summer National Meeting 2020; Bradley Ambrose, professor of physics, received a \$1,000 grant; estimated event economic value: \$1.41 million.

Experience Grand Rapids measures the economic value of an event and its return on investment for the local economy using the Destination International's Event Impact Calculator.

## Retention Focus: Class registration begins soon

Registration for spring/summer, fall and winter semesters will begin March 19.

Faculty and staff members can remind students that they can look up their specific registration date online at [gvsu.edu/calendar](http://gvsu.edu/calendar), and click on "Registration Calendar."

Students are encouraged to prepare for the next academic year by also checking their myPath and meeting with their advisor. myPath is an online tool in myBanner that guides students in selecting coursework, understanding degree requirements and developing a plan.

## Voting continues for Laker Effect Challenge

Online voting for projects submitted for the winter semester Laker Effect Challenge continues through Wednesday, March 14.

The challenge invites teams of students, faculty and staff, plus a community partner to enter projects that could create lasting change; 21 projects have been submitted.

Projects can be viewed online at [gvsu.edu/challenge](http://gvsu.edu/challenge). Seven projects with the most votes will be invited to give five-minute presentations on

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Grand Valley State University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity institution.

## GVPD give tips in event of active threat

Following the March 2 shooting at Central Michigan University, the Grand Valley Police Department is reminding the campus community how to respond during an active threat on campus.

GVPD said remember the rule: run, hide, fight.

### Run:

- Have an escape route plan in mind;
- Leave your belongings;
- Keep your hands visible;
- Do not pull a fire alarm. This can put others in harm's way;
- Keep objects or buildings between you and the hostile intruder.

### Hide:

- Hide in an area out of the suspect's view;
- Lock all doors and place objects to block or barricade entry into your hiding place;
- Turn off lights, silence cellphones, close blinds;
- Dial 911 only when safe to do so.

### Fight:

- As a last resort and only when your life is in imminent danger;



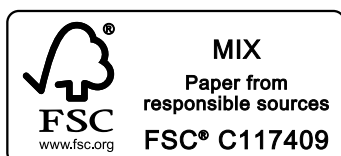
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During an active shooter demonstration March 7, participants stack chairs and desks against a door.

- Act with others to incapacitate the suspect;
- Act with physical aggression and throw items at the suspect.

For more information, including how to respond during other emergencies, like a fire, tornado or bomb threat, visit [gvsu.edu/emergency](http://gvsu.edu/emergency), and click "Do you know what to do?"

Visit [gvsu.edu/gvnow](http://gvsu.edu/gvnow) to see a video about what to do in case of an active threat on campus.



# WHAT'S AHEAD

## Women's History Month events continue through March

March as Women's History Month will be commemorated on campus through lectures, panel discussions and annual celebrations.

Coordinated by the Center for Women and Gender Equity, events are sponsored by multiple campus departments and can be viewed online at [gvsu.edu/cwge](http://gvsu.edu/cwge). Highlighted events are listed below.

- **Community Reading Project Lecture; March 13, 7 p.m., Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room:** Rebecca Traister, author of *All the Single Ladies: Unmarried Women and the Rise of the Independent Nation*, will give a lecture followed by a book signing.

- **Faith and Feminism Panel; March 15, 7 p.m., Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room:** Campus Interfaith Resources will host a panel discussion about the impact of faith on modern day feminism.

- **Annual EqualiTEA; March 19, 3 p.m., Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room:** The CWGE will host the 15th annual tea, providing time for discussion, entertainment and refreshments. RSVP online at [gvsu.edu/cwge/equalitea](http://gvsu.edu/cwge/equalitea).

- **Celebrating Women Awards, March 29, 3 p.m., Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room:** The Women's Commission will host its annual awards celebration, recognizing campus members who have made positive impacts on the lives of women and girls. RSVP online at [gvsu.edu/wcommission](http://gvsu.edu/wcommission).

## Citizen University CEO to lead Wheelhouse Talk

The divisive politics of 2017 and 2018 have led to an increase in citizen-driven protest and political engagement not seen since the end of the Vietnam War, with citizens leading calls for change on various topics.

With that political climate in mind, the Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies will host Eric Liu, founder and CEO of Citizen University, a program which promotes and teaches the art of powerful citizenship, as the next speaker in the center's Wheelhouse Talks series. Liu was also a White House speechwriter and policy advisor for President Bill Clinton.

"Eric Liu Wheelhouse Talk: Leadership and Citizen Empowerment Across the Political Divide" is set for Wednesday, March 14, 7 p.m. at the Eberhard Center. The event is free and open to the public, but registration is requested at [gvsu.edu/hcevents](http://gvsu.edu/hcevents).

Liu is an author, educator and civic entrepreneur. His most recent book is *You're More Powerful Than You Think: A Citizen's Guide to Making Change Happen*.

## Professional School Fair free for students

The annual Professional School Fair is set for Thursday, March 15, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, second floor.

More than 80 professional schools are expected. View a list of confirmed schools online at [gvsu.edu/clasadvising](http://gvsu.edu/clasadvising).

The fair, free to all students, is sponsored by

the Pre-Professional Council, CLAS Advising Center, and College of Health Professions.

## Workshop focuses on 'sandwich generation'

Health and Wellness will host a workshop for the "sandwich generation," people who are taking care of aging parents as well as children or grandchildren.

The event is set for March 20 from noon-1:15 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, rooms 2215/2216. Dianne Green-Smith, director of the School of Social Work, will lead the discussion.

People from the following area resources will also be available to answer questions: Age Wise, Alzheimer's Association, Area Agency on Aging of West Michigan, Crossroads, Encompass, Ottawa County, and Seniors Moving Smarter.

Faculty and staff members who participate are welcome to bring their lunches; RSVP for the event online at [gvsu.edu/sprout](http://gvsu.edu/sprout).

## Presenter at Wesorick event will discuss purposeful life

Participants at the fifth annual Distinguished Wesorick Lectureship will learn about living a purposeful life from someone who thought his world had ended.

Victor Strecher is the author of *Life on Purpose: How Living for What Matters Most Changes Everything*. Strecher's life changed after his daughter, Julia, died from a rare heart disease. He coupled his grief with his research and background in behavioral science to pinpoint the impact of purpose in life and how it impacts overall health and happiness.



Victor Strecher

The event is set for March 21 from 6-7 p.m. at the DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium. The lecture is free and open to the public; it will be followed by an author reception and opportunity to purchase Strecher's book. It is approved for LIB 100 courses. Seating is limited, register online at [gvsu.edu/wesorick](http://gvsu.edu/wesorick).

Evelyn Clingerman, executive director of The Bonnie Wesorick Center for Health Care Transformation, said Strecher's moving story links real-world experience with scientific evidence.

"He explains how living a purposeful life increases our quality and longevity of life and diminishes our risk for certain long-term chronic health conditions," Clingerman said.

Strecher is also professor and director for Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship at the University of Michigan School of Public Health.

## Performances of 'J.B.' set for Haas Center

Is there any meaning to human suffering? Is great wealth an indicator of anything? Is there a God or a Satan?

These are just a few of the moral questions that Grand Valley students will explore during upcoming performances of "J.B."

Performances of "J.B." will take place March 23, 24, 28, 29, and 30, at 7:30 p.m.; and March 25 and 31, at 2 p.m. All performances will take place in Louis Armstrong Theatre, located in the Haas Center for Performing Arts. For ticket information, contact the box office by calling x12300. Tickets are also available via [Startickets.com](http://Startickets.com).

Written by Archibald MacLeish, winner of three Pulitzer Prize awards (including for "J.B."), the story takes place in an enormous circus tent. Two vendors, Mr. Zuss and Nickles, begin to perform a play by assuming the roles of God and Satan, respectively. The pair overhears J.B., a wealthy banker, describe his prosperity as a just reward for his faithfulness to God.

Scorning him, Nickles wagers that J.B. will curse God if his life is ruined. After numerous terrible life events happen to J.B., he is left living on the streets, but is later visited by three Comforters (representing history, science and religion) who each offer a different explanation for his plight.

Roger Ellis, "J.B." director and professor of theater, said he has been hoping to stage this particular production at Grand Valley for many years.

"Not only is it unusual because it's a poetic drama, but it's also an epic religious drama on a level with the great Christian cycle and mystery plays of the Middle Ages," said Ellis. "I love the circus setting and the clowning enactment that reminds us all that 'all the world's a stage.'"

For more information about "J.B.," visit [gvsu.edu/theatre](http://gvsu.edu/theatre).

## Alumni reporter who broke Nassar story to speak on campus

Larry Nassar will spend the rest of his life in prison, serving sentences for sexual abuse of more than 160 young women and possession of child pornography, but the road to justice started with investigative reporting by Marisa Kwiatkowski and her colleagues from the *Indianapolis Star*.

Kwiatkowski, a 2005 Grand Valley graduate, said she hopes to demonstrate the power of journalism and its role in explaining and uncovering complex systems during her presentation.

"Local Reporting, National Impact: Marisa Kwiatkowski on Breaking the USA Gymnastics Story," is set for March 26, 6 p.m., DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium. This event is free and open to the public.

"The kind of journalism we do is not taking things at face value," Kwiatkowski said. "What made our investigation different was we were able to show for the first time that there was a policy that USA Gymnastics executives had followed, and that policy had real implications for the safety of children in the sport."

The event is hosted by the School of Communications Robert Mayberry COMM-UNITY series.

The Robert Mayberry COMM-UNITY Series celebrates Mayberry's academic vision of diverse academic programs forging a productive connection for students and for the Grand Valley community.

# FACULTY AND STAFF SKETCHES

## IN THE NEWS

### Campus mourns death of former employees

**Frederick Bevis**, emeritus professor of biology, died February 20; he was 83.

Bevis began teaching at Grand Valley in 1964 and was a founding member of the biology department in 1967, then called the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences. He retired from Grand Valley in 1995.

Bevis served a term as chair of the Biology Department toward the end of his career. A celebration of Bevis' life will take place on June 1, from 3-5 p.m., in Padnos Hall, room 308.

**Edward William Haurek** died February 26 after a battle with Alzheimer's disease. He was 80.

Haurek worked at Grand Valley from 1971-1983 as a faculty member in anthropology and sociology. He returned as a visiting faculty member from 1989-1999. A service was held March 5 in Grand Rapids.

**Maxine R. Rogowski**, who worked in the Department of Public Safety, died February 15, she was 84.

Rogowski began working for Grand Valley as a professional support staff member in 1980, she retired in 1996. A graveside service will be held at Holy Cross Cemetery in Grand Rapids at a future date.

**Charles Sorensen** died February 23, following complications from a recent stroke. He was 77.

Sorensen served as dean of the College of

Arts and Sciences. He also served as chair of the History Department and was one of the founders of the annual Great Lakes History Conference. There will be a celebration of Sorensen's life in May in Florida.

### Brooks College hosts Sabbatical Showcase

Five faculty members from Brooks College gave presentations on recent sabbaticals during two showcase dates in late February.

• **Craig Benjamin**, professor of history, honors college: his book, *Empires of Eurasia. The First Silk Roads Era*

• **Ayana Weekley**, associate professor

of women, gender, and sexuality studies: "A Critical Analysis of Black Women in *Playboy*, *Cosmopolitan*, and *Essence*, 1970-72"

• **Wendy Burns-Ardolino**, professor of liberal studies: "Still Crushing It: A Cross-Regional Ethnography of Women Triathletes Forty and Beyond"

• **Yan Liang**, associate professor of area and global studies: project explores function that food has played in three works of Chinese martial arts fiction



Photo by Amanda Pitts

Yan Liang gives a presentation about her sabbatical project during a Brooks College showcase.

• **Melanie Shell-Weiss**, associate professor of liberal studies: "A Place for all Things': Creating Native American Community in the Urban Midwest."

## SKETCHES

The **New Music Ensemble** received a \$10,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to support its National Parks project this summer. In 2014 and 2016, the ensemble commissioned composers to write new music inspired by various U.S. national parks, and then performed the pieces at their respective parks.

**Tim Penning**, professor of communications, wrote an article, "High-Performing Corporate Communications Teams: Views of Top CCOs," published in the *Public Relations Journal*. He also wrote a chapter, "Nonprofit Financial Communication: Donors' Preferred Information Types, Qualities and Sources," for a book, *Handbook of Financial Communication and Investor Relations*, and gave a presentation on the research for the Johnson Center for Philanthropy's Lunch and Learn series.

**Tricia Thomas**, assistant dean for practice for KCON, was a co-author of an article, "Developing the Clinical Nurse Leader Survey Instrument: A Modified Delphi Study," published in the *Journal of Nursing Care Quality*.

Chemistry faculty members **Stephanie Schaertel** and **George McBane** were co-authors of an article, "A Low-cost Time-resolved Spectrometer for the Study of Ruby Emission," published in the *Journal of Chemical Education*.

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April 12 at the Eberhard Center on the Pew Grand Rapids Campus.

Judges will award a total of \$5,000 to either one team or several winning teams; the winning poster will receive \$500. Details about the competition timeline are online at [gvsu.edu/challenge](http://gvsu.edu/challenge).

In December, a Kirkhof College of Nursing team won the fall semester Laker Effect Challenge and \$3,000 to support "Moms to Moms Breastfeeding Support," a project to increase awareness and education of breastfeeding among area African American communities. Two other teams each won \$1,000, and a poster team earned \$500.

### Haas will return to classroom after retirement

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fifth president. Kennedy will chair the search committee, and Matthew E. McLogan, vice president for University Relations, will serve as staff to the Presidential Search Committee. An executive search firm will be hired to assist in locating well-qualified and diverse candidates. The board will appoint an advisory committee

### Shakespeare Festival committee seeks campus partners

This fall will mark the 25th anniversary of the Grand Valley Shakespeare Festival, the largest and longest running festival of its kind in Michigan.

"A Silver Coronation: The Grand Valley Shakespeare Effect" will offer a retrospective on the history of the annual festival's impact on not only the campus and West Michigan communities, but global audiences.

The Shakespeare Festival Committee is currently seeking opportunities for campus partners to connect with the festival's

that will consist of trustees Kennedy, Mary Kramer, Megan S. Sall and Kate Pew Wolters, and 11 others who are members of Grand Valley's faculty and staff, and one representative each from the Student Senate, alumni and the general public.

The Presidential Search Advisory Committee, assisted by the search firm and staff, will solicit comments from the university community

mainstage production of "King Lear."

Monica Johnstone, director of communications and advancement for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and committee member, said one example of involvement is Steve Snell, arborist, who plans to plant some of the 23 plants mentioned in the play in the Shakespeare Garden.

Johnstone said possible ways to connect with "King Lear" could include Shakespeare-inspired course elements or co-curricular activities.

A list of campus tie-ins can be found online at [gvsu.edu/shakes](http://gvsu.edu/shakes). For more information, contact Johnstone at [johnstmo@gvsu.edu](mailto:johnstmo@gvsu.edu).

and public constituencies on the needs for Grand Valley and the qualifications for the next president.

After a break following his retirement, Haas will return to the classroom at Grand Valley as a professor of chemistry.