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Book centers on role of dialect on U.P. culture

Kathryn Remlinger, professor of English, did not want to title her new book *Yooper Talk*. She said it fed into the stereotypes of the very people she researched for more than 16 years.

“The word ‘Yooper’ has positive connotations for many and it’s a negative term for others,” Remlinger said during a September 14 presentation about the book, *Yooper Talk: Dialect as Identity in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula*, centered on the language and culture of Upper Peninsula residents.

She had a more academic title in mind, but in the end, the publisher, University of Wisconsin Press, won, saying it fit with similar titles in a series.

Remlinger, a native of Ohio, explained how her research started shortly after she earned a doctorate in gender, language and sexuality from Michigan Tech. “My Ph.D. gave me a perspective of how to study language in regard to place, and not a lot of research had been done about the dialect,” she said. “This was a way for me to give back to the community that had given me so much.”

The uniqueness of the language does not solely

exist within the U.P., Remlinger said. Influenced by immigrants from Finland, Sweden, Germany and other countries, elements of the language can be found throughout the Midwest and Canada.

Her research focused on how the dialect and culture played roles in shaping the regional identity of U.P. residents. Remlinger interviewed 75 lifelong residents in a longitudinal study to gauge if their perceptions of the Yooper identity have changed.

Debbie Morrow, Grand Valley liaison librarian, lived in the U.P. from 1984-1991 while working in the MTU library. She attended Remlinger’s presentation and said her Tech colleagues quickly introduced her to terms like “pank” (pat until flat) and “bakery” (any type of baked item).

“When I started working at Grand Valley, I noticed parallels between the effects of the Finnish heritage in the western U.P. and the strong Dutch heritage in West Michigan,”



Photo by Bri Luginbill

Kathryn Remlinger discusses her book, ‘Yooper Talk,’ in the Kirkhof Center during an event sponsored by the Kutsche Office of Local History.

Morrow said. “Pride in family and cultural traditions, and connection to the locale were evident in colleagues and neighbors in both places.”

For more information about *Yooper Talk*, visit wpress.wisc.edu.

ACROSS CAMPUS

Campus supports hurricane relief efforts

The campus community collected enough supplies to make and ship more than 200 hygiene kits and many more supplies to Texas to support victims of Hurricane Harvey. The collection drive was sponsored by the Alliance of Professional Support Staff.



The Alliance of Professional Support Staff organized a collection drive on campus to send hygiene kits to victims of Hurricane Harvey.

Students who are members of the Public Health Society also collected donations for hygiene kits for hurricane victims in Texas, Florida and the Caribbean.

Ranelle Brew, associate professor and chair of public health, said the student organization partnered with Creston Brewery, which matched PHS’s \$200 donation and also donated \$1 for every pint sold on September 14. The group assembled 167 kits and raised \$370.

Flu shot clinics begin October 4

Grand Valley will again offer flu shot clinics for students, faculty and staff members, dependents, retirees and community members.

The cost of the vaccine is covered for faculty and staff members, dependents and retirees. Students can have the \$40 cost directly billed to their health insurance, charged to their student account, or bring payment (cash, check, credit card); students should bring their driver’s license, insurance card and Grand Valley student ID.

The clinics are staffed by the GVSU Family Health Center, which is operated by the Kirkhof College of Nursing. Appointments are needed for children between the ages of 6 months-3

years old, parents/guardians should call the center at (616) 988-8774.

Dates, times and locations are listed below. Save time in line by bringing a completed form, available online at gvsu.edu/fhc/flu.

- October 4: 4-7 p.m., Kirkhof Center (during Wellness Summit); and 5-7 p.m., GVSU Family Health Center, 72 Sheldon Blvd. SE
- October 6: 9-10 a.m., Annis Water Resources Institute, Muskegon, LMC 225
- October 9: noon-2 p.m., Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences, room 127
- October 10: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., DeVos Center, Student Project Area
- October 16: 8-11 a.m., CHS, room 127
- October 17: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room
- October 18: noon-2 p.m., Holton-Hooker Learning and Living Center, multipurpose room
- October 20: 9-10 a.m., Meijer Campus in Holland, room 104

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- October 25: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room
- October 26: 5-7 p.m., GVSU Family Health Center, 72 Sheldon Blvd. SE.

Louie the Laker visits Traverse City



Photo courtesy of Jacquelyn Abeyta

Louie the Laker surprised students at the Traverse City Regional Center during the Fall Kickoff on August 30. Jacquelyn Abeyta, office coordinator for the regional center, said more than 80 students attended. Games were played and a raffle was held with prizes donated by Traverse City businesses.

GVSUAlert! Desktop Notification is automatically deployed to classroom and lab sites across all campuses. It is set to load automatically onto faculty/staff Windows 10 computers. To install on a Mac computer or Windows 7/8, visit gvsu.edu/emergency/desktopnotification.

A computer must be logged on, awake and connected to the GVSU network to receive desktop notifications. For more information, visit gvsu.edu/emergency/desktopnotification.

GVNow Recap: Students, faculty will compete in ArtPrize

Grand Valley students and faculty members will be among the participating artists in ArtPrize, which runs through October 8 in Grand Rapids.

- Seven jewelry and metalsmithing students will be displaying their work in the ArtPrize entry exhibition, “Unexpected Pleasures”; Location: Studio_Us, 343 S. Division Ave.
- “The Network” by Bill Hosterman, associate professor of art and design; Location: Dime & Regal (209 Division Ave. South, suite 105)
- “Every Pen Has A Story” by Maria Landon, affiliate faculty of business; Location: Kilwins (146 Monroe Center St. NW)
- “Escape” by Chris Gillespie, SAP system administrator; Location: Brothers Leather Supply Company (15 Division Ave. South).

Replica of Vietnam Wall on campus

Dozens of area military veterans and law enforcement officials led by the Patriot Guard Riders escorted The Wall That Heals from the Allendale Campus to Fifth Third Ballpark September 20.

The Wall That Heals, a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., was on public display at Fifth Third Ballpark September 21-24, as part of LZ Michigan, an event to remember, honor and celebrate veterans and their family members.

WGVU Public Media is a co-sponsor of LZ Michigan and helped bring The Wall That Heals to Grand Rapids.

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Desktop notifications added to university alert system

Grand Valley has partnered with Alertus Technologies to enhance campus communication during an emergency. Desktop Notification is now part of the GVSUAlert! Emergency Notification System.

When Grand Valley issues an emergency alert, the alert message will automatically be displayed on university computers in a full-screen pop-up alert. Sgt. William O'Donnell, emergency manager, said the pop-up alerts are in addition to the alert received in email or on mobile devices, and are not meant to replace them.

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GVFACES

Adriana Almanza, Assistant Director, OMA

Adriana Almanza values the personal relationships she formed as both an undergraduate and graduate student at Grand Valley and is proud to be making similar relationships with students in her current role as assistant director for the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

“Grand Valley is a really great place for students, faculty and staff to get a small-base feel,” she said. “We are able to create relationships with students. We have a lot of resources and opportunities for students, but the relationships that you create here go beyond that.”

Almanza was born and raised in Greenville, but her family is from Mexico. After earning a bachelor's degree, she volunteered for nonprofit organizations then worked in Grand Valley's Admissions Office for almost eight years before moving to the Office of Multicultural Affairs. Almanza also teaches a US 102 course designed to help students develop a plan suited to their needs, goals and career choices.

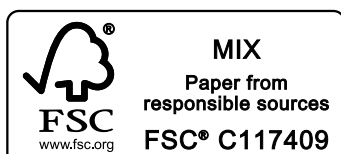
At OMA, Almanza serves as a contact person for students on campus who may need support. She provides success coaching, career planning and social justice training for students. She is also involved with Latino student initiatives on campus such as Laker Familia, Hispanic Heritage Celebration events and the Latino graduation celebration.

In 2015, Almanza was named the Hispanic Advocate of the Year by the Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan.

She said she continues to strive to bring awareness and activism to social justice issues; her area of passion is undocumented student access to higher education opportunities.



Adriana Almanza



WHAT'S AHEAD

Documentary follows journey to Standing Rock

The documentary that follows Native American members from West Michigan on their journey to Standing Rock Indian Reservation will be shown at an event sponsored by the Kutsche Office of Local History.

"We the 7th" will be screened on Tuesday, September 26, from 6-9 p.m. in the Mary Idema Pew Library, multipurpose room. The documentary was produced by Mariano Avila for WGVSU's Mutually Inclusive program.

Panelists Belinda Bardwell, member of the Native American Advisory Board, and Seth Sutton, from Montcalm Community College, will join Avila to discuss the film.

The event is approved for LIB 100/201 courses; for more information, visit gvsu.edu/kutsche.

Design thinking event to focus on power of empathy

Empathy allows people to understand and share the feelings of others, and it is also a key component of the design thinking process, which is used to solve complex problems in the world.

During a campus presentation, the difference between affective empathy (subconscious) and

cognitive empathy (conscious) will be explored, as well as how these concepts apply to design thinking.

"Empathy is the key starting point to true design thinking and understanding the difference between empathy and sympathy is beneficial to meeting the needs of others," said John Berry, director of Grand Valley's Design Thinking Initiative and Design Thinking Academy.

Randy Salzman, a design thinking-based author, educator and consultant, will present "Empathy: Abstract to Application" on September 27, from 6-7 p.m. in the Seidman Center, Loosemore Forum.

"Many people struggle with seeing life through another's eyes, and this presentation expands the human ability to recognize complexity and difference," said Salzman. "Rather than attempt to measure student empathy, we will focus on enlarging students' 'latitude of acceptance' around their own human silos."

For more information, visit gvsu.edu/designthinking.

Lecture on confessions during police interrogations

Why do innocent people confess to crimes during police interrogations? This is one

question that will be answered during the seventh annual James W. Carey Memorial Lecture.

Kyle Scherr, associate professor of psychology at Central Michigan University, will discuss why innocence can still lead to injustice by presenting evidence from wrongful conviction cases and experimental psychological science.

Scherr, who also serves as the director of the Experimental Program at CMU, will present "Arresting Signs: From Miranda Waivers, Through False Confessions to Wrongful Convictions" on Wednesday, September 27, at 7 p.m. in the DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium.

Scherr's current research projects examine the psychology and laws surrounding police interrogations.

Sponsors for this year's Carey Memorial Lecture are the Communication Studies major, School of Communications, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Sociology Department, Psychology Department, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Provost's Office and Psi Chi National Honor Society.

For more information, contact Valerie Peterson, professor of communications, at petersov@gvsu.edu.

Events for week of October 2 are on page 4.

Shakespeare Festival to honor Bard's legacy

For the 24th consecutive year, the Grand Valley Shakespeare Festival will explore and celebrate the life and works of William Shakespeare with multiple events September 29-November 4.

Grand Valley's annual festival is the oldest and largest Shakespeare festival in Michigan and attracts more than 6,000 guests each year.

Students will bring to life what is believed to be the Bard's final solo-written plays. Shakespeare wraps themes of love, betrayal, vengeance, forgiveness, redemption and magic into "The Tempest."

Performances of "The Tempest" will take place September 29 and 30 and October 5, 6 and 7, at 7:30 p.m., and October 1 and 8, at 2 p.m. All performances will take place in Louis Armstrong Theatre, located inside the Thomas J. and Marcia J. Haas Center for Performing Arts. Sign language interpretation will be available during the October 5 performance.

Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors and GVSU alumni, faculty and staff, and \$6 for students and groups. Five percent of total ticket sales for public performances of "The Tempest" will be donated to The American Red Cross to contribute to hurricane relief efforts. Tickets are available at the Louis Armstrong Theatre Box Office, call (616) 331-2300.

Shakespeare Behind Bars

"The Tempest" will be directed by guest artist Curt Tofteland, founder and producing director of Shakespeare Behind Bars, Inc., the oldest North American Shakespeare program that takes place in medium security prisons.

The award-winning documentary, "Shakespeare Behind Bars," traces the success of the program while demonstrating the transformational power of performing Shakespeare's works. A public screening of the documentary and a discussion with Tofteland will take place October 4, at 7 p.m., in Louis Armstrong Theatre.

This year's Shakespeare Festival will welcome guest scholar-in-residence, John Andrews, founder and president of the renowned Shakespeare Guild. Andrews also served as the resident scholar during Grand Valley's first Shakespeare Festival in 1994.

Andrews will give a public lecture in conjunction with performances of "The Tempest," entitled "Why Shakespeare's 'Brave New World' Continues to Resonate: Reflections on The Tempest," on September 29, at 4 p.m., in the Kirkhof Center's Pere Marquette Room. The presentation will be preceded by a reception at 3 p.m. and include a performance of this year's festival Greenshow: "The Devil is an Ass."



Photo by Valerie Wojciechowski

Performances of 'The Tempest,' are scheduled September 29-October 7 and highlight the annual Shakespeare Festival.

Bard to Go

Grand Valley's traveling Shakespeare troupe, Bard to Go, also returns this year with a new 50-minute production, "The Wonder of Will: This Is Your Afterlife!"

This year's production asks what would happen if the Bard was brought back to life and taken on an adventure through his most famous plays. The production includes scenes from "Hamlet," "Richard III," "The Comedy of Errors," "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "Romeo and Juliet," "Macbeth," and "The Merchant of Venice."

Bard to Go will perform for students at various secondary schools and as an ArtPrize entry from noon-5 p.m. on September 30 and October 1 at the Gerald R. Ford Museum in Grand Rapids.

Bard to Go will also perform at 1 p.m. on November 4 in the DeVos Center, Loosemore Auditorium. For more information, visit gvsu.edu/shakes.

FACULTY AND STAFF SKETCHES

IN THE NEWS

Retired faculty member dies

John M. Ritch, retired assistant professor of physical therapy, died August 4. He was 75.

Ritch worked at Grand Valley from 2009-2013. He also held various executive roles at Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital and the Peter Wege Center for Health and Learning.

The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, the Conductive Learning Center in Grand Rapids, or Trinity Lutheran Church. An obituary is posted online at metcalfandjonkhoff.com.

SKETCHES

Sylvia Mupepi, professor of nursing, and a graduate student wrote an article, "Potential Dangers of E-Cigs for Teens and Young Adults," published in the *Grand Rapids Press*.

Susan Mlynarczyk, assistant professor of nursing, had three diagnoses, Ineffective Infant Feeding Dynamics, Ineffective Child Eating Dynamics, and Ineffective Adolescent Eating Dynamics, published in *Nursing Diagnoses: Definitions and Classification 2018-2020*.

Nursing faculty members **Dianne Conrad** and **Amy Manderscheid** gave a presentation, "An Innovative Practice-Based Model for Faculty Scholarship," at the National Doctors of Nursing Practice Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. **Conrad** gave another presentation, "Diversity in Scholarship: The Reach for Tenure," at the conference.

Nursing faculty members **Sandra Spoelstra**, **Marie VanderKooi** and **Dianne Conrad** gave a presentation, "An Innovative Team Approach to Effective and Efficient DNP Scholarly Projects," at the National Doctors of Nursing Practice Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Christine Renner, director of the Pew FTLC and vice provost for Instructional Development and Innovation, will serve as chair-elect of the professional development committee of the Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education.

Michael DeWilde, director of the Koeze Business Ethics Initiative for Seidman College of Business, wrote an article, "Bringing Neuroscience Into the Teaching of Ethics," published in *BizEd Magazine*. He also gave a presentation, "Revolution and Evolution: From Philosophy to Neuroethics in the Curriculum," at the Neuroethics Network Conference in Paris, France.

John Kilbourne, professor of movement science, was interviewed for a documentary film, "The Motivation Factor," which was released for distribution.

Linda Rettig, program advisor for TRIO/STEM Student Support Services, wrote two textbooks, *The Next Step 1* and *The Next Step 2*, geared toward high school students to prepare them for college.

Stephen Glass, acting vice provost and dean of students, and a student wrote an article, "Compensatory Muscle Activation During Unstable Overhead Squat Using A Water-Filled Training Tube," published in the *Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research*.

The **Center for Adult and Continuing Studies** received an outstanding commitment award from the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration Training Institute for providing health and safety training to businesses at the Meijer Campus in Holland for more than 10 years.

WHAT'S AHEAD

Ford Motor Company CEO to speak on campus

Jim Hackett, president and CEO of Ford Motor Company, is the featured speaker for the Peter F. Secchia Breakfast Lecture October 2.

Hackett's speech, "Technology and Human Promise," will begin at 8 a.m. in the L. William Seidman Center on the Pew Grand Rapids Campus. Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m.

Hackett has been at the helm of Ford Motor Company since May 2017 and is a member of the company's board of directors. Prior to serving in this role, he was chairman of Ford Smart Mobility LLC.

At Grand Valley, Hackett served on the 2011 Honorary Executive Cabinet for the Building for Life campaign, the 2005 Honorary Executive Cabinet of the Innovation campaign and on the committee for the Engineering Laboratories Building campaign.

To RSVP, contact the Seidman College of Business at (616) 331-7100.

Wellness Summit, other fitness events planned

The first Wellness Summit on campus will be held on October 4 from 2-8 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, second floor.

Sponsored by the Health and Wellness Task Force, the summit will feature short (5-6 minute) presentations from students,

faculty and staff members; tabling by campus wellness programs and vendors; cooking demonstrations; and a flu vaccine clinic.

Details, including a schedule of presentations, are online at gvsu.edu/bewellgv.

• Walk with the President

The second Walk with the President will be held October 13; the two-mile walk around the Allendale Campus is led by President Thomas J. Haas and draws attention to the Exercise is Medicine initiative.

The walk will begin at 10 a.m. at the Cook Carillon Tower, check-in is at 9:45 a.m. and the first 100 participants will receive a free t-shirt. The Laker Marching Band and Louie the Laker will kick off the walk.

Heather Peddie, affiliate faculty of exercise science, said the global initiative Exercise is Medicine encourages participating colleges and universities to promote physical activity on campus. More information is online at gvsu.edu/eim.

• Pedometer Challenge

The six-week fitness competition will run October 2-November 13. Open to faculty and staff members, the challenge allows participants to track pedometer steps as an individual or team. Team registration is open, visit gvsu.edu/healthwellness/pc/ for information.

Ott Lecture: how new drugs are discovered

How are new drugs discovered? This question will be answered by chemist and educator Brian Shoichet during the Arnold C. Ott Lectureship in Chemistry at Grand Valley.

The presentation will take place October 5 at 6 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room, a reception will begin at 5 p.m.

During his presentation, Shoichet, professor of pharmaceutical chemistry at the University of California, San Francisco, will discuss the social, economic and technological events that have enabled the development of new drug discovery over the past 70 years.

Shoichet will also facilitate a chemistry seminar on October 6, at 1 p.m. in the Kirkhof Center, Pere Marquette Room.

The Arnold C. Ott Lectureship in Chemistry was created and endowed by a gift from the late Arnold C. and Marion Ott. For more information, visit gvsu.edu/chem.

Counseling center participates in screening day

The University Counseling Center will participate in National Depression Screening Day October 5 by offering confidential screenings and providing information about mood-related and anxiety disorders.

Interested students can participate in screenings at the Kirkhof Center from 10 a.m.-noon and 2-6 p.m.; Campus Recreation Center from 2-6 p.m.; DeVos Center, room 125C, from 2-6 p.m.; and the Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

More information, including an online screening questionnaire, is available at gvsu.edu/counsel.



Jim Hackett