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## *Grand Valley prepares students to 'rock the vote'*

As voters are getting ready for the presidential election, Grand Valley is providing students with opportunities to participate.

The university is hosting more than 16 voter registration drives, a student civic week, presidential debate watch parties and a concert to encourage students to vote. Melissa Baker-Boosamra, associate director of Civic Engagement and Assessment for Student Life, said she wants students to deepen their understanding of their role in the community.

"Making sure that students know how to register and understand the nuances of Michigan election law is only one piece of the process," Baker-Boosamra said. "The other is a much broader area dealing with the actual political content."

Grand Valley is working to combat the sentiment that a vote from an average college student will not make a difference. Nikhil Watsa, vice president of external relations for Student Senate, said increased awareness will help students understand the importance of voting.

"Students have been telling us that the biggest reason why they are not politically engaged is a lack of knowledge: a lack of knowledge of how to get registered to vote, and a lack of knowledge of what is going in politics," said Watsa.

Grand Valley is hosting its first Student Civic Assembly Week September 26-30. This week-long series of events is meant to encourage and empower students to participate in their democracy. Visit [www.gvsu.edu/service/](http://www.gvsu.edu/service/) for details.

Baker-Boosamra said Student Civic Assembly Week is meant to provide students with the opportunity to connect with others who are interested in engaging in public issues and to learn how to do so with civility.

"It's not just about students understanding that voting is important and makes a difference," Baker-Boosamra said.



Photo by Valerie Wojciechowski

Students visit a Kirkhof Center table containing information about voter registration. This week is Student Civic Assembly Week, multiple events are planned to encourage voter participation.

"Students need to think about the power of their voice, and the amount of change their voices can bring to the community."

## *Across Campus*

### **April commencement expands to three ceremonies**

Grand Valley's April commencement is expanding from two ceremonies to three ceremonies, beginning this April at Van Andel Arena.

One ceremony will take place at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 28; two ceremonies will take place on Saturday, April 29, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The December 2016 commencement will remain the same with one ceremony.

Provost Gayle R. Davis said an additional ceremony will improve the overall commencement experience for students and their guests.

"It's an important day for friends and family members who have been supportive throughout their student's journey," Davis said. "The addition of a third ceremony will decrease the length of the ceremonies and increase overall student participation to make for an exciting and meaningful experience for everyone."

Bob Stoll, associate dean for Student Life, said with a third ceremony, there will be additional space for students to invite more

guests. The number of tickets each student receives will increase from five tickets to nine tickets. Each ceremony will include approximately 1,000 students.

The April 28 ceremony will include Seidman College of Business, College of Community and Public Service, and Padnos College of Engineering and Computing. The 10 a.m. ceremony on April 29 will include the College of Health Professions, Kirkhof College of Nursing and science programs from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The 3 p.m. ceremony on April 29 will include the College of Education, Brooks College of Interdisciplinary Studies and liberal arts programs from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Visit [www.gvsu.edu/commencement](http://www.gvsu.edu/commencement) to learn more.

### **SeoulTech students create ArtPrize entry**

After traveling 6,492 miles to West Michigan from South Korea, 13 students from Seoul National University of Science and Technology spent the month of July creating the only ArtPrize entry on display at Grand Valley.

During the International Ceramics Workshop,



Ceramic columns created by teams of students and South Korean artists are displayed at the Eberhard Center during ArtPrize.

facilitated by Hoon Lee, associate professor of ceramics, four teams of students paired with both local and Korean artists to wedge, mold and sculpt nine ceramic columns, each standing approximately 8 inches tall.

The columns are on display at the Eberhard Center during ArtPrize, but they will find a new home in Grand Valley's permanent collection following the event. To vote for the piece, use the voting code 63800.

This year's workshop was another phase in

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the effort to nourish the collaborative relationship between Grand Valley and SeoulTech. The partnership began between the two universities in 2008 after Lee worked with the Padnos International Center for four years to initiate the international exchange program.

Since that time, students and faculty members from both universities have participated in various degree and study abroad programs to exchange creative practices and culturally diverse ideas. Lee said he hopes to expand the partnership by establishing a dual degree program in which students would be able to obtain degrees from both Grand Valley and SeoulTech.

In summer 2011, Grand Valley hosted the first international ceramics workshop. The partnership continued in 2013 when the SeoulTech Museum of Art hosted the first joint exhibition between Grand Valley and SeoulTech art and design faculty.

The second joint exhibition is on display in the Art Gallery, located in the Performing Arts Center, through November 4, as a part of the university's 13th annual Fall Arts Celebration.

More information about this exhibition can be found at [www.gvsu.edu/fallarts](http://www.gvsu.edu/fallarts).

## KCON earns grant to train nurse practitioners

The Kirkhof College of Nursing received a one-year, \$332,640 federal grant to train and prepare nurse practitioners to work in Michigan's rural communities.

Leaders at KCON said the Health Resources and Services Administration grant, from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, addresses the critical shortage of qualified health care providers in rural areas.

Cynthia McCurren, dean of KCON and professor of nursing, said the traineeship grant will help pay tuition and some expenses for students in the Doctor of Nursing Practice program learning in rural communities.

"The strategic priorities of our college include actively engaging students in high-impact learning experiences and building mutually beneficial relationships," McCurren said. "With the support of this grant, our doctoral students not only gain real-life experience in rural health care, they contribute to the health and well-being of the communities we're partnering with."

In the fall 2016 semester, 14 students each will be awarded \$22,000 traineeship grants and placed in rural and underserved settings for clinical education.

Shelby Sikkila was among those students who received a grant, and will start her traineeship at Fox Pediatrics in Mt. Pleasant. "This grant has allowed me to focus on my education without financial stress while providing an amazing opportunity to learn and grow as a pediatric nurse practitioner," said Sikkila, a native of Covington.

Sandra Spoelstra, associate dean for research and scholarship, said the mission of the HRSA grant is to improve the health of residents in rural and underserved communities. "By strengthening the health care workforce and connecting skilled professionals, like nurse practitioners, to communities in need, vulnerable populations have better access to health care," Spoelstra said.

## Help from faculty helps childhood development organization

Family Futures is a community organization that works to build strong families throughout West Michigan, and several psychology faculty members are helping the organization reach its goals.

The organization's main mission is to shape communities in which children are supported to reach their full potential, said Family Futures executive director Candace Cowling. The organization works to support parents with the tools they need to make sure their children are growing up in a good environment.

One of the services that Family Futures offers is developmental screenings for parents to see if their child is developmentally on track, these screenings also provide data about area children and their development over time.

"We collect data from these developmental screenings every two to six months from birth to age 5," Cowling said. "We expect to serve about 12,000 children this year."

Psychology faculty members Jing Chen and Gwenden Dueker are helping take that data and answer research questions with it, and are helping Family Futures learn ways to more effectively and efficiently manage the programs that they offer.

"With Grand Valley, we really gain access to that applied research lens,"

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## New group supports family members of students

Thousands of new students left home last month to attend Grand Valley, which can be a tough transition for some family members.

The Grand Family Network serves as a resource and support system for parents and family members who have a student attending the university.

"We chose to call it a network because we want parents and family members to feel connected to each other and the university," said LeaAnn Tibbe, associate director of Student Life and co-chair of the Grand Family Network.

Tibbe, and co-chair Rhonda LeMieux, administrative assistant for Dean of Students, worked with a group of graduate students in the College Student Affairs Leadership program to research existing programs and develop a proposal. Tibbe said the network stems from the need for more frequent and consistent communication with family members.

"We do a lot to connect with families in the summer during New Student Orientation, but oftentimes we don't connect with them again until commencement, at the end of a student's



The Grand Family Network serves as a resource for parents and family members who want to connect to the university. A family is pictured with their student in a living center in August.

college experience," said Tibbe. "We have to build deeper connections because parents and family members are our advocates."

Members of the Grand Family Network will receive monthly newsletters that detail campus resources, such as the Career Center, and important topics, such as homesickness. Join the network at [www.gvsu.edu/family](http://www.gvsu.edu/family).





# What's Ahead

## Researcher: American corporations vanishing

What lies ahead in a world with fewer major American corporations? And, what does their diminished number mean for questions of inequality, job creation and the stock market?

Jerry Davis, professor of management and organizations from the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business, will answers these questions during a presentation on Monday, September 26. The event, sponsored by the Koeze Business Ethics Initiative in the Seidman College of Business, will run from 6-7:20 p.m. in the Eberhard Center.

Davis will discuss his new book, *The Vanishing American Corporation and the Hazards of the New Economy*.

For more information, contact Michael DeWilde, director of the Koeze Business Ethics Initiative, at dewildem@gvsu.edu.

## The Right Place president to give lecture

The Grand Rapids area has experienced an unprecedented level of growth and prosperity over of the past several decades, according to Birgit Klohs, president and CEO of The Right Place Inc., an economic development organization for the retention, expansion and attraction of businesses to the West Michigan area.

Klohs will be the speaker for the Peter F. Secchia Breakfast Lecture Series on Tuesday, September 27, at the L. William Seidman Center. Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. and the lecture will be from 8-9 a.m.

Klohs will draw on her 30 years of experience in the region to talk about why West Michigan works, how it became one of the most prosperous metro areas in the Midwest and what the future holds for the region. Klohs, a native of Germany, has served as president and CEO of The Right Place Inc. since 1987.

The event is sponsored by the Seidman College of Business Alumni Association. For more information contact the Seidman College of Business at x17100 or busalumn@gvsu.edu.

## First author for Writers Series scheduled

Authors from around the world will visit campus during the 2016-2017 Grand Valley Writers Series, beginning with award-winning nonfiction author Donovan Hohn.

Hohn, a former features editor of *GQ Magazine* and contributing editor of *Harper's Magazine*, teaches creative writing at Wayne State University in Detroit. His presentation is set for Thursday, September 29, at 6 p.m. in Lake Superior Hall, room 174.

His book, *Moby-Duck: The True Story of 28,800 Bath Toys Lost at Sea* (2012) was a finalist for the Helen Bernstein Prize for Excellence in Journalism, and runner-up for both the PEN/E.O. Wilson Literary Science Writing Award and the PEN/John Kenneth Galbraith Award for Nonfiction.

Below is a list of other Writers Series events; all presentations are free and open to the public.

- October 25: Claire Vaye Watkins and Derek Palacio; January 31: Amorak Huey and Caitlin Horrocks; February 27: Vievee Francis and Matthew Olzmann; March 30: Austin Bunn.

For more information, contact Todd Kaneko at x18064 or kanekot@gvsu.edu, or visit [www.gvsu.edu/writing](http://www.gvsu.edu/writing).



Donovan Hohn

## Colloquia series highlights community-based learning

Community-based learning is the focus of a colloquia series, co-sponsored by multiple campus departments, for faculty and staff members.

Three presentations are planned, highlighting community engagement, course design and civic readiness. The presentations are listed below; register online at [www.gvsu.edu/sprout](http://www.gvsu.edu/sprout).

- **September 30, 10-11:30 a.m.: "Community Engagement: The What and Why,"** by Robin Lynn Grinnell, director of the Michigan Campus Compact; Bicycle Factory, room 303.

- **October 14, 10-11:30 a.m.: "Course Design for Community-Based Learning,"** by Patty Stow Bolea, associate professor of social work and FTLC faculty fellow; DeVos Center, room 502C.

- **November 11, 10-11:30 a.m.: "Preparing Students for Community-Based Learning: Personal, Professional and Civic Readiness,"** by Susan Carson, professor of education, and Jessica Jennrich, director of the Women's Center; DeVos Center, room 302E.

The series is sponsored by the College of

Community of Public Service, Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center, Division of Inclusion and Equity, Office for Community Engagement, and Community Service Learning Center. More information about the presentations is online at [www.gvsu.edu/inclusion](http://www.gvsu.edu/inclusion).

## Dates of flu vaccine clinics detailed

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

Clinics will be held October 3-27; dates and times are listed below.

There is no charge for faculty and staff members, their dependents and retirees. Faculty and staff members can register for a clinic online at [www.gvsu.edu/sprout](http://www.gvsu.edu/sprout) and receive a reminder via email. Students can get insurance billing for the cost of vaccines only at the GVSU Family Health Center; they can use credit, debit and student account billing at any clinic.

- October 3, 4-6 p.m.: GVSU Family Health Center, 72 Sheldon Blvd. SE

- October 4, noon-2 p.m.: Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences, room 123

- October 6, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: Kirkhof Center, rooms 2259, 2263

- October 7, 9-10 a.m.: Annis Water Resources Institute, room LMC 225

- October 11, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: DeVos Center, student project area

- October 13, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: Kirkhof Center, rooms 2259, 2263

- October 21, 9-10 a.m.: Meijer Campus in Holland, room 104

- October 24, 4-6 p.m.: GVSU Family Health Center

- October 25, noon-2 p.m.: Holton-Hooker Living and Learning Center

- October 27, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.: Cook-DeVos Center for Health Sciences, room 331

- October 27, 4-6 p.m.: Niemeyer Living Learning Center

The GVSU Family Health Center, operated by the Kirkhof College of Nursing, 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/](http://www.gvsu.edu/fhc/). Vaccines for children under 3 years old will only be given at that location.

## Students to perform Shakespeare's darkest comedy

Marking the 400th anniversary of William Shakespeare's death, theater students will bring to life one of the Bard's darkest and final comedies, "Measure for Measure," during the Shakespeare Festival.

Performances of "Measure for Measure" will take place September 30 and October 1, 6 and 7, at 7:30 p.m.; and October 2, 8 and 9, at 2 p.m. All performances will take place in the Performing Arts Center, Louis Armstrong Theatre.

Tickets are \$14 for adults; \$12 for GVSU faculty, alumni, staff; \$12 for seniors; and \$6 for students. This production is recommended for ages 8 and up. No children under school age will be admitted.

"Measure for Measure" takes audiences deep into the underbelly of a city where authority is absent and the scales of justice are becoming increasingly unbalanced. In Venice, where the play begins, brothels and ale houses are thriving, and the law has become "more mocked than feared." As a result, the Duke chooses to take a holiday, leaving behind a proclamation to tear down the brothels and reform the city's morality. To enforce this new direction, the Duke appoints the Lord Angelo as his deputy.

For Roger Ellis, professor of theater and "Measure for Measure" director, this play was an easy selection given that 2016 is an election year.

"This play deals explicitly with the issue of good governance of the state, so I thought the theme would be very relevant to students and the general public," Ellis said.

This production of "Measure for Measure" will feature a cast of students and local guest actors



Madame Overdone, played by Ariana Martineau, discusses her call girls with Lucio, played by Liam Purtle, in 'Measure for Measure.'

Christopher Weaver, Gary Mitchell and Kyle Westmaas.

For more information and a complete schedule of events, visit [www.gvsu.edu/shakes](http://www.gvsu.edu/shakes).

# FACULTY AND STAFF SKETCHES

## In the News

**Lindsey DesArmo**, health and wellness specialist, was appointed September 16 by Gov. Rick Snyder to the Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness, Health and Sports. The council was established in 1992 to improve the health and increase physical activity among Michigan residents.

**Ranelle Brew**, program director and associate professor of public health, was interviewed by WGVU for a story about a documentary, “Weighed Down: Finding Hope For Childhood Obesity.” The documentary aired September 25 on WGVU, followed by a panel discussion.

## Sketches

**Rob Rozema**, associate professor of English, was recently awarded the 2016 English Journal Edwin M. Hopkins Award for his article, “Manga and the Autistic Mind,” by the National Council of Teachers of English. He will receive the award at the annual NCTE convention in Atlanta, Georgia, in November.

**Carmen L. Nochera**, professor of biomedical sciences, wrote an article, “Preparation of a Breadfruit Flour Bar,” in the journal *Foods*.

Biology faculty members **Michael P. Lombardo** and **Patrick A. Thorpe** gave a presentation, “Age-related Patterns of Sexual Dimorphism in Tree Swallows” with a student at the North American Ornithological Conference in Washington, D.C.

**Caitlin Callahan**, assistant professor of geology, and co-authors earned the Outstanding Paper distinction for an article, “Using the Lens of Social Capital to Understand Diversity in the Earth System

## Meijer Campus part of collaborative recognized by DEQ

The Meijer Campus in Holland was recognized by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for its efforts with a Holland area collaborative that engages community members in sustainability issues.

“Living Sustainably Along the Lakeshore” was recognized by the DEQ as the recipient of the 2016 Top Neighborhood Environmental Partner Award.

The award was presented September 14 at the Eberhard Center during the Michigan Sustainability Conference.

Living Sustainably Along the Lakeshore partners are Grand Valley’s Meijer Campus in Holland, the City of Holland, Herrick District Library, Hope College, and League of Women Voters.



Second from left, Lisa Miller, director of the Meijer Campus in Holland, is pictured with the Living Sustainably Along the Lakeshore group, which received an award from the Michigan DEQ.

Sciences Workforce,” published in the *Journal of Geoscience Education*. Callahan will be recognized at the Geological Society of America conference in Denver, Colorado.

**Robert Deaner**, associate professor of psychology, wrote an article, “Fast Men Slow More than Fast Women in a 10-kilometer Road Race,” published in *Peer J*.

**Donald Mitchell Jr.**, assistant professor of education, and a graduate student wrote an article, “Racial Positionalities, Professional Development, and a Master’s Study Abroad Experience in Jamaica for Preparing Student

Affairs Professionals,” published in the *College Student Affairs Journal*.

**Ben Lockerd**, professor of English, gave a presentation, “Eliot and the Sense of History,” at the Eliot Society Conference in Rapallo, Italy.

Chemistry faculty members **Felix Ngassa** and **Shannon Biros** wrote an article, “Crystal Structure of Phenyl 2, 4, 5-trichlorobenzenesulfonate,” published in *Acta Crystallographica Section E Crystallographic Communications*.

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Cowling said. “We’ve processed screenings through the research partnership with Grand Valley and found that for every week a child is born closer to full term, it reduced the risk of developmental concerns, especially with communication skills.”

The partnership with Grand Valley has grown over the years, with interns from Grand Valley’s biostatistics program working with the United Way-funded organization, and using the computing and research power of the Johnson Center’s Community Research Institute to help learn more from the data that Family Futures gathers.

“We try to help them with evidence-based research questions,” said Chen. “We are trying to be sure to use our research expertise to help them collect meaningful data that can help them the most.”

*Grand Valley supports United Way programs like Family Futures through its annual campaign, which runs October 3-14. Faculty and staff members can expect a United Way campaign pledge form soon.*

## UCC posts course updates

To keep faculty members informed of policies, the University Curriculum Committee will have occasional announcements published in *Forum*.

• **Credit Hour Definition:** Grand Valley has an official definition of a “credit hour”: this definition governs the number of contact hours per credit hour for various course activity types (e.g., lecture, lab, internship, etc.). Faculty members who are developing a new course, or changing an existing one, should be aware of the definition.

For courses that fall outside the definition, an exemption request can be submitted to UCC. Visit the website at [www.gvsu.edu/facultygov/](http://www.gvsu.edu/facultygov/) for more information.

• **Content-Based Learning Designation:** Faculty members with a course that requires significant community engagement by students can apply to have a new “CBL” designation added to the course in Banner. The designation will look like the current SWS designation, and alert students to the fact that the course offers them this high-impact learning experience.

• **New Minors:** New minors that do not require any new courses can be created by submitting a Program Change Request form in Sail (<http://www.gvsu.edu/sail>). This is an easier process than the New Program Prospectus/Program forms that are only required if a new program requires new classes to be developed.