2nd GVSU Big Data Conference
Call for Participation

**Friday, April 25, Russel H. Kirkhof Center,**
For more information, go to [www.gvsu.edu/bigdata](http://www.gvsu.edu/bigdata)

“Big Data” refers to the sharp increase of the size, arrival rate and complexity of data that is being generated and collected by business, government, non-profits and other organizations.

The purpose of the conference is to bring together faculty and staff interested in data analysis and visualization – research, teaching, curriculum, administration, etc. The conference will include talks and other presentations by GVSU faculty/staff, industry representatives, and faculty from other schools.

At this time, we are seeking speakers for the conference. Please consider these formats for presentations and discussions:

- Talks and tutorials (15-20 minutes)
- Poster session
- “Lightning Round” of short 3-minute presentations of research- or curriculum-in-process
- “Birds of a Feather” sessions to discuss a topic

Please e-mail Ed Aboufadel if you would like to present, or if you have a suggestion for a discussion topic for the “Birds of a Feather” session. **Deadline extended to Friday, March 28.**

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## IN OTHER NEWS

- The Pew FTLC is moving!

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**Regional Faculty Development Summit**
Effective May 27th, our new home will be in the renovated Zumberge Hall.

**IDeL Workshops for Spring 2104**
For the April - May instructional technology session schedule, visit the IDeL website.

**Commencement Ceremonies**
Saturday, April 26, 2014
10:00 a.m./3:00 p.m.
Van Andel Arena,
Downtown Grand Rapids

**2014 Great Lakes Conference on Teaching & Learning**
*2014 Conference Theme: Outside the Lines: Inspiring through Creativity and Innovation*

The Conference will begin on the evening of Wednesday, May 14 and run through lunch on Friday, May 16, 2014 at the Education and Human Services building on Central Michigan University’s campus in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. For details go to Great Lakes Conference on Teaching and Learning

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**May 19-20**
Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, East Lansing, Michigan
[www.gvsu.edu/ftlc/facdevsummit](http://www.gvsu.edu/ftlc/facdevsummit)

We invite faculty development professionals to a special summit to: share best practices, make progress on significant work, and broaden our network of collaboration and support. The Regional Faculty Development Summit is designed for anyone involved in professional development of faculty.

The Summit will also offer a refreshing break from the typical conference format by creating time and space for participants to plan and facilitate just-in-time roundtable discussions and working sessions, thereby utilizing the faculty development expertise found within our regions.

The Regional Faculty Development Summit utilizes a break-even financial model for costs associated with the conference center room rentals and food. Registration costs are: Students: $85, Faculty and staff: $135, Institutional Teams of 4 or more faculty, staff, and/or students: 20% reduction in overall cost. Registration deadline: Monday, May 5, 2014. Lodging is available at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center for the night of Monday, May 19, at a rate of $95 (plus taxes).

**Personnel Portfolio Workshops**
*June 2-6, L. William Siedman Center*  
*June 23-27, Russel H. Kirkhof Center*

These workshops are for faculty who are preparing for pre-tenure, tenure, or promotion reviews. Working closely with faculty mentors, participants will compose their Integrative/Reflective Statement and prepare other supporting materials for the portfolio, in accordance with their college and unit personnel policies. Workshop mentors recommend that participants do not teach at the same time that they participate in this workshop. Participants usually devote at least 15-18 hours during the week to work on their portfolios. Register at [http://www.gvsu.edu/seminar/](http://www.gvsu.edu/seminar/) under teaching and learning.

**Veterans Network (VET NET) Ally Training**
*Steven Lipnicki, Assistant Dean of Students*  
*Simeon Switzer, Veterans Network Graduate Assistant*  
*Monday, April 8, 2 - 3:30pm, 2266 Russel H. Kirkhof Center*  
*Friday, April 18, 2 - 3:30pm, 117E Richard M. DeVos Center*

The VET NET Ally program is a faculty and staff training program designed to:
1. Educate members of the university community.
2. Foster a supportive campus environment.
3. Establish a network of visible allies for current and former members of the US Armed Forces.

Register at: [http://gvsu.edu/seminar/](http://gvsu.edu/seminar/) under “Academic Advising Professional Development Committee”
How to Retire Happy and Informed

_Thursday, April 10, 3-5pm_
_Bicycle Factory, Rm 340_

As you think ahead to the years of retirement, the door closes on one stage of your life and a new door opens up to a sea of opportunities for you to consider. Plan your new beginning by being well informed. Please join us as we help you to explore your options with regard to social security, GVSU medical plan options and financial planning. All are welcome, including partners and family. Please register at [www.gvsu.edu/seminar](http://www.gvsu.edu/seminar) under HR-Worklife.

**Contemplative Teaching Retreat**

*Offered by GVSU’s Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center and Ferris State University Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning*

_Wednesday - Friday, June 4-6_

Please join us for the Contemplative Teaching Retreat at the beautiful Pierce Cedar Creek Institute in Hastings, Michigan. This retreat affords us a spacious opportunity to further develop our contemplative practices and identify ways to integrate them into our teaching and learning. The retreat is limited to 20 participants. Please RSVP and direct questions to ftlc@gvsu.edu.