Calendar of Events

General Events

Arts Hotline 616-331-ARTS
Gallery Hours: Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Thurs. 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Mon. Nov. 24

2-3 p.m.: Women’s Commission meeting. 161 KC. Call x12748 for more information.

Mon., Dec. 1

3-7 p.m.: Free AIDS testing. 108 Winter Hall, Grand Rapids. Call x17188 for more information.


Faculty and Staff Sketches

In the News

Geology faculty members Patrick M. Colgan and Ginny Peterson and geology students were interviewed by WXMI Channel 17 about using a ground radar system to find lost graves in Blue Lake Township for a community service project. Colgan was also interviewed by the Muskegon Chronicle about the project.

Been interviewed by a reporter? E-mail a “Sketch” to the Forum, forum@gvsu.edu.

Sketches

Julie Keown-Bomar, visiting professor of sociology, gave a presentation, titled “Surviving and Colliding: Issues of Gender and Generation for Hmong-American Families,” at the University of Wisconsin System Women’s Studies Conference.

Liz Thompson, computer operations supervisor for Administrative Computing, earned Competent Toastmasters certification, the first checkpoint in mastering effective communication and leadership skills. Other CMTs, who belong to campus Toastmasters clubs, are Martha Wilson and Sue Votoch.

Joel J. Orosz, distinguished professor of philosophy, gave a lecture, titled “A Glimpse Over the Horizon of Philosophy,” to the W.E. Upjohn Society of the Kalamazoo Community Foundation.

Paul Jorgensen, professor of computer science, visited the Native American Religions class at Kalamazoo College to show sides of his visits to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

Veta Tucker, associate professor of English, was appointed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm to serve on the Michigan Freedom Trail Commission. Established by the Legislature, the commission documents, preserves and commemorates the history of the Underground Railroad in Michigan.

Prince Anyalebechi, assistant professor of engineering, authored and presented three papers at the the Minerals, Metals & Materials Society Annual Meeting.

Simone Jonaitis, assistant dean of Continuing Education, received the regional University Continuing Education Association award for Professional Continuing Educator. This competitive award is based on university-wide service, collegiality, leadership and creativity.

Judy Palmer, director of Grand Forum, received the regional University Continuing Education Association award for Creative Programs (noncredit).

Modern Languages and Literature faculty members Diane Wright and Fabio Espitia instituted a program to teach Spanish to Grand Rapids city employees.

Cliff Welch, associate professor of history, was appointed to organize the first international film festival competition for the Brazilian Studies Association, which will hold its next congress in June in Rio de Janeiro.

Toni Perrine, associate professor of communications, and Cliff Welch, associate professor of history, were interviewed by Brazilian television about their documentary on Brazilian youth soccer.

Mathematics faculty members David Coffey and Akalu Tefera participated in the Math/Stat Teacher Education: Assessment, Methods and Strategies conference in Athens, Georgia.

Peter A. Taylor, assistant professor of communications, presented a paper, titled “Is Beauty Liberal? Aesthetics as an Intersection of Professions Practica and Liberal Arts,” at the School of Visual Arts Conference on the Educated Artist in New York.


Cheryl Boudreaux, assistant professor of sociology, was elected president of the Michigan Sociological Association at its annual meeting.

Alan Steinman, director of the Annis Water Resources Institute, gave a presentation on the ecology of the Mona Lake and Spring Lake watersheds at the Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Seminar Series at Michigan State University.


Marge Friar, instructor of mathematics, participated in the annual National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference in Charleston, South Carolina.

Steven Schlicker, professor of mathematics, gave a keynote address, titled “Lines, Lines, Everywhere Lines,” at the Mathematical Association of America Michigan Section Upper Peninsula Zonal Meeting, held at Northern Michigan University.


Mary C. Schatten, associate professor of movement science, conducted a workshop, “Does My Child Need Physical Education?” for the Allendale homeschool parent group. PED 401 students assisted her.

Bopi Bibbanda, assistant professor at the Amnis Water Resources Institute, was appointed to serve a three-year term on the editorial board of the Journal of Plankton Research, published by the Oxford University Press.

John Schmit, assistant professor of communications, produced a documentary, titled “Power From The People,” which aired on Free Speech TV, on the Dish Network.