

CECI Connections

NEWSLETTER

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Colleagues,

The new academic year means different things to different people. While for all of us it means the majority of our students are back on campus and beginning new courses. It also means, embracing GVSU as a new institution for some of our colleagues, new class standing for some of our students and for most it means students that are new to us, in our classes, in our offices, and on our campuses.

Thinking about the newness of the semester makes me wonder if there is room to apply this curiosity not just to our new connections, but in all our spaces.



What could we learn, and how might it enrich our lives to treat each person and the

subject matter as 'new to me'?, personally I find this approach fosters a curiosity to engage and learn about a genuine lived experience for those to whom I'm listening. It allows me to place no prior judgement on what is being said because this is the lived experience of someone else. This means the only way I can genuinely engage is to listen so I can learn, almost as if I'm walking alongside them for one particular inch/mile of their life.

I hope this new year brings you many opportunities to make new connections and see that while we may have succumbed to generational labels, we are all still individuals in the midst of any collective group, each with unique perspectives and meaningful contributions that enrich the lives of others.

Happy new year to you all.

~Sherril

Celebrations

Our Newest Faculty and Staff

Dean's Office

Rafael Juarez-Yuen, Office Assistant

CECI Undergraduate Advising Center (UAC)

Erin Westberg, CSAL Graduate Assistant

Center for Educational Partnerships (CEP)

Allison Palm, Place-Based Educational Specialist

Mara Spears, Project Specialist

Vicky Wright, Assistant Director

Educational Leadership and Counseling (ELC)

Nichole Moore, Assistant Professor

Literacy, Educational Foundations, and Technology (LEFT)

Janelle Grant Ashbaugh, Visiting Faculty

Jeff Grossenbacher, Visiting Faculty

Christina Ponzio, Assistant Professor

Lindsay Stoetzel, Assistant Professor

School of Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Legal Studies (CCJLS)

Courtney Topic, Assistant Professor

School of Social Work (SSW)

Kristen Smith, Visiting Faculty

Teaching & Learning (T&L)

Christine Kenney, Associate Professor

Kelly Lormand, Assistant Professor



New Positions within CECI

Educational Leadership and Counseling (ELC)

Paul Bylsma, Assistant Professor

Literacy, Educational Foundations, and Technology (LEFT)

Terry Stockton, Assistant Professor

School of Social Work (SSW)

Joe Kuilema, Assistant Professor



Recognitions

Faculty/Staff, Alumni, and Students

Adrienne Wallace (MPA '08), associate professor of Advertising and Public Relations at GVSU, received the PRSA East Central District Platinum Award for leadership at the national, district, chapter, and PRSSA levels.

Joshua Zolen, who recently graduated with a degree in education and **Mayra Sedano-Rodriguez**, who is a criminal justice student, both received a prestigious Gilman Scholarship.

Samuel Jacobs is now the new Administrative Director at 616 Service. He graduated in 2022 with a bachelor's degree in Public Administration and will graduate in 2023 with a Master of Public Administration.

Publications/Presentations

Lorie A. Tuma, associate professor of Hospitality and Tourism Management, presented before the [Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education \(AORE\)](#) as a guest of the "Lead and Learn" series. Her presentation, "Letting go of the Lead" highlighted her previous experience as the first woman in the nation to serve as an administrator for [Jet Rider Nation](#) and included a proposed curriculum for women that ride supercharged jetskis. The course, designed by Tuma, covers three areas of competency, a practical demonstration, and a final written assessment. Upon completion participants earn a Personal Watercraft (PWC) Jet Ski Riding Endorsement Level 1 – The Basics certificate.

She was joined by Amy Dorey, professor at Ferris State University, Renee Hill CEO/Founder of a large riding organization in Florida, and Gabrielle Taube, co-founder of [The Great Lakes Ski Riders](#). Her presentation also included excerpts from SEADOO and BRP [sponsored rides](#) exclusively for female riders.

Carrie Buist, associate professor in the School of Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Legal Studies (SCCJLS), co-edited a book that was recently published. In addition to her work as a co-editor, Carrie and **Adrian Copleand**, assistant professor in SCCJLS, co-authored a chapter within the book. The titled book, "[The \(Mis\)Representation of Queer Lives in True Crime](#)", was published by Routledge.

This book examines the representation and misrepresentation of queer people in true crime, addressing their status as both victims and perpetrators in actual crime, as well as how the media portrays them.

Fall Kick-Off Meeting

Thank you to all that were able to attend this year's kick-off meeting on August 21. Our theme was '*Coming Together*' as we wanted to spotlight and celebrate collaborations across units within CECI.

[Day of Slideshow \(PDF\)](#)

[Candid Photos from the Day](#)

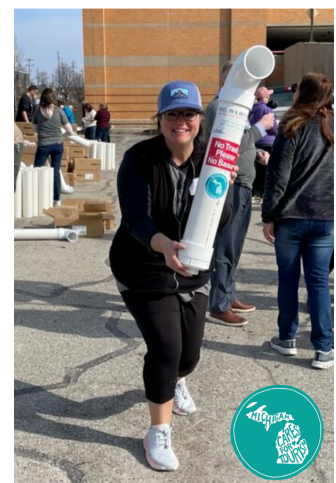


Community Engagement

CECI Give Back Event

Join CACC and Michigan Cares for Tourism for a day of giving-back by volunteering for another fun-filled event! A light breakfast, beverages all day, and lunch will be provided as well as a t-shirt and thank you gift.

This year, we are partnering with Michigan's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in assembling monofilament tubes for the Reel In & Recycle program. The DNR is hoping to keep fishing gear out of our waters by providing "ghost gear" tubes at every boating access site, fishing pier, and harbor in our state and encouraging



communities to do the same. We get to build them! Here is a video of the build process we'll be doing. All materials will be provided.

Friday, September 29 from 9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m., Seward Parking Lot, Pew Campus

Register by September 8 to receive a t-shirt!

Kelly Margot and Javits Grant Team in the "D"

At the end of June 2023, the Javits Grant Team welcomed over 100 Detroit Public School Community District (DPSCD) teachers, school psychologists, and administrators to the GVSU Detroit Center for a Summer Institute on gifted education. It was an exciting week filled with focused learning to expand DPSCD's gifted programming in an intentionally inclusive path forward.



Drs. Kelly Margot and Chandra Floyd led many sessions focused on best practices in equitable gifted education, and several nationally renowned experts came to Detroit to share their expertise as well. Sessions included *Conceptualizations in Giftedness*, *Creativity & Cognition*, and *Special Populations & Advanced Learners* among many others.

Change is happening but this is just the beginning. Detroit is leading the way for the state of Michigan to be responsive to their most able learners, particularly those who are often marginalized in gifted education. During year two of the grant, the Javits team will provide in-depth support to the DPSCD educators as they work to meet the needs of their advanced learners. Participants were excited about the learning and their capacity to implement it into their schools. One teacher noted, "The Summer Institute has changed my awareness about gifted children for the better. I will now plan instruction differently going forth this upcoming year."

Annual Schedule Update & Changes

This year's schedule roll out will on October 9 which is later than previous years. There will be mandatory training before the rollout for all those involved with the annual schedule. The due date to the Registrar's Office will be adjusted to accommodate the late roll out so you will still have the same amount of time to work with your unit schedule. This delay will allow the Registrar to get feedback on the following:

- The University may be creating new academic holidays, which may change part-of-term dates
- Definitions of modalities will be changing

Here are additional changes for the roll out:

- Section text will be wiped. Input will now be in paragraph form.
- The instructor field will be cleared.

There may be a new protocol for scheduling active learning classrooms (we have four) to ensure optimal use.

College Governance

CECI Governance Committees

All agendas and minutes are now posted on our [website](#).

College Advisory and Communications Committee (CACC)

During our first committee meeting on September 13th, we will discuss the activities staff suggested during the CECI College Kickoff Meeting. Please look at the following college-wide activities and see if there is something that appeals to you:

[https://www.gvsu.edu/cms4/asset/CEA02D2D-AED7-6597-B2FC206107EE546E/ceci_activities_23_24\(2\).pdf](https://www.gvsu.edu/cms4/asset/CEA02D2D-AED7-6597-B2FC206107EE546E/ceci_activities_23_24(2).pdf). We will continue to provide information about these events throughout the year.

Two upcoming activities are:

Art Prize Walks (*Art Prize, September 14-October 1*)

Sunday, September 17, 4-6p.m. (start at Finkelstein Hall)

Monday, September 18, 5-8p.m. (start at DeVos Center)

No registration required – Come with others from your department or bring family.

Fall Give Back Event: *Monofilament Tubes* (with Michigan Cares for Tourism)

Friday, September 29, 9a.m.-Noon

[Register now!](#)

CACC Representatives:

Lynda Bykerk-Rupke (ELC)

Wei Gu (T&L)

Patty Janes (SCLD)

Christopher Kierkus (SCCJLS)

Jamie Langlois (SSW) - chair

Angie Leedy (SSW Graduate Student)

Mei Mah (CEP)

Kel Nemetz (OCA)

Rui Niu-Cooper (LEFT)

Melanie Rabine (UAC)

Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, September 13 from 10-11a.m. in 302E DEV

Wednesday, October 11 from 10-11a.m. in 302E DEV

Faculty Governance Committee (FG)

University Committee Representation: If you currently serve on a university standing committee requiring a reduction in representation, please share your decision regarding representation for the 2023-2024 academic year by **September 8**. Email Karyn Rabourn: rabournk@gvsu.edu

Faculty Governance Meetings:

- **Full Faculty Governance Meetings** (all faculty invited):
Friday, October 6 from 9-10:30am - location TBD
Tuesday, November 14 from 12-1:30pm - location TBD
- **Faculty Governance Committee Meetings** (open meetings):
9/15, 10/13, 11/10, 12/8, from 9-10:30am via [Zoom](#)

Faculty Substitutes Needed during Sabbaticals

If you are interested in substituting on a university-level committee, please contact Karyn Rabourn or Elizabeth Stolle. If you are interested in substituting a college-level committee, please contact your unit head.

Winter 2024

Karyn Rabourn (ELC) – Executive Committee of the Senate and CECI Faculty Governance

Rui Niu-Cooper (LEFT) – College Advisory and Communication Committee

Elizabeth Stolle (LEFT) – Faculty Salary and Budget Committee and CECI Faculty Governance

Committee Vacancies

UNIVERSITY

Campus Life Committee

COE – 3-year term

General Education Committee

COE – 3-year term

University Curriculum Committee

COE – 2-year term

Writing Skills Committee

COE – 3-year term

COLLEGE

Staff Executive Committee

CEP – 3-year term

SCLD – 3-year term

Important Dates

FALL PERSONNEL ACTIONS

August 28 - Fall Personnel Portfolios due to Unit Heads

October 27 - Unit Head submits appropriate fall personnel documents to Dean

October 31 - Dean forwards fall personnel documents to CPC

November 17 - CPC submits fall personnel recommendations to Dean

December 15 - Dean submits fall personnel recommendations to Provost

January 31 - Provost makes fall personnel decisions and notifies all appropriate people

SABBATICALS

September 1 - Sabbatical Leave Proposals due no later than 11:59 p.m.

September 23 - Revised sabbatical leave proposals are due 13

September 30 - Unit sabbatical recommendations due

November 15 - University Sabbatical Review Committee recommendations are due

December 15 - College Dean sabbatical recommendations are due

January 31 - Provost sabbatical decisions are due

FACULTY WORKLOAD PLANS (FWP)

October 1 - Faculty Workload Plans due

WINTER PERSONNEL ACTIONS

October - Candidates for winter personnel actions can apply in writing to the Dean

Resources

- [Acronyms](#)
 - [CECI Connections Guide](#)
 - [CECI Newsletter Repository](#)
 - [Experts Guide](#)
 - [Organizational Chart](#)
 - [Student Support Flowchart](#)
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The purpose of these podcasts is to showcase the talent within the college. It also allows us to spotlight faculty, staff, students and alumni who are engaging our community partners from a teaching, scholarship or service perspective.

WGUV is currently restructuring their morning programming and has put our segment on a temporary hold.

The CECI Community Connections's 'live and in-person' radio interviews are typically scheduled on the first Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. on 88.5 FM Grand Rapids or 95.3 FM Muskegon. If you would like to be our guest for a future segment, please contact [Rita Cooper](#).



The [CECI Happenings](#) is an informational form that can be submitted by any faculty, staff or student to promote an event, publication, etc. for our social platforms and newsletter.





GVSU provides additional discounts for faculty and staff?! These discounts range from nightlife to stores/phones and so much more! Check out the [Human Resources website](#) to take advantage of these added benefits.



September 9 - Downtown Walking Tour sponsored by CACC from Noon-2p.m. Meet by noon at the Noahquageshik statue between Eberhard Center and the Blue Bridge.

September 9 - Downtown Walking Tour from 2:30-4:30p.m. for International students. All are welcome to attend.

September 10 - Traditional Pow Wow from 12-3p.m. Meet in the DeVos Center Lobby before noon to carpool to Riverside Park.

September 10 - NETA Conference 2023 from 10a.m.-4p.m., Amway Grand Plaza, Grand Rapids (Michigan Educators Attend for Free!)

September 17 - Art Prize Walk sponsored by CACC from 4-6p.m. (start at Finkelstein Hall)

September 18 - Art Prize Walk sponsored by CACC from 5-8p.m. (start at DeVos Center)

September 20 - [CECI Technology Committee](#) at 3p.m. via Zoom or in-person room TBD

September 29 - [CECI Give Back Event](#)

October 3 - [Undergraduate Research Fair](#) from 5-7p.m. in the Grand River Room of the Kirkhof Center

October 7 - [Fall Laker Open House](#) (formerly known as Laker Experience Day)*

October 13 - [Fall Laker Open House](#)*

October 14 - Ethnic Grocery Shopping Spree sponsored by CACC from 1-5p.m.

October 23-24 - Fall Break

October 28 - [GVSU Homecoming](#)

November 1 - [Majors Fair](#) from 1-3p.m. in the Grand River Room of the Kirkhof

November 4 - [Fall Laker Open House](#)*

November 7 - The HTM Speaker Series with [Deborah Gardner](#) will be held virtually via Zoom from 12-1:15pm. Contact [Lori Tuma](#) for more information.

November 22-24 - Thanksgiving Recess

December 9 - [Commencement](#), VanAndel Arena, Downtown Grand Rapids

**Academic Exploration Fair (8a.m.-10a.m.). with Open House (9a.m.-12p.m.) in the Grand River Room of the Kirkhof Center*

Thanks to all those who contributed to the September edition of CECI Connections: Jamie Langlois, Kelly Margot, Dean Sherril Soman, Elizabeth Stolle and Lorie Tuma

If you have any questions or suggestions, or want to share your newsworthy information with us, please use the link below.

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Connect with us!

