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Dean's Reflection

In honor of Black History month, I thought I'd share this poem from Langston Hughes. I've always been drawn to his poetry because his words so often reflect the current state of things, but he also manages to evoke hope. I've chosen *I, Too*, which was first published in 1926, almost 100 years ago, and is still relevant not simply reflecting the past but resonates as truth in the current experiences of so many for whom their beauty is not celebrated. Thanks for all you do to ensure that a *Tomorrow* will come where we are all present at the table.



I, too sing America

I am the darker brother.

They send me to eat in the kitchen

When company comes,

But I laugh,

And eat well,

And grow strong.

Tomorrow,

I'll be at the table

When company comes.

Nobody'll dare

Say to me,

"Eat in the kitchen,"

Then.

Besides,

They'll see how beautiful I am

And be ashamed—

I, too, am America.

Celebrations

Newest CECI Staff Member

Jade Bowman has joined the Office of Certification and Accreditation as our new Graduate Education Program Specialist. Jade has professional experience as a PK-12 educator, and most recently as a member of the Education program professional advising team in CLAS Advising. Jade will be supporting our graduate initial certification programs through recruitment, advising prospective and current students, partnering with PK-12 partners to support initial certification of their non-certified staff, and supporting graduate education programs with admissions and student retention.



Future Teacher Social

A “**Future Teacher Social**” was held on February 7th in Kirkhof Center. One hundred thirty one students enrolled in EDF 115 met Education faculty, connected with their advisor, and mingled with other students in their program. EDF 115 is a field-based course exploring the way schools work and introduces students to the professional roles and responsibilities of educators. The “Future Teacher Social” was sponsored by the Department of Literacy, Educational Foundations, and Technology and hosted by Terry Stockton.

Student Laker of the Year

During the President's Ball on January 27, **Yasmin Alemayehu** was recognized as the **Student Laker of the Year**! She is among an elite group of honorees that has received this award over the past three decades.

Yasmin is pursuing her Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education to become a future educator.



2023-2024 Sabbatical Recipients

Karyn Rabourn, ELC
Leanne Kang, LEFT

Elizabeth Stolle, LEFT
Kelly Margot, T&L
Rui Niu-Cooper, LEFT
Jackie Doyon-Martin, SCCJLS
Naoki Kanaboshi, SCCJLS

Recognitions

Faculty/Staff, Alumni, and Students

Receives a Life Saving Award

[Ottawa County Deputy Joseph Rolhoff, CJ & GVSU Police Academy '18](#)

Kentwood's New Deputy City Administrator

[Shay Gallagher, MPA '16](#)

Adrienne Wallace, MPA '08, was elected to the West Michigan Public Relations Society of America board of directors as president-elect. She had served as WMPRSA's secretary, treasurer and director. Wallace was re-elected to the PRSA's Educators Academy section as membership chair. She gave four presentations at the National Communication Association Convention; "SPARK A 'Diversity First' IDEA: An Approach to Equitable PR Campaigns" earned first place in the teaching competition.

It gives me great pleasure to share some news regarding our work on the W.K. Kellogg Grant with Battle Creek Public Schools. With the recent retirement of Vice Provost Jean Nagelkerk, I have asked our colleague, **Mei Mah**, to join Professor Kevin Holohan from LEFT as a co-PI on this important work for the Battle Creek community. Mei has a wealth of experience with writing, investigating and evaluating grants through her role as Associate Director in CECI's Center for Educational Partnerships (CEP). Her willingness to step into this role is indicative of her collaborative approach and flexibility in serving the college and our educational efforts. I hope you will join me in thanking Mei for taking on this extra responsibility as she will continue to balance this with her existing work on the range of projects she has within CEP. - From Dean Soman

Pre-production work has started on the **"Tilting the Earth's Praxis" podcast**. **Sal Alaimo** will host weekly episodes beginning in early May. This podcast will be a 40-minute discussion about an important topic impacting a civil society. The format includes one or two GVSU alumni who work in the field addressing the topic and a regional or national expert in the topic who will discuss trends, future projections, challenges and recommended practice.

Publications/Presentations

Chasity Bailey-Fakhoury, associate professor and program coordinator for Literacy, Educational Foundations, and Technology, was interviewed by the Michigan Advance for a story about the [Ottawa County Board of Commissioners and its decision to dismantle the county's DEI department](#).

Jamie Langlois, associate professor in the School of Social Work, submitted an article titled, "How to Begin Your Social Work Career During the Great Resignation", which was identified by the New Social Worker as being in the top five most viewed articles for the year. See ["The New Social Worker's Top 5 Articles for 2022"](#) to learn more.

Melissa Villarreal, associate professor in the School of Social Work, accepted an invitation to be the Keynote Speaker for the Latino Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence at their seventh Latino Sexual Assault Forum, which is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. The Latino Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence is a nonprofit organization that helps victims of domestic and sexual violence. They are located in Indianapolis, Indiana, and provide services to Latino survivors.

Larry Warkoczski, affiliate professor in the School of Community Leadership and Development, just launched a nonprofit philanthropy website, [Deep Generosity](#).

Brooke Shannon, our Dean's Office rockstar student assistant, presented at the [2023 PubWest Conference](#) held in Seattle, Washington. On behalf of [Young Authors Publishing](#), she presented on the importance of collaborating with authors of underrepresented communities.

Community Engagement

Michigan Municipals Executives Event

While the Michigan Municipal Executives Winter Institute was in Grand Rapids for their annual conference, GVSU Alumni Relations hosted a networking reception bringing together GVSU MPA students, alumni and faculty. [Photos here](#).

Kids Food Basket Competition

Preparations are being made for this year's Kids Food Basket Competition between the units! Supplies will be distributed to the units during the first full week of February, now all you have to do is decorate, decorate, decorate! As a college, our goal is decorate 7,000 bags!



CECI Community Impact



Kids' Food Basket

WHAT: Decorate Sack Supper Bags

WHEN: February 8th – 28th, 2023

WHY: Support Kids in our Community

DETAILS: Faculty, Staff, & Students decorate paper bags used to provide kids with an evening meal.

Bags will be stamped with the GVSU-CECI logo. Our goal is to complete 7,000 bags during our drive. Let's show our community support!

Please return your finished bags to the CECI Dean's Office (202C DeVos) each Friday.

10,000 Sack Suppers are distributed in Kent County every weekday by Kids' Food Basket.

Important Updates

Kids Food Basket "Decorating" Social - February 28

To get the competition moving, the CACC is planning a "decorating" social. A great way to get those creative juices flowing while enjoying the company of your colleagues! Better yet, throw in some snacks and refreshments and you have a CECI party! Don't miss this opportunity to help your unit, but more importantly, the kids.

This event will take place from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. in the Hager-Lubbers Exhibition Hall (DEV 105E) with snacks and refreshments being provided.

Governance

UNIVERSITY SEATS AVAILABLE

The [University Assessment Committee \(UAC\)](#) is a standing committee of the University Academic Senate that supports and promotes program- and unit-level assessment at GVSU. The committee meets in full session every other week during the academic year (Mondays, 3:00 -

5:00 p.m.). A representative is needed from SCLD, SCCJLS, or SSW for a one-and-a-half year term.

The **Graduate Council** is a faculty-led governance standing committee of the University Academic Senate. The committee meets monthly during the academic year (Fridays, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.). An education faculty member is needed for this one-and-a-half year vacancy.

The **General Education Committee** provides guidance and support to the university community regarding the aims, philosophy, achievements, and problems of the General Education Program. The committee meets weekly during the academic year (Mondays, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.) A representative is needed from SCLD, SCCJLS, or SSW to fulfill this two-and-a-half year term.

COLLEGE SEATS AVAILABLE

The **Staff Executive Committee** has vacancies for a SSW staff member for a one-and-a-half year term and a T&L staff member for the Winter 2023 semester.

If you are eligible and interested in serving in either of these capacities, contact Emily Nichols, Faculty Governance Chair, at nichoem1@gvsu.edu.

UNIVERSITY

The **Faculty Salary and Budget Committee (FSBC)** recently submitted 4 Memos to ECS regarding: (1) adjunct pay increases; (2) the faculty salary adjustment program (special salary adjustments need documentation and promotion increments should be adjusted annually); (3) affiliate promotional increment increase (\$1000 to \$5000); and (4) administrative salaries. See our website for more details (e.g., meeting agendas, minutes). <https://www.gvsu.edu/fsbc>

COLLEGE

College Advisory and Communication Committee - Jamie Langlois, Chair

New college, new commitment to Kids Food Basket (KFB). In the past, we have engaged in a bag coloring competition to support KFB during the fall semester. We plan to continue this commitment, but we are moving it to the winter semester. KFB distributes 10,000 bags a day! A day! Last fall, we collectively colored 3, 590 bags. This semester we are hoping to double that number. We will distribute bags, crayons and markers to your unit the first full week of February. You can help by bringing bags to your meetings and getting students involved. Look for more information about a faculty/staff social for the final push toward our goal of 7,000 bags.

Awards - We appreciate all the feedback we have received about awards. We have made three decisions: 1) we are starting the CECI Awards with the help of the Dean's Office; 2) the nomination process will be simplified; and 3) we will collect nominations for the following awards - Administrative Professional Commendation; Professional Support Staff Commendation; Emerging Community Engagement Initiative; Outstanding Contribution in a Discipline; Internationalization Award; Outstanding Teacher Award; Outstanding Mentor Award; Outstanding Service Award; and CECI Collaboration Award. We will send out the nomination information to all faculty and staff in February.

Our upcoming meetings are February 8th and March 15th from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in DeVos 303C.

Please reach out to your CACC representative if you have any questions or suggestions.

College Personnel Committee - Jackie Doyon-Martin, Chair

The CECI Personnel Committee reviewed (3) portfolios for promotion to Full Professor during the fall 2022 semester and will be reviewing (13) portfolios for contract renewal, tenure and promotion to Associate Professor during the winter 2023 semester. The committee would like to acknowledge the hard work of all candidates, and recognize the unique contributions to teaching, scholarship and service demonstrated across the college. Additionally, the committee would like to thank Cray Mulder for her time spent on the University Sabbatical Review Committee as the CPC representative for fall 2022; congratulations to all sabbatical recipients!

Finally, please note that you can find a full list of committee representatives and their roles (including our new JEDI representation) on the [CECI Personnel Committee](#) page. Should you ever have any comments or questions regarding personnel matters, please feel free to reach out to any of us!

CECI Governance Committees

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

Resources

[Student Support Flowchart](#)

Not sure how to handle a certain student problem or concern? This flowchart was created by Betty Schaner, Ashley Shannon and Chris Toth, our CLAS colleagues, and gives you the answers for a variety of student situations.

[Organizational Chart](#)

[CECI Connections Guide](#)

[CECI Newsletter Repository](#)

[Experts Directory](#)

[Acronyms and Initialisms](#)



CECI Community Connections

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.

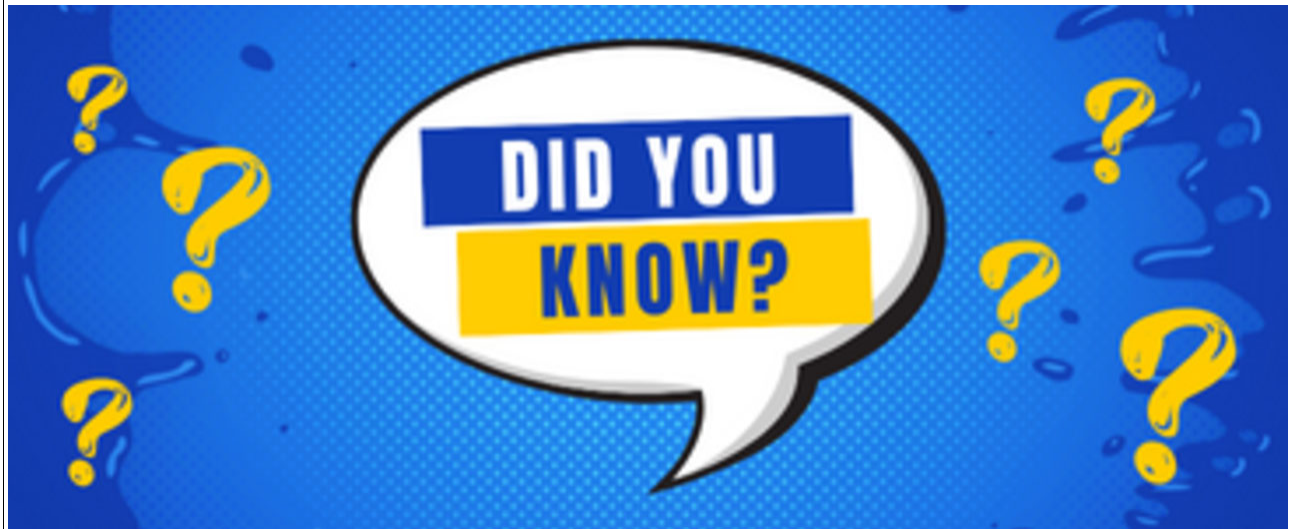
This month featured Priscilla Kimboko, founder of the conference and professor in the School of Community Leadership and Development; Steve Velzen-Haner, CEO of Reliance Community Care Partners, who is the lead sponsor for the conference; and Chad Sutcliffe, faculty member in the School of Health Professions. Dr. Kimboko shared insights on the [18th Annual Art and Science of Aging Conference](#) and their community partners. [Listen here.](#)

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](#).

CECI HAPPENINGS

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.



New Podcast "CECI Connect"

CECI Advising has started a podcast! You can listen to "CECI Connect" <https://ceciconnectpodcast.podbean.com/>. They will feature advising tips to support students, as well as each of our majors and faculty mentors. The podcast is available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Samsung Podcasts, Amazon Music and more! The link above lists all of the available platforms.



Sal Alaimo's Blog

[Moravian Rhapsody](#) is Sal's blog chronicling his Fulbright experience at the University of Ostrava in Czechia.



Faculty Success or Digital Measures?

Although Watermark has re-branded this system as Faculty Success, at GVSU, we will continue to refer to the system as 'Digital Measures' for now.

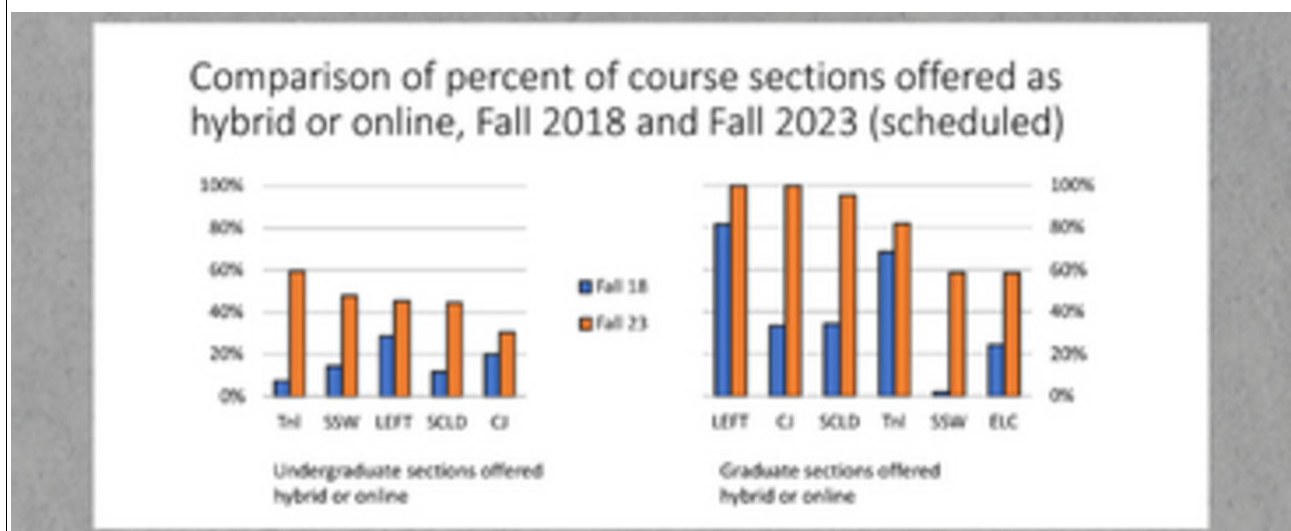
Approved Faculty for Online/Hybrid Format

Not sure which faculty have been approved to teach online/hybrid format? Wonder no more. Here is the [list of current faculty approved to teach these courses](#). This can also be found on the Registrar's website under the Faculty/Staff menu tab, then select the Schedule Changes webpage.

CECI Swag and Other Items

The Dean's Office has several items that units can borrow: large and small CECI banners, tablecloths and runner. We also have some pretty cool looking swag! Come check it out!

Comparison Charts on Online and Hybrid Sections





February 8 – 28 - [Kids Food Basket Competition](#)

February 14 - [Faculty Awards Convocation](#)

February 17 - Admitted Student Day

February 24 - [18th Annual GVSU Art & Science of Aging Conference](#) and Admitted Student Day

February 27 - Mid-Term Grades Due by 5:00 p.m. and [Big Byte Webinar](#)

March 5 – 12 - Spring Break

March 14 - Admitted Student Day

March 20 - [Big Byte Webinar](#)

April 6 - [Civic Engagement Showcase](#)

April 7 - GVSU Spring Open House (formerly Laker Experience Day)

April 14 - GVSU Spring Open House

April 17 - CECI Winter Meeting and [Big Byte Webinar](#)

April 22 - GVSU Spring Open House

April 28 – 29 - Commencement

May 1 - Final Grades Due by 5:00 p.m.

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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