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**Happy July everyone! We hope you are enjoying the summer and look forward to seeing you in August.**

**~ CECI Dean's Office**

## *CECI Unit Spotlight*



During the month of May, the **Educational Leadership and Counseling (ELC)** unit proudly hosted a four-day Adaptive Organizations Seminar, featuring international speaker and facilitator Carolyn McKanders. Organized by Dr. Nichole Moore, the seminar brought together 40 participants from across the university as well as the broader educational and nonprofit communities, fostering a dynamic and collaborative learning environment.

Adaptive Organizations training is designed to strengthen the collective identity and effectiveness of professional teams. Participants engaged in deep learning around group development, intentional communication, and facilitation strategies



supports teams in cultivating inclusive, purposeful group cultures, key to advancing student learning and the professional growth of members.

To continue this important work, a [Learning Community \(LC\) through FTLC](#) will be offered in Fall 2025 specifically for GVSU faculty and staff. The LC will explore the foundational principles and practices of Adaptive Organizations, with an emphasis on developing collaborative norms, engaging in dialogue and skillful discussion, and building shared meaning to support student success and institutional development. Facilitation strategies will also be discussed to support faculty in creating inclusive, collaborative classroom environments. Through sustained reflection and practice, faculty will enhance their capacity to create and sustain group cultures that promote innovation, equity, and academic excellence.

Special thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of this event, and to the participants who invested their time and energy in growing as thoughtful collaborators and leaders.

## CECI Fall Kickoff



**CECI Fall Kickoff All-College Meeting**  
**Monday, August 18, 2025**  
**215 Eberhard Center - Pew Campus**

- 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM | Professional Headshots
- 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM | Light Breakfast
- 9:00 AM | Meeting Begins

## Celebrations



**Jash'd Kambui Belcher, '13 MPA**, was recently in Grand Rapids for an exclusive Michigan screening of the critically acclaimed Sundance film, [To Live and Die and Live](#). Belcher served as the executive producer of the movie, which is the story of a "young Black artist in recovery, confronting his father's death while navigating personal demons and the weight of expectation." After the screening, a community conversation was moderated by State Representative Kristian Grant and Commissioner Tony Perdue. Read more about this event in [Grand Rapids Magazine](#).



**Mallory Kaysserian, '16 CJ & '20 MPA**, was recently [interviewed by WoodTV8](#). Mallory serves as the LGBTQ+ liaison for the Grand Rapids Police Department (GRPD); her interview was part of their Pride Month Spotlight Series. Kaysserian has served as a Crime Scene Technician in the Forensic Services Unit for GRPD since 2017, and teaches Criminal Investigation as an adjunct professor in the **School of Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Legal Studies (SCCJLS)**. [Full WoodTV8 story](#).



**Cathy Meyer-Looze**, associate professor and unit head of **Educational Leadership and Counseling (ELC)**, and **Kristen Evans, Adult and Higher Education (ELC) alum and GVSU HR Generalist**, received the the 2025 Chiara Hensley Outstanding Institutional Representative Award at last month's [Michigan ACE Network](#) conference.



**Jen Marson-Reed**, associate professor in the **School of Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Legal Studies (SCCJLS)**, was accepted into the [Fulbright Specialist Program](#) roster. As a candidate on the Fulbright Specialist Roster, Jen is now eligible to be matched with projects designed by host institutions in over 150 countries globally. While it does not guarantee a Fulbright grant, it gets her one step closer to being matched to a project during her 3-year tenure. Well done, Jen!



**Nicole Mazur, School of Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Legal Studies (SCCJLS) student**, was [interviewed about boating safety on WZZM Channel 13 News](#) on June 6. Both Mazur and **Cole Wilcox (SCCJLS student)** are deputized interns with the Marine Division of the Muskegon County Sheriff's Department this summer.

## Important Notices



### **CECI Expense Report Instructional Guide COMING SOON!**

The CECI Dean's Office has been working hard this summer to create an instructional guide for all CECI faculty/staff to follow when creating Workday expense reports in the new fiscal year.

This guide aims to improve accuracy, clarity, and consistency with budget reporting across the college, and should hopefully make reports less confusing to complete and should result in fewer reports being sent back to faculty for correction. Your unit's PSS will be receiving an overview of the guide the week of July 14, and the procedures go into effect immediately upon distribution to faculty/staff. **STAY TUNED!**

**Workday Notification Reminder:** Please [change your settings](#) for "**Notification Type: Tasks**" and "**Notification Type: To-Dos**" to either "**Immediately**" or "**Daily**" so you'll be alerted when there is something in Workday that you're required to complete. *This is the only way you'll be notified if your expense report is sent back to you for correction. Both expense reports and corrections must be completed in a timely manner.*



CECI Dean's  
Innovation Grant  
Website

Now accepting submissions for the [CECI Dean's Innovation Grant!](#) The Dean's Innovation Grant is designed to support **faculty** in developing innovative projects with the potential to secure external funding.

- **Eligibility:**
  - Faculty members (tenured, tenure-track, and non-tenure-track)
  - Collaborations between faculty (internal and external to the College) and students are highly encouraged
- **Grant Use:**
  - Funding may be utilized for activities directly related to the development of a competitive proposal for external funding
- **Grant Exclusions:**
  - Funding cannot be used for standard operational expenses such as salaries, equipment purchases that are not directly related to the proposal development, or travel that is not specifically for proposal development

**CECI Dean's Innovation Grant Application Deadlines:** Monday, September 15, 2025 and Sunday, March 15, 2026.

## Publications/Presentations

**Tova Hartle**, faculty with **Educational Leadership and Counseling (ELC)**, recently had the article, "Where do I fit in? School Counselors' Role in Suicide Risk Assessment," published in the [North Central Association for Counselor Education and Supervision \(NCACES\) Spring/Summer Newsletter](#). [NCACES](#) is a regional association of the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES). ACES is a division of the [American Counseling Association](#).

**Tonisha Jones**, associate professor in the **School of Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Legal Studies (SCCJLS)**, recently published an article, "[The Impact of Colorism on Criminal Justice System Outcomes: A Scoping Study](#)," in the *Journal of Black Studies*.

**Michael Scantlebury**, associate professor of **Hospitality and Tourism Management (HTM)** in the **School of Community Leadership and Development (SCLD)**, has been invited to speak at the [Tobago Hotel and Tourism Association \(THTA\)](#) Tourism Forum. The theme for this year's Forum is: "Tourism: The Fuel of the Future - A Spotlight on the critical role of Tourism to the future of Trinidad and Tobago's Economy."

**Lindsay Stoetzel**, **Jen Vanderground**, and **Karen Abraham**, faculty in the **Literacy, Educational Foundations, and Technology (LEFT)** department, recently published an article entitled, "[Recentering Family-Teacher Partnerships Through the Lens of Unconditional Positive Regard](#)," in *Michigan Reading Journal*.

**Elizabeth Stolle**, professor of Literacy Studies in the **Literacy, Educational Foundations, and Technology (LEFT)** department, co-authored a book entitled, [Critical Friendship as a Self-Study Research Tool: A Comprehensive Resource Exploring the Complexities](#).

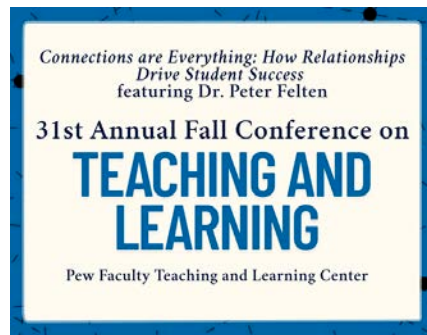




**Pictured Above:**

**Top Row:** Tova Hartle, Tonisha Jones, Michael Scantlebury, Lindsay Stoetzel  
**Bottom Row:** Jen Vanderground, Karen Abraham, Elizabeth Stolle

## Campus Events



**Thursday, August 14, 2025**  
**8:00 AM - 3:30 PM**  
**Eberhard Center - Pew Campus**

Join the [Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center \(FTLC\)](#) for the [31st Annual Fall Conference on Teaching and Learning](#). This year's focus is on empowering educational experiences that center human connection and relationships. Particularly, how relationships drive student success. This milestone event promises a day filled with insightful discussions, innovative teaching strategies, and networking opportunities. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with fellow educators and enhance your teaching practice!

**REGISTER for Pew FTLC's 31st Annual Fall Conference on Teaching and Learning**

## CEC Ipalooza



**2025 Summer  
 Concert List**

This summer, there are over 200 FREE concerts in parks and squares across West Michigan! Would you, as an individual, department, or group, like to invite your CECI colleagues to visit one of these concerts in the park? If so, check out the [free concert list](#) compiled from local government and chamber of commerce websites, then send your invitation and venue information to [cecidean@gvsu.edu](mailto:cecidean@gvsu.edu). Also, please suggest where we might meet at the venue, before the concert. The Dean's Office will post the invitation and information on their webpage and share it on their social media platforms.

Concerts take place on all days of the week with start times usually between 6 and 7 p.m., and last about 90 minutes, with musical styles ranging from alt country to zydeco. Venues are family-friendly with guests bringing their own chairs and food. Most also have food trucks on site and some allow or serve wine and beer.

These concerts present a fun opportunity for us to mingle with each other and introduce our family and friends to colleagues.

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## IMPORTANT DATES!



August 1 - 2nd 6 and 12 Weeks Classes End

August 4-5 - Examinations - 2nd 6 and 12 Weeks

**August 11 - Grades Due 2nd 6 and 12 Weeks by 12:00 PM**

August 6 - [New Faculty Orientation](#) (Full-Time Faculty only) | 8:30 AM | Eberhard Center

August 7 - [New Faculty Orientation](#) (Full-Time Faculty only) | 8:30 AM | Mary Idema Pew Lib.

August 13 - [New Faculty Orientation](#) (Full-Time Faculty only) | 8:30 AM | Eberhard Center

August 14 - [Pew FTLC Fall Teaching Conference](#) | 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM | Eberhard Center

August 18 - [CECI Fall Kickoff Meeting](#) | 8:00 AM | 215 Eberhard Center

August 20 - [GVSU Faculty/Staff Fall Kickoff Celebration](#) | 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM | Seidman Ctr.

October 2 - [GV Technology Summit](#) | 12:00 PM | DCIH

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HAPPENINGS**

[CECI Happenings](#) is an informational form that can be submitted by any faculty, staff, or student to promote an event, publication, etc. that they would like shared to CECI social media platforms and/or the newsletter.

# Newsletter Contributions

[Subscribe](#) to our email list.

Nichole Moore, Sherril Soman, Lindsay Stoetzel, Victoria A. Stubbs

**Submit a story for the August edition here!**

You may also send items to share in future editions of CECI Connections to Victoria A. Stubbs at [stubbsvi@gvsu.edu](mailto:stubbsvi@gvsu.edu).

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